BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches and Communities



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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:

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St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre

Reader: James Webster (01308) 898657

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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. For as long as it takes. We can visit people's homes or call on the phone. We can arrange lifts to services if needed. We are all trained by the Diocese of Salisbury, and we all have experience, professionally or otherwise, of caring for those in need of comfort or practical help. We can access services where appropriate. If you need somebody then you can either contact the Churchwardens, Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator (01308897260) or one of us on the numbers below.

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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.

Bride Valley Churches Annual Memorial Service

This year's Annual Memorial Service to remember our loved ones will take place on Sunday 5th November at Holy Trinity, Swyre, at 3pm. This is a simple, reflective service, to which everyone throughout the valley is invited to attend to remember their loved ones, whether this was a recent loss or some time ago. Candles will be lit and names read out. If you would like the name/s or your loved ones read out at this service, please email Helen with their name/s (bvchurchesta@outlook.com) by 30th October. Alternatively, give the name/s to the churchwarden of your parish church by Sunday 29th October.

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 September 2023:

Funerals

Rodney Condliffe at Weymouth Crematorium 29th August Joyce Tillman Burial of Ashes at Burton Bradstock 9th September Tony Smith at Burton Bradstock 15th September

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.

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 an appropriate donation of your choice.

Cheques (made payable to 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'), or cash, in clearly marked envelopes, can be handed to Churchwardens, or delivered to Liz Orza (2 Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4RG).

Donations can also be paid directly into the Benefice bank account: sort code 30-91-21, account number 00074071. It is essential however, that these payments are referenced 'XG', and that your name or names for the dedication are included. Please ensure that your instructions are received no later than Monday 13th November, in order to catch the printing deadline for the December edition.

Your donations will be shared between the BVN and the Langley Trust. The Langley Trust provide support, care and advice to help men and women with convictions to help transform their lives and to live crime-free. We have chosen to support this charity in memory of the late Rev'd Sue Linford, who worked as a Chaplain at Portland Prison.

From the Garden Study

Schools are back in action, the leaves on the trees are beginning to show their autumn colours and summer is over for another year. Regardless of the season, the part of the world in which we are privileged to live displays its annual beauty as the cycle of the seasons continues. How easy it is for us to enjoy it all, as we tend our gardens, or walk admiringly through the glorious paths and fields of the Bride Valley.

How easy it is, too, for us to ignore the troubles that are happening in other parts of the world. Earthquakes in Morocco, floods in Libya, war in Ukraine, to mention just three. 'But what can we do about it?' goes up the cry, 'other than

pray? And what good does that do anyway?' I am no great theologian, but my answer to that would be that there are real benefits to praying, even if our prayers appear to go unanswered. Philippians 4:6-7 says, 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'.

'Yes, yes', I hear readers saying, 'that's all very well, but if I actually do want to pray for Ukraine and its people, for example, what should I ask for?' Well, you could use this simple prayer:

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need.

Perhaps, though, if we haven't ventured into church for a while, we might like to take things further and pray with others in our ancient and lovely churches: after all, they are there for everyone, not just the chosen few. In 1965, a theologian called Pierre Berton wrote a book entitled 'The Comfortable Pew', in which he railed against the organised church in Canada for its outmoded ways and here's just one sentence from it:

'Ritual cannot remain exotic when it becomes a weekly commonplace. It may become as comfortable and as reassuring as an old slipper; or it may become a drag. For myself, and for most of my contemporaries, it became a drag.'

Maybe that is how some of us see the church in 2023. If so, let's start a new ball rolling by asking not only what 'we' can do to make our churches more available to everyone, but what 'l' can do. Once we do that, we can appreciate the Bride Valley all the more comprehensively, working together as a community, through prayer, to help bring about the peace that passes all understanding.

Paul Cheater Lay Worship Leader

Duncan Honeybourne Celebrity Piano recital

We are delighted to welcome Duncan back again to the Bride Valley for a celebrity piano recital at St.Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Monday October 9th. Starting at 7.30pm the programme will include works by Schumann and Brahms, as well as wonderful romantic music by the English composers Jesse Reason, Madeleine Dring and the Russian composer Anatoly Lyadov. These are compositions that will guarantee a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding evening of music, all played by this highly acclaimed and award-winning pianist.



Admission is by ticket priced at £10 on sale in advance at the Burton Bradstock Post Office and at the door on the night. Proceeds will go to church funds.



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

The children were happy to return to school at the beginning of September and are settling back into the daily routines of school life. Our fencing and gates were upgraded over the holiday and we are really pleased with them. Thank you to the local residents for their patience with the works being completed.

Our Early Years class is growing with more children aged 3 and over in attendance. Our Reception children have all settled in well and are so eager to learn! In KS1, the children have enjoyed their first Forest School session of the year and are enjoying their topic; Childhood. Lower KS2 have had a great start to the year; you may have seen them out and about last week looking for story settings in their English work. Upper KS2 children are looking forward to starting their weekly swimming lessons at the leisure centre. As a school, we use the sports hall and swimming pool every Friday afternoon in the Autumn and Spring terms as part of our PE provision; it is such a great resource!

This term, our offer of extra-curricular clubs range from Pilates to drama and football to film! You may also see us out and about and enjoying our wonderful Forest School space at Corncrake. If you do, please say hello!

We are already planning our Open Days for children who are starting school in September 2024, if you would like to come and visit our school, please contact the school office or school website for more details.

Adam Gough Headteacher



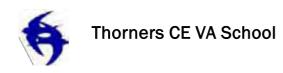
Our value this term is 'Hope'



Forest School



Our new Early Years Class



Thorner's - Back to School

Well, the rain has stopped and glorious sunshine has of course arrived ready for the first week of term! It's been wonderful to welcome all the children back in the good weather - especially lovely to see all the new Reception children come into school for their first day at "Big School"! Well done to the children (and the parents)! The children are clearly very excited to get stuck in to school life - from lunch to reading and from singing to archery!

In our first few weeks back, the pre-school children have already been enjoying the new climbing castle in Fledglings and all the other new playtime toys have arrived for the older children as well. Out of lessons, our music tuition (guitar, singing, violin and keyboard), clubs and activities have again started at lunchtime and after school and include Messy Church, Football, Running Club as well as Knitting, Lego and Drama clubs!

We have also started our Daily Mile shuttle runs and football coaching sessions and archery lessons. Later this term, we have several trips planned. Bredy are off to the new Dorchester Museum for work on their Romans topic and the oldest children are looking at different faiths in Exeter. We have also been pressing apples and picking blackberries from the school grounds - ready to be turned into a range of delicious treats by each class.

Lastly there has been a great deal of work at school over the summer holiday as staff helped to paint, fix and install much around the premises. Special thanks to both Jeanette Wills, Abbie Derbyshire and Lisa Metcalf for all their hard work. Thanks also to Barney Stevens and Dean Olliffe for their work on the school over the last few weeks. We hope the good weather continues and we look forward to exploring some our new topics this term as the children settle in to their new classes.

Mike Sitch Headmaster

Bride Valley Gardening Club

Bulb catalogues have been plopping through my letterbox over the last couple of months and filling my head with ambitious planting ideas to flower next spring. When the order arrives, I look with dismay at the work I'm giving myself – tiny crocus and scilla by the hundred; big narcissus that demand large individual holes; and the relief of tulips that can



easily go into pots. The arrival of the bulbs always reminds me of a lesson I was pleased to learn. Creeping into a lecture just as it was starting the slide already up was one of cheery daffodils on a grass verge, followed immediately by what appeared to be an identical shot though apparently many years later. "What's the moral of this?" demanded the speaker (a well-known Somerset bulb expert) of her worried audience? Everyone shuffled their feet and looked at the ground, unwilling to volunteer a wrong answer. "Never let a vegetable grower plant the bulbs" was the stern reply. She'd made a good point as that neat straight row of bulbs remained just that even many years on - bulked up but still in a row. Take advice from the best of garden designers and scatter your bulbs for planting or, if this random effect isn't your style, plant uneven numbers in staggered groups. Next spring you'll be congratulating yourself on your design flair and remarking on the unappealing rows in road side verges and around immaculate lawns as you travel around! A confession though: I love my untidy, straggling edges of self-seeded Muscari 'Valerie Finnis'. In self seeding they break away from any hint of a row forming gently meandering streams of palest blue, a lovely late foil to plants emerging in the beds behind.

Our last meeting of the year will be at 7.30pm on Monday 16th October at LATCH when Martin Young will talk on 'Born in the USA'. All welcome with refreshments from 7.00pm.

Ali Halliday

Our Night Sky in October 2023

Saturn will be rising in the South East shortly after sunset, and will be visible throughout the night. Its rings are still visible but are closing to their minimum angle as viewed from Earth, so make the most of them if you have a telescope. Jupiter will be rising



about 8pm and will dominate the southern sky throughout the night. It is a fine object in a telescope, showing the cloud bands and the red spot, if your

telescope is powerful enough. You should also be able to watch the "dance" of the Galilean moons round the planet, which change their position visibly throughout the night. Venus will be rising in the East about 4am, and will rival Jupiter in her brightness. A great sight for the early risers. I wonder how many of you watched the extraordinary achievement of the Indian low-budget Moon lander in August. The soft touch down next to the rim of a crater at the south pole was amazing, and the delivery of the robotic explorer which has already started its exploration, should provide information as to the feasibility of setting up a manned base sometime in the future.

I will let you know of any findings that are released.

Bill Turnill

The Bride Valley WI

The WI had a break from our normal 3rd Thursday of each month in August but completed two evening walks. The first on a glorious evening was led by Cathy. We started at Shipton Gorge Church and took in the fabulous Dorset countryside. Making our way down to Burton Bradstock catching glimpses of our wonderful coastline and then, completing our walk with, not quite a gentle amble, back up to the Orchard in Shipton. The early evening light and peaceful surroundings made it a special walk.

Our second walk took us to Little Bredy and the Valley of Stones. Up into the Valley we walked and had a detailed commentary from Phyllis about the large Sarsen stones. We were also able to find The Polissoir, "polishing boulder", which would have been used to make stone axe heads more than 5,000 years ago. It is only the second undisturbed Polissoir to be found in its original position in England!!!

We have played our first skittles league match.

It was a very close game against the ladies from Colmer WI, but we won by 3 points!! Well done to the team.

Bride Valley Book Club Review

Bride Valley Book Club Review - Treacle Walker by Alan Garner

Most of us know Garner as an author of children's books popular in the 70's and 80's. He is now well into his eighth decade and was Booker shortlisted for this very slim volume - barely long enough to be a novella. "Treacle Walker" (an ancient term for a travelling purveyor of cures and medicines) meets a boy

called Joe and what follows is a dreamlike encounter into other worlds. Added local interest comes from one of the cures/ointments being made by Dr Roberts, sold by Beach and Barnicott. Here are comments from two other Book Group members - on this other worldly fable.

The book is full of fun and nonsense, wordplay and wisdom - and dream imagery. Joe dreams that he is dreaming and is also awake in his dream. He sees other dimensions of time and place through each eye - and with both eyes. Like Alice he goes through a mirror into another world where everything is in reverse, familiar but different.

Well having finished Treacle Walker I think I have more questions than answers about what is going on. I'm not sure I have any of the answers but I thoroughly enjoyed the journey. Alan Garner sets his readers many hoops to jump through and I enjoyed that too. I researched the various obsolete or dialect words and the mythical allusions which Garner uses. Whether this clarifies the meaning is debatable but it was good fun following them down numerous rabbit holes. I loved the language and the way he uses words - phrases like "why the gawk of a throttled earwig" are just wonderful and there are many such moments.

This book proved a polarising read for our group. Some of us were great fans (reading it twice!) and loved the surreal journey into ancient belief systems. Some of us were happy to be carried along on the narrative ride without worrying much about derivation and meaning. Some of us got cross and impatient!

Liz Pinfield, Biddy Harling, Michele Vassar

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!

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who cycled to 20 churches, Freddie Spicer and his son James, who walked the 8 valley churches, and Elizabeth Kingston, who as well as running the Café ventured out on the test hay of the Nar are out to press (going to press) so a creditable sum of around to 1860 willings its aring must wint the Church will return half for the upkeep St Mary's Church.

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A Cockerel for Christmas

Not for the table but a Christmas present to an old lady – a gilded rooster to crown the tower of St Mary's Church. Earlier this year it became apparent, during works to stop rainwater penetrating the tower roof, that the staff carrying the existing bird had rotted, that the heavy wooden cockerel was labouring to revolve in anything other than a gale and that his plumage was more than ruffled by the weather.

Recognising the commanding position of the weathervane, two donors came forward with a plan to adorn St Mary's with a lighter and gilded cockerel and have kindly proposed to meet the cost of doing so pound for pound. Whilst the PCC acknowledge such an exercise is not a necessity for the maintenance of the building and is perhaps an extravagance, nevertheless they share the view of the donors that the proposal will result in an adornment worthy of the splendid Grade 1 Listed building. They have therefore commissioned a casting of the existing bird to be made in aluminium with new stainless steel legs and bearings and for the new, lighter body to be gilded to provide a lasting and lustrous finish. The cost of the works, inevitably involving professional skills, is likely to be £3500 and is hoped to be finished for Christmas.

If you share the vision of the PCC and the two donors please join them by making a contribution to this expense (please make cheques payable to PCC St Mary's Litton Cheney – deliver to the Treasurer, 8 Garden Close - or give online to the PCC's account sort code 30-92-69 account number 00397579, add reference: Rooster).

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November, 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of LATCH. As always, residents are cordially invited to attend. Most importantly, come next May 2024, Parish, Town and County Elections will be held. If you have ever wondered about serving your local community, perhaps now is the time to give it more serious thought. At Parish level you can seek more information from the Parish Clerk, or any of the currently serving Parish Councillors – contact details are shown on the village website and village notice boards.

Sadly, our revered Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh, will be stepping down in the not-too-distant future. We would love her to stay but her mind is made up so we will be spending time over the coming months looking for her successor. Could that be you or do you know someone who is perfect for the job but who

has yet to realise it? Don't be frightened to snitch on a friend or colleague if you think they would be right for the job. They may even thank you – eventually

Events at LATCH - for October

Weekly:

Mondays: 15.30 - 16.30 Big Q Church

Tuesdays: 16.45 – 17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

18.15 - Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783)

Wednesdays: 16.45 - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

19.00 - Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882

527697)

Special:

Thursday 5th: 19.30 Film Night "A Man called Otto" with Tom Hanks.

Monday 16th: evening Gardening Club meeting

Saturday 21st - 09.30 Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950

bamboogtc@tutanota.com)

Wednesday 25th morning Portesham Surgery Flu Clinic (booking essential)

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

Here are just a few dates for your December diaries:

2nd December Christmas Casino! Real roulette wheel and black jack tables with professional croupiers. More info soon

9th December Mummers play! More info to come

16th December Caribbean Christmas (TBC)

17th December quiz and Christmas draw

Plus loads more being organised. Watch this space or check us out on Facebook

Frog & Henry - Friday 8th September

Thanks to all audience members who gave a total of £63 to the charity 'UK Music Masters' on 8th September at the New Orleans evening at LATCH with *Frog and Henry.* A very good time was had by all.

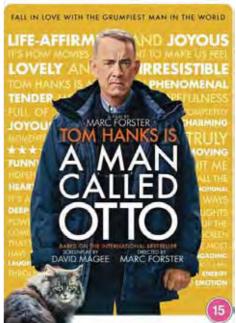
<u>IMPORTANT – CHANGE OF FILM!</u> Next film at Litton Cheney Village Hall (LATCH)

A change of distributor has meant that we are <u>unable</u> to get a licence for "**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**" at present.

So, we will now be showing...

THURSDAY 5th October A MAN CALLED OTTO 'a funny and sad film perfectly cast'

Based on the comical and moving New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (**Tom Hanks**), a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that will turn his world upside-down. Experience a funny, heart-warming story about how some families come from the most unexpected places.



Thursday 2 November WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING 'a truly compelling story'



From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery. Where the Crawdads Sing tells the story of Kya (Daisy Edgar-Jones), an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumours of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world; but when one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lay within the marsh.

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

We will be sharing the licence for "A Man Called Otto" with Burton Bradstock who will show it on the previous Friday.

They have chosen "Mrs Caldecott's Cabbage War" for their film on Friday 27 October (as an alternative to Where The Crawdads Sing).

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

The White Horse

Now we're out of the summer heading to the autumn and winter, we're hoping for a bit of an Indian summer as July and August didn't actually deliver for us. Actually, having said that most of our summer music schedule was played outside and my word didn't we have some amazing acts?! Massive thank you to all the bands, customers and staff that supported us.

Moving forward we look forward to welcoming Sugar Rush on the 22nd October.

All Bride Valley Church Family Services are now at 9.30 a.m.

The Holy Communion Service on 2nd January will as usual following new. Anthony Ashwell Church Service Times. Startin

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

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Here are the draw results for August:

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Village Correspondent: John Firrell
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Two welcomes to stress this month: Chathy ho Seovice Eilmesn & Strain last month's notes. Belatedly but cordially, therefore, we extend all 1st Sunday of the month 11.00

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

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Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council of Puncknowle and Swyre have two vacancies. If you are interested, please contact either Steven Rose (Clerk) or Geoff Fry (Chair) – the email addresses can be found on the net. Closing date – Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall AGM Tuesday October 10th at 7pm in the Hall

Everyone is very welcome – new and not so new residents of any of the three villages – no pressure to sit on the committee although you would be very welcome to join our little band.

Come along with ideas or just to listen.

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

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

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

LUNCHES COST £6.00

October 17 - Fish Cakes, broccoli, peas, carrots
Chocolate brownies/ice cream

November 21 – Beef Bourguignon with mashed potatoes, roast carrots and parsnips.

Lemon crunch.

Future dates: December 19 2024 January 16

All meals include fruit juice, cheese and biscuits plus tea or coffee

We continue to follow current COVID rules

remain the pattern for at least 2 years.

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

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Village website: http://www.littlebredy.com

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Long Bredy

Village Correspondent: Rebecca Grove 01308 482882 bvn@longbredy.org.uk Village web-site: www.longbredy.org.uk



Long Bredy 100 Club Results for August

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Finally, May Ysto a feasible THANK YOU to Ruth Cullingford for being my side kick www. A feasible that Dave Cullingford for the wonderful house for the defibrillator and the electrics, and to everyone who has donated towards it!

Thank you! Charlotte Kinghorn

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Many Congratulations to...

Bruce Maltby and Caddy Sitwell on their winning exhibits at Melplash Show. If there were other winners whom I have not heard about, many apologies for not including you.

Coffee Breaks

The next coffee break will be on October 14th in the village hall from 10.30 until 12.00. In addition to the usual excellent array of refreshments, there will be a produce stall with a range of items. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St Peter's Church. There is always a warm welcome to everyone...literally if it is cold and wet. Our open fire will be burning brightly. Poppies for the Poppy Appeal will also be on sale here, as well as at other events in the village in October, as we are no longer able to go door -to -door with the poppies.

Advance notice...

The November Coffee Break falls on Armistice Day, November 11th, so all proceeds from the morning will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The morning will include a raffle along with the usual excellent refreshments.

Come Along Inn

Between 5.30 and 9.00pm on Friday October 20th, our village pub will be serving a range of beers, wine and soft drinks in the village hall. For food available, please see the notices nearer the time. Come and enjoy a lively and convivial evening.

Finally

After nine years as village correspondent, it is time for new blood to take over and I am really delighted that Rebecca Grove has agreed to be the new Long Bredy correspondent. She wrote the excellent report on our Coronation Regatta earlier in the year.

As houses have become vacant and we have been able to welcome new residents into the village, it is very encouraging that so many of them have become actively involved in village activities, thus helping to keep Long Bredy the vibrant community it is. So, thank you very much indeed Rebecca. Contact details for the correspondent will remain the same; they are always given at the head of the Long Bredy page.

notice, those of you with green ingers will pot up stray plants, tal proceeds will be to our church funds and your support of it in the streathy 9.30 a.m. We hope that this new

Shipton Gorge 100 Club Winners for the December Draw

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St Mary's Church 'Songs Of Praise!'

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hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited.

(b) He built a wall as a defence against the Pints and the Year of you all! Our next Songs of Praise service on December 3rd at 11.00am, which is Advent Sunday, will be led by the Reverend Prebendary Alastair Wheeler. (c) She mourned for her husband on the Isle of Wight.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!

(d) He reputedly burnt some cakes.

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Four little Tots turned up for the first session back after the who led a revolt against the Personnel. summer break Heers wheat to see event, ago they thed from any much in

- (k) He became Archbishop of Canterbury; a present day Society for t
- (1) He wrote a series of Tales named after a win wind the stress this mo last month's notes. Belatedly but

just eight weeks! Not one drop of paint was spattered on the grass in the church garden as the Tots made colourful leaf prints to take home. Audrey started our Moses series by telling the Tots about baby Moses in a basket floating in the river, and how his big sister, Miriam, was so brave and helpful. We thought about big brothers and sisters (and sang about them!). The Tots also enjoyed lovely, quiet, free play with the toys, while parents chatted over cups of tea in the shade of the sycamore tree.

We are really grateful to Mr. Gough and the school for the use of the school hall on September 15th as the church was in use. That was a new adventure for some of the children. Thanks also to our friends, Mel and Jayne, for helping with set-up any time Steve or Ro are not available. We appreciate the 'heavy-lifting squad' and all they do to help us. What a treat for us all to see the former Tots in their smart school uniforms. Older siblings are always welcome to pop in at Tots after school for a drink and nibbles.

We have room for more bumps, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers any Friday in term-time from 2.00 to 3.00ish. More details from Audrey (897227), Heather (897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Burton Coffee Mates

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

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com 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 10:00am to 12:00noon and all are welcome.

Wednesday 11th October Organised by the Bowls Club Wednesday 15th November Burton Bradstock School

Burton Bradstock Films

Following requests from time to time to show older films, we are going back to 2002 for our film on Friday 27th October 2023 with Mrs. Caldicot's Cabbage War. Pauline Collins leads an all-star cast through this gentle, thought-provoking comedy. It is a great, escapist story of overcoming the odds and the good winning out in the end and should leave our and



good winning out in the end and should leave our audience happy.

Tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office from 1st October at $\pounds 6$ each which includes a large glass of wine or a soft drink. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. See posters in the village for full details.

Replacement Shed/Painting

Hopefully, by the time this edition is distributed, the new storage shed will be completed and contents restored to their rightful home. Many thanks to Hall users and local residents for their understanding during the works. During the summer holiday break the upper walls and ceiling of the main hall were repaired where necessary and painted, which has brightened up the interior of the Hall.

Diary Dates

For those that like to plan ahead here are the dates of popular 2023 Hall Christmas activities:

Christmas Market & Coffee Morning. Saturday 9th December
Christmas Quiz Saturday 16th December

Full details will be in the November BVN.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" September 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.20	No 86:	Mr Peter Parsons
2 nd	£17.10	No 78:	Mrs Jennifer Malyon
3rd	£8.55	No 12:	Mrs Annie Grantham

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £3 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Table Tennis

There will be a table tennis session starting in the village hall on Friday afternoons from October 20th. 2:30 until 4:30 pm, £3 per person. Anyone interested in playing should contact Chris Healing on 07803944024.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

Many thanks to all who came to the Coffee Stop in September. There was lots of chat and plenty of cake! The Book Sale in the Library did good business in aid of funds.

The Summer Reading Challenge will have been completed in late September and hopefully children will have read their six books to earn their medals and later their certificates.



The votes for the Favourite Sports have been counted (well the

dots have!) and the winner was football, with swimming a close second and cycling was third.



Our next Lego Morning will be on Tuesday 24th October from 10am to 12noon and all children are most welcome to come and join in the fun, accompanied by an adult as usual. The Library has built up a big selection of Lego pieces which allow for imaginations to be stretched in different directions!

The **Library Lunch** will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th November. Places are limited and tickets priced at £12 will be on sale in the Post Office from Monday 16th October. There will be a 2-course meal and the usual bar, raffle and book sale.

Any queries please call Christine Lewis on 897304

Friends will have received notification about renewing their annual subscriptions, or perhaps you might consider becoming a Friend? Forms are available in the Library.

All library services are available as usual – loans, e-services, photocopying, jigsaws. A Dorset library card is available free and gives access to the Libraries West catalogue.

We are open Monday 2.00-4.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am-12noon Thursday & Saturday 2.00-4.00pm

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library 01308 897563

Sue Brown

Burton Bradstock Village Society

October Society Talk

Please join us to hear Bill Turnill's talk on "One Pilot's Tail, Tiger Moth to Vulcan", following his highly entertaining talk last season about his adventurous trip to a flying show in New Zealand. It will be on **Friday 13th October** in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £1.50 for members and £5 for non-members. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served, and there will be a raffle and wine available for purchase.

Special coffee morning

The Village Society will be supporting the special coffee morning on **Saturday 21st October**, which will bring together representatives of the village's societies, groups and organisations. It will take place between 10.00am and 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Please see the posters around the village for further details. This is a fantastic and enjoyable event and an opportunity for everybody to meet and find out what the village has to offer.

Christmas celebrations

Hold the date! The traditional turning on of the village's Christmas tree lights is provisionally scheduled for **Saturday 2nd December**. Every year the Parish Council buys the tree that goes up on the Village Green. The Society puts it up and supplies lights and decorations.

The Village Society will again be running the "Sponsor a Christmas Tree Bauble" programme. Sponsorship is £5 per bauble, for which you can choose the style and colour, as well as add the names of loved ones. Sponsorship lasts for three years, after which the baubles are recycled. Anyone who sponsored a bauble last year still has two more years. The funds raised help to pay for the replacement of failing lights, which do not last long in a windy seaside climate. There are 20 new baubles available for sponsorship this year, which are available now on a 'first come, first served' basis. To sponsor a bauble, please contact Richard Ferre via email at rwferre99@gmail.com. You will be given the opportunity to put your bauble on the tree yourself when it is put up.

Supper Club

The next Supper Club is on Monday 23rd October. Any enquiries please ring Mags Chue (897543).

Burton Bradstock WI

When the ladies who book our speakers saw a talk entitled "The House that sat Down" advertised in our Speakers booklet they were intrigued and thought it was worth looking into. They were right as at our September



meeting Alice May gave a fascinating and rather heart-rending account of how she arrived home one day and immediately noticed a huge crack running up the front of the dream cottage that she and her family had recently moved into! She then took us through the many anxious and frustrating months that followed – of extensive rebuilding, unforthcoming insurance claims, living in a caravan with four children and then, happily, the final moving back in! The upside during all this was that Alice rediscovered her talent as an artist which helped her through this most difficult time. Everyone was certainly impressed by her beautiful paintings – as well as the amazing story she told. She has actually written some books about the whole experience which many members were interested in buying. We are now all checking for cracks in our houses!!

September saw us busily getting back into the swing of things after the summer break. The indoor Kurling group held their first session with a keen 10 members turning up to play. We soon remembered how much fun it is even though we were a bit out of practice!

The Craft group and Mah Jong players have continued to meet during the Summer and have no doubt enjoyed their lively sessions together. The quiz team did their first round recently but unfortunately missed qualifying for the final by two points! Even so they did really well and must be congratulated on their efforts.

On 12th October seven members will be attending the Dorset Federation Annual Meeting at The Lighthouse in Poole. It'll be an early start as the coach leaves Bridport at 7.45am! It'll be worth it though to hear the speakers – Ann Jones, the Chair of the National Federation and the Reverend Kate Bottley, (as seen on tv). It promises to be a good day out, especially as there are craft stalls to browse around as well.

Also in October the Lunch Club are planning a trip to Redlands Yard in Broadwindsor- for shopping as well as lunch, no doubt!

Our next meeting will be on 10th October at 7.30pm. when Ian William will be giving a talk entitled. "The Silk Road".

Do come and join us. As well as our meetings we have a Craft group, Book group, Mah Jong, Indoor Kurling, Skittles and Lunch club – something for everyone.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30p in the Summer and 2.15pm in the Winter.

Visitors are always welcome.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346 service, free Wi-Fi, and there are two public 'first come, first served' ba

Advance Notice

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood Artsreach

All information can be found on o orguk, and yo hours on (013

BumbleFly & Forest Forge Theatre present a swashbuckling tale of derring-do and ridiculous

A family Show suitable for 5+ in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, Saturday 9th Dec 2023 at 6:00pm.



Can Robin and his barmy band of brigands save the poor people of the Forest from the scheming Sheriff? Can they thwart his greedy plans? Can they find a way to level up? And can Robin right the wrongs, with mischief and merriment, without getting into a terrible mess? Who will he meet in the woods? Come see for yourself! With quirky storytelling, merriment and mischief, the Travelling Players present a stout-hearted tale of epic proportions. Expect a great deal of swashbuckling, a number of ridiculous fights and some improbable archery. With live music, puppets and far too many trees, this co-production with Bumblefly, Forest Forge and Mischievous Theatre will hit the target this festive season.

Bookings at https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on

Can you help the BVN?

If you have a few spare hours and would like to help produce the magazine and have some computer skills (Word and Excel), then the advertising manager would like some assistance! We would be happy to discuss this with you! Please email the Editor for further information! Many thanks.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 21st October ~ 10.00-12.30 Burton Bradstock Village Hall

This event will be an opportunity to welcome the Autumn; the time of year when the many village activities recommence.

Whether you are new to Burton Bradstock or have lived here for some while, do come along to meet representatives of the village's societies, groups, organisations, and Hall users. Learn about their activities, sign up for classes, and/or volunteer to lend a hand with future events or tasks.

And, of course, there will be time to meet up with old friends, make new ones and enjoy some lovely cakes and hot or cold drinks too!

Some of the village groups, societies and Hall users attending are shown here:



If you would like to represent your group or society or require further information, please email fionalomax55@hotmail.com or telephone 897864.















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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



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Alison Johnstone *Headteacher*.

Welcome to our village diary Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/ SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

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St Waffiweb-site: www.longbredy.org.uk

LONG

St Martin's Church Floodlights are shining this October fb. (01308) 482269

Sally Parker and family in remembrance of Steve Larcombe Church Service Times Starting Hilary & Richard Cunningham

David & Rosemary Greasby

Jerry & Jackie

John & Diane Bredemear

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All Bride Valley Church Family

Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org. The Holy Communion Service Please help us to keep the lights on. If you wish to light up the Communion Service occasion a suggested donation of £5 would be gratefully received. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are out and about, just push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

Harvest Festival at St Martin's 5.00pm on 1st October Followed by a light supper in the Hall afterwards **Breakfast Church** Sunday 8th October at 9.30 a.m. in the Village Hall

Poppy Appeal. The sale of popp big "thank you".

Neuro-Surgery. The parents an which they have received during the tender age of 10 weeks. It is

the candles during the previous were also in attendance, and the helped in any way. The collection

Everyone is welcome to join us for Breakfast and informal worship Service. The Churc

Help Please!

Please join us for a Churchyard Maintenance Morning on Wednesday 11th October 10 a.m. until midday.

If you could bring secateurs, gloves and shears, that would be useful but the tea/coffee and cake will be provided!

Any queries please ring Phil Hall on 01308 897776.

Ride & Stride

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our little team as we walked from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock for Ride and Stride in September. The 5 children, 5 adults and a dog all enjoyed our walk! We raised over £400, half of which comes directly to our church here at St Martins. The Dorset Historic Churches Trust, who organise Ride and Stride, will use the rest of the money to provide grants to churches, particularly helping with repairs. St Martins itself needs several urgent repairs (costing more than £6000) and we will be applying to the trust for a grant to help with this work. Further repairs and maintenance work lies ahead to look after our church too. If there is anyone in the village who is an expert grant writer, we'd love to ask for your help with writing our applications. Contact Helen: bvchurchesta@outlook.com

Helen Fry, Bride Valley Benefice Administrator Contact telephone: 01308 897260

Rita O'Brien 1931 - 2023

Thank you to all those who helped to make Rita O'Brien's last few years in the village such happy ones. Particular thanks to all those dogs, cats and horses, their owners and all the walkers who stopped by to chat to her at The Mounting Block.

Village Society

We will be holding a BINGO evening on **Wednesday 4th October** at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

Please bring along your own liquid refreshment and nibbles.

Future events run by the Village Society, to be held at the Village Hall:

Wednesday 1st November 7.00pm Quiz Night with a Fish and Chip supper. Teams up to eight people. A prize of Champagne for the winning team. Limited space so please register your team together with your food order by ringing either Graham 897357 or Sally 897168.

Sunday 26th November: The ever-popular village Xmas get together.

Village Hall

September 2023 100 Club Draw results

1st 149 £25 Sue Axford

2nd 8 £10 Ruth & Chris Nunn 3rd 53 £5 Hazel Stanton

Congratulations to all winners

Graham Garner

Artsreach presents Bassett

Thursday 9th November 2023, Shipton Gorge Village Hall 7:30pm

Toronto-based folk-roots duo Basset bring a deep love of the natural world to their music. Sam Clark and Yasmine Shelton explore themes of life in change, their travels around Northern Ontario, the Canadian and American prairies, their lives in the bustling city of Toronto, and the many



characters who have crossed their paths. Intricate fiddle playing with stunning harmonies and musical storytelling.

Tickets £12, £5 (u18s), £30 (fam 4 – max 2 adults)
Tickets available online at www.artsreach.co.uk / 01303 897407

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club – Winners in the September draw were Richard and Tamsin and their prize has been delivered and, we hope, enjoyed!



Saunders Richardson Wood

There have been regular open days in the last month, trying to keep paths and glades free of nettles etc. The Teddy Bear's picnic in late August was enjoyed by those who came along – the sun came out for us and we had a lovely



afternoon - in a very special place. Please note that the open sessions in October will be on Mondays – 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th October, all at 10.30am-12.30pm. Any changes to this, we will advise via village Facebook and email. On Sunday 5th November we will be holding a Bonfire and Marshmallow party. Starting around 3.00pm – drinks and cakes supplied, come along 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

We had a tidy up session in the Orchard in late August, cutting back the overhanging brambles, etc, clearing round the base of trees and removing damaged fruits, etc. A couple of trees which had not survived have been removed and we will be replacing them in due course. A new, named tree plan has been put up on the notice board – so please check for variety and best time to pick. On Wednesday 4th October 10.30am to 12noon we are planning to pick the cider apples and take them off to Dorset Nectar Cider Farm to be turned into juice and cider – you are welcome to come along and help.

We will be holding an **Apple Day Produce and Plant Sale** in the village hall on Saturday 21st October 2pm - 4pm. Fruit from the Orchard can be picked by residents of the village – so why not bake or preserve an apple related creation for sale? There will be a prize for the Best Apple Cake so get your mixing bowls out! We will also be doing a Treasure Hunt, using a map from 1839 with historical field names around the village – guess which field the treasure has been buried in. Activities for the younger ones. Tea, coffee, cakes etc. Any donations welcome - we can collect them, or you can drop them off on the day.

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

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren
Despite my assurances that it was
unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan
us your sound equipment, so we could
experience the advantages of using



radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does not necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit. However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse

and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing. Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Past Issues of the BVN: Note from the Editor

Many thanks for the interest shown in the search for early copies of the BVN which was mentioned in the September edition. I am pleased to say that the editor has received several early copies from the 1980s, for 1984, 1985 and 1989. These all predate the present computer-set magazine, and are typed on a 'real' typewriter! In addition, it seems that there is a substantial collection of parish items and magazines in the archives of the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester, and it is hoped that an article on the collections will be included in a subsequent edition. If you have an edition earlier than 1984, please let the editor know!

WANTED
A dry place to store my car
Tel: 01308 482216 / 07565 327240

Car Boot Sale Portesham Recreation Ground

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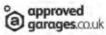
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