

# **Bride Valley** **News**



*The Magazine of the **Bride Valley Churches***  
**December 2014**



**We wish all our friends & neighbours a  
Happy Christmas  
&  
Very Best Wishes for 2015**



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News

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	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	<b>5.30PM CRIB SERVICE 11.30PM HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION 11.00AM CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b>
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>		<b>11.00AM HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Swyre</b>	<b>9.30PM HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
<b>Puncknowle</b>		<b>11.00AM FAMILY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	<b>4.00PM CRIB SERVICE 11.30PM HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
<b>Long Bredy</b>		<b>9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Littlebredy</b>		<b>11.00AM HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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## FROM THE EDITOR



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*giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc*



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[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

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## FROM THE RECTORY

### As we look again at the Christmas scene in Bethlehem

what do we see? Do we see something romantic surrounded by the soft glow of candlelight, or something redeeming overshadowed by the harsh outline of a cross? Do we see just a simple baby - or a special baby?

Isaiah the prophet wrote words that he felt God the Father was saying foretelling the coming of Jesus. *"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him"* Isaiah 42:1. *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD"* Isaiah 11:2.



Jesus later as a young man read and related to himself the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1 *"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners"*.

Jesus the babe of Bethlehem came to earth to be this life-changing servant of the Lord.

As I am writing this letter the 'powers that be' are short-listing applicants for the post of Rector for our Benefice so that our church reps might, later, prayerfully discern on whom God's calling and Spirit is resting to God's servant leading us in the Bride Valley into the future together.

As that process happens it is worth considering Isaiah's words regarding 'the servant of the Lord' asking how they might relate to the choice to be made. And all of us, during Advent, are invited to think about how these words were ultimately fulfilled at the first Christmas in the coming of Jesus, THE servant of the Lord, who said that he had come " *...not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.."*

A happy Christ-filled Christmas, and a blessed New Year for us all

Ryder

# LONG BREDY

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## CAROL SERVICE

Our joint carol service with Littlebredy will be held in St. Peter's Long Bredy on **Sunday 21st December** at 11.00am. Dust off your wings and join us for an angel themed service which promises to be an angelic start to Christmas!

*All welcome ~ Refreshments after the service*

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 6th December 10.00 to 12.00.**

Come and meet your friends and neighbours for a get together.— there will be a raffle and Christmassy things to buy if you wish. Any profits made will be divided between the village hall, playground and church.



## VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

I would like to hand over the village correspondent role to a willing villager! Please let me know if you feel you would be interested.

*Caroline.*

## 100 CLUB WINNERS—OCTOBER 2014

£25	No. 23	David Peretz
£15	No. 19	David & Ruth Cullingford
£5	No. 124	Hilary Green

## LONG BREDY BELL RINGERS OUTING - and Gordon came too!

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October was the chosen day for our annual Bell Ringers outing. Following on from a successful trip to Brownsea Island last summer, this year we chose to visit the churches of the Bride Valley, to ring the bells where possible, or to simply appreciate the individual beauty of the churches if the bells were not in action. 8 ringers from Long Bredy took part, with **Gordon** from Litton Cheney making a welcome addition to our band for the day.

The day started gently at St Michael and All Angels, Littlebredy, chiming their 6 bells, followed by hearty bacon butties, courtesy of **Brian** and **Ann** at Pitcombe, before winding on down through the valley to St Mary's at Litton Cheney. After an energetic session with all 8 bells here, we crossed the valley to St Mary the Blessed Virgin at Puncknowle and Holy Trinity at Swyre, chiming 2 bells in each tower. Lunch was a delicious ensemble of

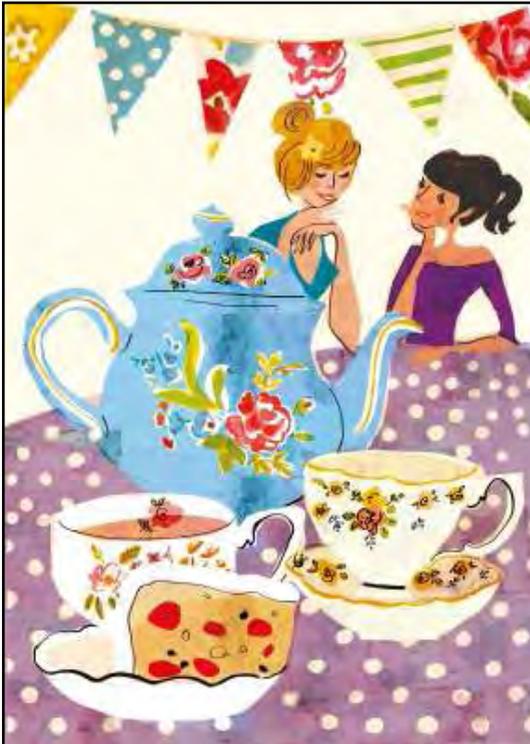
homemade soup, cheese and fruit, very welcome after the exertions of the morning.



From Swyre, it was back across the valley to Chilcombe, and although we couldn't get in, we left a gift of a bell rope in the porch. Then on to St Martin's at Shipton Gorge where we rang their 6 bells from the ground floor chamber, marvelling at how light they were!

Our penultimate stop was at St Mary the Virgin in Burton Bradstock, before heading back to our home tower at St Peter's, Long Bredy for a final ring on our familiar 5 bells. The day ended with sandwiches and cake in the church, and a welcome cup of tea!

The day was a huge success, with each ring of bells different from the last, either in the way they were rung or chimed, or the access to the ringing chamber. A big thank you Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Swyre and Shipton Gorge for letting us enjoy their bells and of course to our own captain, **Gwen**, for arranging the whole outing!



## Tea and Chat

*All are*

*welcome*

9<sup>th</sup> December

13<sup>th</sup> January

10<sup>th</sup> February

Baglake Farm,

Litton Cheney

3-5pm

# LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The next churchyard working party will be on **Wednesday 3rd December** from 9.30 a.m. **Please note the change of day!**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** We hope many of you will join us over the seasonal break...

**Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 21st December at 6.00 p.m. followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Crib Service** on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. A lovely start to Christmas for all the family, and

**Midnight Communion** on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30 p.m.



**LIGHT UP THE CHURCH FOR A LOVED ONE** - For a donation of only £5 you can floodlight the Church for an evening over the Christmas period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 482617

## BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

Our fund-raising continues and we have asked The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers for help in finding grant funding organisations for restoration projects. More locally, in the new year we shall be applying for a grant from the Salisbury Diocese Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund. In the meantime, a fourth bell hanging company has provided a report and the process of comparing prices and evaluating the details of all the reports is underway. If you would like to contribute you can do so online by visiting the village website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) and following the link to the bells restoration page. There you will find a link to the mydonate page. Please click on this link and you can use your credit or debit card to donate and claim gift aid at the same time.



## ST MARY'S CHURCH



## BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

Our next fund raising event will be a **Quiz Night** at The White Horse on **Sunday 11th January**. Further details will be in January's BVN and on the notice boards, but please put the date in your diary now!

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council wishes residents of Litton Cheney and surrounding Bride Valley villages a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**.

## JIM FARRER

News has reached us that sadly Jim Farrer who owned The Cheese House in Litton Cheney has died aged 84. Various organisations in the village have much to be thankful for as Jim always responded generously to appeals for funding and supported many local initiatives. Our sincere condolences go to his family.



**Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year** from **BRIDE VALLEY FILMS**.

Our next film will be on **Wed. 4 February** – title to be announced after the Christmas TV schedules are revealed! Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

## EVENTS AT LATCH DECEMBER 2014

### REGULAR EVENTS

Beavers	Monday 1st
Scouts	Thursday 4th and 11th
Youth Club	Tuesday 2nd
Short Mat Bowls	Tuesdays (4.00 - 5.00)
Table Tennis	Wednesdays (4.00 - 5.00)
Yoga	Fridays 5th, 12th and 19th (10.00 - 11.30)

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday 6th - **Village Café** in aid of NCI Coastwatch

Saturday 13th - **Bingo Night** run by the Stazicker Family.

## ANNUAL WINE TASTING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER

Our thanks to **Steven Spurrier** and **Mark Banham** from Palmer's for yet another sell-out wine tasting in October, this time with the added bonus of tasting the first of Steven's wines to come out of his Bride Valley Vineyard. The Bell Restoration Project and LATCH will benefit financially from the event's success and our grateful thanks to Steven for once again coming to the aid of the parties. Stand by for next year's tasting which will feature wines from Burgundy.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please do remember **CAROL SINGING** on **Wednesday 17th** and **Thursday 18th December**. We meet at the bus shelter, 6.00pm, and on Wednesday will progress round to The Paddocks, Manor Farm Close, Barges Close and

Baglake, ending at **The Old Granary** for refreshments by the lake. On Thursday it will be Chalk Pit Lane, Garden Close, Main Street and School Lane, ending at **The White Horse**. We look forward to a wonderful turnout and to the customary excellent collection for Julia's House.



Start the New Year the way you mean to go on by having some gentle exercise and fresh air by joining the **VILLAGE WALK** on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January**. See you all, 10.00 at the bus shelter, and ending at **The White Horse**.



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a GREAT NEW YEAR from the SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

*Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC.*

## NEWS FROM THE WHITE HORSE



There are some changes at the White Horse Inn.

Chef Garry Parkinson has left and we are grateful to him for his support and creativity during his time with us, especially the successful

international theme nights.

Val is extending her role in the kitchen from Sundays to every day, launching the winter menu on 18 November. The **Christmas menu** is available from **7-20 December**.

The winter Village Nights resume on **18 November**. We look forward to welcoming a good crowd every Tuesday evening, just to pop in for a drink or to enjoy a meal together. The Village Nights start at 6.00pm every Tuesday, with complimentary nibbles on the bar, plus the following meal offer:

**Order a main meal BEFORE 7.00pm and take a 125ml glass of wine or half-pint of draught ale or keg for £10.00 per person.**

*A warm welcome awaits you from Kelvan, Val and staff.*

## Christmas Bingo!

LATCH

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Doors open 6.30pm : Eyes down at 7.00 pm

Tea, coffee and Bar available

Please come along to support Jenny Stazicker in her effort to raise funds for a Camp International trip to Borneo to help the local community.



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**CAROLS BY CANDLIGHT** will be held at 5pm on **Sunday December 14th** during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards, please stay for mince pies and mulled wine. Why not walk together by torchlight

from the Christmas Fayre in the Hall to the Carols in Church?

**CHRISTMAS DAY - ALL AGE COMMUNION** at 11am. Do come and join us.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT THE VILLAGE HALL PUNCKNOWLE

Come along with the Family on **Sunday 14th December** from 3pm to sample Mulled wine and mince pies, visit stalls including chocolate, Christmas Crafts, cakes, Puncknowle Produce, games and more – we will ask Santa to make an early stop in his Grotto with presents for the children – all to be followed by the Carol Service in the Church at 5pm.

### CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE AT THE CROWN

We will be singing Carols in the warm and festive surroundings of the village pub – The Crown - **Tuesday 23rd December** from 7.30 – 8.30pm. Do come and join us for a great evening.

### PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Many thanks to Wendy and Helen who gave us interesting talks on the artists of Skeg [ Denmark ] and Joseph Wright of Derby.

We all enjoyed our workshop with Debbie Veitch on painting light effects. Dec. will be festive with mince pies on the 5th and Xmas party on the 12th.



*Christine Molony*



### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

A reminder that the Swyre Christmas Holy Communion is on Christmas Eve at 9.30pm, we look forward to greeting friends and neighbours from Swyre and throughout the valley.

*Swyre PCC*

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



Our special Christmas meal will be on **16<sup>th</sup> December** this year. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it, please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492 to order or cancel.

New members are always welcome, if you would like to join this popular social event and enjoy a meal please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know. (Tel 01308 898492)

**The committee of the lunch club wish all villagers in our 3 villages and beyond a very happy Christmas and happy New Year.**

*David Buckland*

## PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

The winners for October are:

14	Ann Dillon	£15
2	John Holker	£10



## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH RIDE & STRIDE

Many thanks to **Janet Lane**, and **Vicky** and **Ernie Thomas** who raised a fantastic **£460** for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, half of which the Trust will donate back to St Martin's. Our thanks goes to all those who sponsored our walkers so generously.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was led by **Janet Lane** and **Vicky Thomas**. We remembered not only those who died in two world wars but also those who gave their lives in the service of their country in later conflicts.

## PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES!

Our special event was held in the church on 11<sup>th</sup> November, when we enjoyed a light-hearted evening singing popular songs of both world wars and sharing family reminiscences. We also commemorated the Feast of St Martin, our Patron Saint, which fell on that day. Many thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success.

## CAROL SERVICE

Our Service of Carols and Lessons on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** will be led by James Webster. The service will commence at 6.00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall after the service.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

James Webster will lead us in Holy Communion by Extension at 11.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to this Christmas Day service. There will be no services at St Martin's Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**The PCC of St Martin's Church wishes all the villagers of Shipton Gorge and all the people of the Bride Valley a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

## FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR DECEMBER

Thanks to our sponsors listed below, the floodlights of St Martin's church will be shining brightly during the Christmas season.



**Heather & Brian Puttock** in memory of those no longer with us,

**Yvette & David Smith** for all their special occasions during December,

**Jill and David Curtis** for their family,

**Les Jenkins** for **Kerry**,

**John and Diane Bredemere** for mum and dad,

**Marilyn Hewitt**,

**Mark Welcome** because "I love this village"

**Harry & Lily Myers**, in loving memory of their beloved daughter Beverley.

**Caroline & Alex** on their wedding day at St Martin's

**Terry Diver's** birthday

For just £5, you too, can sponsor the floodlights and light up St Martin's for a special occasion or perhaps a fond memory. Please contact **Phyl Webster** on 01308 898657. If you would like your occasion to be mentioned in the appropriate month in this column then please let me have your sponsorship in good time to reach the BVN submission date.

**Happy Christmas everyone and thank you all, for your generosity and support**

## PLAYING FIELD

There are still tasks to be undertaken in the playing field as the maintenance day on 4th October was something of a wash-out. If anyone

would like to volunteer to paint the fence and benches, or oil the picnic table and the seating of the roundabout the Playing Field Committee would be most grateful. Please ring either **Grayham Rosamond** on 897862 or Barbara Chambers on 897482 if you think you can help in any way.



## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Shipton Gorge Heritage will be holding its AGM on **Friday 5th December** in the Village Hall at 7.30. All members and any interested non members are welcome to attend.

## WOOD WALK - SAUNDERS RICHARDSON WOOD

Members of Shipton Gorge Heritage are invited to take part in a walk through the Saunders Richardson Wood on **Sunday 28 December** at 2.00pm. There will refreshments after the walk.

For those who are not already members of SGH and would like to take part, membership applications are available from **Mary Boughton** (897958) and **Hilary Cunningham** (897928) or can be completed before the walk. Please inform **Hilary** (897928) if you are intending to join this walk so that we can have an indication of numbers.```` Hilary Cunningham, Chair.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the residents of Rockway who contributed to a recent house to house collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care. We raised a total of **£43.30**.



## VILLAGE HALL

### 100 Club Winners



#### OCTOBER

£20    84 Jo Warren  
 £10    103 Pat Cox  
 £5     78 Jill Parsons

#### NOVEMBER

£20    72 Robert & Lynn Pettitt  
 £10    102 Geoff Faulkner  
 £5     12 Linda Buck

## VILLAGE HALL HEARING LOOP

As you are aware the Village Hall has been substantially updated and improved over the last six months, as part of this we are looking into the need to put a hearing loop in the hall. If this is something that you feel would be of benefit please contact **Kate Drew** on 898437.

## VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Village Hall Trustee meetings are open to all. The dates of the meetings, agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the Shipton Gorge Village website at [www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

This year's **Christingle** will be held on **Friday December 12th** at 3.30 pm in St Mary's Church. This is an invitation for everyone, whatever your age, so please put it in your diary and join us. Children will once again be taking part in this special candlelit service where we remember that Christ came to be the light of the world and give thanks for the work of The Children's Society. Afterwards there will be tea in the Village Hall and a party for the children.



Thank you to home holders of Children's Society boxes for returning them.

## CAROL SINGING

Please help to swell our numbers for some traditional carol singing around the village to raise funds for the Children's Society. We meet, with a torch, at 6 pm outside the Church on **Monday December 15th**.



*Pauline Woodford (898327)*

## OVER 60 AND LIVE IN BURTON BRADSTOCK?

If so, St. Mary's Church organizes social events throughout the year for people like you. They are held in Chesil Court Hall, off Annings Lane, on the second Thursday of the month. We start 2015 with a New Year's Buffet **Lunch Party** on **January 8th**.

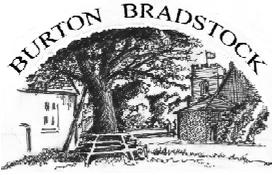
Our 2015 calendar will be available in January and copies will be in the church and the library, or for more information please ring **Christine** (898616) or **Pauline** (898327).

## THANK YOU

Sumeeta, the family and I would like to thank all our friends and customers for all the support and good wishes. Your support visits and cards have really helped us stay positive and are very much appreciated.



Sajiv Vij (Saj)



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## VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact  
Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

Village Hall "200 Club"

**November 2014 Draw**

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

### **Congratulations to the winners:**

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the

1st	£44.40	No 145:	Mrs Veda Bull
2nd	£22.20	No 60:	Mrs Margaret Webby
3rd	£11.10	No 203:	Mr Geoff Langwith

December draw should telephone **Alan Clarke** on **01308 897051** and let him have £1 – one pound for the remaining draw of the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

### **COFFEE STOP MORNING**

There will not be a Coffee Stop morning in December due to the number of other activities that take place in the hall this month. However, 10 are planned for next year, so look out for the dates in January's BVN.



### **CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL BOOKING**

The annual Christmas Market and Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 6th December** between 10:00 and 12:30. Entrance £2 for adults and 50p for children under 16, which includes a free drink and festive cake. Stalls include Arts & Crafts, Christmas decorations and presents, cards and more. At the time of going to press 2 stall tables were still vacant. To enquire about booking contact the organizer, **Richard Ferre**, on 01308897648.

### **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

The ever popular Christmas Quiz run by **Sue and Bryan Brown** will be on **Saturday 13th December**. The evening includes a light hearted quiz with prizes, a cash bar, raffle and light supper in the intermission.



Teams of up to 8 people participate, or if you want to join in but are not part of an organized team, the organizers will help you join one.

Tickets, which are £7 per person (including supper) are on sale at the post office now. Tickets sold out early last year, so be warned.

To book a team table, request a vegetarian option for supper (if it is not pre ordered, it will not be supplied) or request a place in a team call or email the organizer, **Richard Ferré** on 01308897648 or [richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk).

## PLANNING APPLICATION

The Hall Trust was advised that its application to replace all ageing steel windows with UPVC replacements would be refused. As a result, the application was amended to Aluminium windows very similar in appearance to the current steel ones, but 80% more expensive. This application was recently approved, along with replacement of ageing guttering with white UPVC guttering and fascia boards. It is unlikely the windows will be replaced before next summer, but the guttering may be replaced much earlier.

## COMMITTEE VACANCY

Do you want to get involved in Village life? Want to meet some new people? Want to find a new interest? We are looking for a Secretary for the Village Hall Trust which oversees the running and maintenance of the Village Hall and organises a few light hearted fund raising events during the year.

The job entails some simple administration once or twice a year plus attendance at the committee meetings every other month.

If you are interested in the position, please call the Chairman, Richard Ferré, on 01308897648.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Due to the plethora of events in December, there will be no film night this month. Look out for next year's programme in January's BVN.

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL) CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards, printed from a water colour, "Snowy Afternoon at Burton Bradstock Library", are still available to buy in the Library, both pubs or on Saturday 6th December at the Christmas Market, Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Raffle tickets are available to win the original painting which is on view at the Library. The draw will take place at the Christmas Market. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library funds.

## COMPETITION

The Library, in conjunction with Burton Bradstock School, is running a competition for the children to design a Christmas card. The winning entries will be on display at the Christmas Market on 6th December. The best of the rest will brighten up the Library during December.

## NEW TREASURER AND MINUTE SECRETARY

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library Charity Committee require a new Treasurer and Minute Secretary. If anyone is interested, please contact **Rosemary Daniels** on 01308 898049.

## STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5s

The next Story Time is on **Monday 8th December** at 2.30pm. No need to book. Why not enrol your child at the library and take home fantastic stories to enjoy.? There are children's books in the Library for all ages, including babies.



## READING GROUP

If you are interested in starting/joining a Reading Group please register your interest at the Library.

## COMPUTER COURSES

For information on computer training courses please contact BCLC@Home (**Mollie Baldwin** 07866 698796 or **Adele Kemp** on 07929 355342).

## ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Free WiFi, Photocopying, Jigsaws, DVD's, Tapestry Cards, local information and magazines.

## DIARY DATES

**6th December** (in Village Hall)

Sale of Christmas Cards. The winning ticket will be drawn for original water colour painting. Winning entries for "Design a Christmas Card" on display.

**8th December at 2.30pm**

Story Time for Children under 5's at the Library

**December 24th, 25th, and 26th**

Library Closed

## BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY – Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday & Saturday

10.00am to 12.00am

## CHRISTMAS OPENING

The Library will be open 27th, 29th & 30th December.

**CONTACT:** 01308 897563 email : [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

**The Trustees would like to wish all the Friends and users of the library a very merry Christmas**

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our last talk of the year on Friday December 5th is a talk by **Mike Crankshaw**. You may remember Mike from when he came before and did a presentation on his work as a Royal Navy Chef on the Royal Yacht Britannia. In the first half of the programme we will be treated to a trip up the River

Stour (or could it be down ?) by canoe. The second half he will be showing images of the Royal Yacht which he has now had put on computer so we can see them in all their glory instead of in the books he bought last time. Mike is a very entertaining speaker and never at a loss for words, so do come along and have an enjoyable evening helped along by a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### “MANAGING CORNCRAKE FIELDS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE”

**SATURDAY 6th December 2014 Reading Room 10.30 till 14.30 drop in**

The Corncrake Working Group has developed a management plan for the riverside fields known as Corncrake. Come along to talk to members of the Group and see how the Working Group is proposing to manage the grassland, the trees, access and flood alleviation.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

There are vacancies on the Parish council, if you would like to know more about the role or are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for more info.

## DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 3rd December 2014 8pm at the Reading Room .**

*(Please note **later time** as it is late night shopping in Bridport)*

***A glass of wine and mine pies will be served after the meeting- all welcome!***

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website. All are welcome to the meeting, comments and issues can be raised in the two 15 min agenda items for Parishioners comments. The first section is for agenda items only and the last section for any issues you wish to put to the Council.

*You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on [burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com) or by phone on 01305 871268/ 07814 016971, or through any of the Councillors - phone numbers are on the website*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL

warmly invite local residents, families and friends to their **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 13th December**, 10am – midday. This year the Fayre will be packed full of Christmas spirit, with children from each of the 4 classes devising and



running their own seasonal stalls, which will include a book sale and very special Christmas crafts. Festive refreshments will be available in the hall, and you can try your luck with our special Christmas Raffle (which includes a very generous Christmas Hamper), chocolate tombola ... and even guess the number of presents in Santa's sack!

The event is being organised by the Friends of Burton Bradstock School, this year raising vital funds to help the school with outdoor trips and new creative maths equipment. For further information, contact the school on 897369.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK FLOOD ALLEVIATION GROUP**

The Parish Council has a store of sand bags which has been procured to help those residents in the village who are at risk of being flooded, these sand bags are free to residents and we are inviting those who feel they may need bags this winter to come and pick up enough bags for their needs there are two sizes of bags available full bags about 25kg and half bags about 12kg these bags can be collected from the barn in Manor Farm, entrance opposite Reading Room on Saturday morning 6th December between 10am and 12pm where volunteers will be on hand to help load the bags, for residents unable to collect these bags please come along and see us so we can arrange delivery, bags have a plastic liner but will last longer if stored in the dry and out of the light.

*John Lewis*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.**

At the Early Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning in November, the Village Hall was a colourful sight with stalls of Christmas gifts and decorations. There were plenty of customers, shopping and then enjoying the coffee and mince pies.



Craft and knitting done by members during the year was on display, and the **Dorothy Seward Trophy** was awarded to **Joan Dyson** for her embroidered evening bag, while **Joan Allan** won the **Barbara Pursey Knitting Trophy** with a delicate cardigan.

In November, two solicitors from Battens came to talk about Wills and Power of Attorney. An occasional update on these subjects is very necessary. We learned the difference between an Enduring and a Lasting Power of Attorney, and the reasons for having one. We went home armed with the information to check over those papers in the back of the drawer.

**December** is going to be busy, with the **Christmas Lunch** at the **Golf Club** on **3rd**, followed by the **Group Carol Service** at **Bothenhampton** on **4th**.

Members are making more Christmas crafts for the **Village Market** on **6th**

December. The **Christmas meeting** itself is on the **9th**.

Two lucky people will be going to see “Swan Lake” in Dorchester on 18th December, thanks to Battens who gave us two complimentary tickets.

*Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 898484).*

## TOWER OF LONDON POPPIES

A valley resident visited the display of poppies at the Tower of London and brought back these memories:

It was a cold but dry day and at 5pm the spotlight fell on two people in the centre of the display. One read out the names of the day and the other played the last post. We all stood quietly to listen to the names with the hub of the London traffic as a backdrop. You could have heard a pin drop. During the playing of the last

post in this wonderful, poignant quiet a plane flew over. It seemed to me like the last spitfire. The spotlights went on the poppies making them bright red which, to me, symbolised the blood lost by all those brave soldiers.

It was a very memorable occasion.



*The blood-swept lands and seas of red, where angels fear to tread*

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

email: [pwbridehead@btinternet.com](mailto:pwbridehead@btinternet.com)

Tel: 482232



**The bonfire and fireworks evening** was a very great success, enjoyed by many villagers as well as numerous visitors from elsewhere in the valley, who came to enjoy the customary convivial and spectacular event. The innovation of building the fire and setting off the fireworks on the slope above the village green created a magnificent grandstand effect. Thanks to all who organised the show and the Village Hall catering for everyone who came.



November 2014 truly saw the end of an era in Littlebredy, with the departure of the **Marshallsay** brothers, **Frank** and **Arthur**, from Bigwood Lodge. Their father, Ben, came to the village as gamekeeper in 1938, so “the boys” (who were then 9 and 7) have lived as bachelors in the same

house for an astonishing 76 years. Both Frank and Arthur have also been gamekeepers on the estate in their time, combining it with farm work here and elsewhere before retirement. Frank was awarded the Melplash Show's Long Service Medal in 1995, when he completed 50 years work here, but he still carried on for a good while after that.

Frank has been frailer recently, and needing much commitment from Arthur. He moved into Dorchester some weeks ago, and now Arthur has followed him there. They have found spaces in separate residential homes, but we hope they retain fond memories of Littlebredy's changing scenes over the many years they were part of the community here, and they will be long remembered. It is hoped they may return for a farewell gathering being planned for the new year.

There is no **Carol Service** here this year, as it Longbredy's turn to host the shared event, which will be in **St. Peter's Church** there at 11.00 a.m. on **Sunday 21st December**, followed by refreshments. Our **Christmas Day service will be at 11.00 a.m. in the Church here**, and we hope for a good celebration of the great festival. To give our depleted clergy numbers a welcome rest after all the Christmas services, it is intended to cancel the Holy Communion service which would otherwise be due here on December 28th.

**Dominic and Sarah (nee Williams) Waddington** will be spending their Christmas in Sierra Leone, as part of the international effort to contain and conquer the devastating ebola virus there. They worked as doctors in the country for a year in 2012, and have felt called to return there to do what they can. They, like the Sierra Leoneans among whom they will be working and all their colleagues in the relief effort, should be in our thoughts and prayers



**It only remains to wish all Littlebredy residents past and present, and all those with connections with the village, a very happy Christmas and 2015.**

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

*giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc*



[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

[www.littlebredy.com](http://www.littlebredy.com)

## VALLEY NOTES

### THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



We won our friendly **football** match against St Mary's Bridport 7-0, with one of the children scoring a hat trick! The match, played on a crisp autumnal afternoon, was great to watch. Both teams gave their all and played with enthusiasm.



Eggardon children learned **bike road safety** skills - and had a good time as well, even in the pouring rain! Eggardon were given **playground leader training** by the Colfox PE coordinator.

Several children participated in the Dorset Libraries Summer **Reading Challenge** and received certificates from the library.

We collected **Shoebboxes (Operation Christmas Child)** for children around the world and welly boots for children in Romania.

Our **Remembrance assembly** was a moving experience, for children and adults alike. The children sang songs and recited poems, some well known and some they had written, and our recorder group played the Last Post for the silence. The Brownies sold their hand-made poppies in school; they were hugely popular and raised about £80.



The School Council raised funds for **Children in Need**. They organised a non uniform day (children paid £1 for the privilege of coming to school out of uniform), sold home made cakes and biscuits and had a sponsored silence. The last was a tough ask - Litton and Chesil

children had to be silent for half an hour and Bredy and Eggardon for an hour!

### 100 Club winners:

September £15 - Sue Olliffe £10 - Elizabeth Kingston

October £15 - Annemarie Yeates £10 - Jane Hutchins

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

I write this report after returning from the Remembrance Day coffee morning at the village hall, where some of the children were presented with certificates for winning the **Poppy Day Poster Competition**, and I would like to say 'thank you' for the warm welcome we received. During their work and research about WW1 the children have impressed us with their empathy and the interest they have shown towards these important events from our past. The children, quite rightly, felt very proud when they received their certificates, and also enjoyed the juice and biscuits!



The children continue to work hard both in school and on extra-curricular activities. In addition to the regular school clubs such as **football, tag-rugby, choir, recorders, netball** and **music tuition** with **Nancy**, we have introduced a few new clubs which include **handi-crafts**



and **photography**. The children are really enthusiastic which is wonderful to see. You may also have seen some of the older children on their bicycles around the village as they have been having '**bikeability**' training which involves learning how to stay safe on the road.

On the fundraising front we have a very **supportive 'Friends of Burton Bradstock School'** committee who are busy planning our Christmas Fayre which will be held at the school on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-noon.**

This year the Friends are busy raising money for new Mathematics equipment and resources to help address the objectives in the new National Curriculum and support the children with their learning as well as subsidising various trips and residential visits for the children during the year. It is thanks to the Friends, and everyone who supports the school by attending the fundraising events, that we were able to take the whole school to the Magdalen Project this term as part of our 'Forest Adventure' Learning Quest.

Despite it being the start of November we are already preparing for the festive activities that will soon be upon us. We hope that you will be able to join us at some of our Christmas services this year which include the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.30pm, our Christmas Nativity in the Church on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30pm and finally our Carols Around the Tree in the school on the last day, Friday 19th December at 9.15am.

*The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.*

*Claire Staple Headteacher*

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP



We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or email [claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk))

## TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at 2.15 pm. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the services held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015**. For more information please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



**Don't forget that** parents and/or carers with toddlers, babies and bumps are invited to drop in to St Mary's church, Burton Bradstock, for tea/ coffee and play **every Friday afternoon during term** from 2.00pm until pick-up time from the schools.

*Heather Rogers*

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

As we get closer to Christmas we move our theme to 'The Elves and the shoe maker'. We will cover Kindness, shop role-play counting, numbers, matching numeral, patterns, sizes etc.

Also in the Discovery area we will have a BBQ and hot drinks. This will go over keeping ourselves safe, the weather turning cold and changes in the seasons. Furthermore the week before we break up we will make Christmas craft and have a party. We will look at what we are hoping Father Christmas will bring us



## Christmas party

Our Christmas party is on **17th December** at 1.30pm in the LATCH. Parents and siblings are welcome even if it's not your child's day. This year's will be a small party with games, snack, craft and music and face painting. Hope you can come.

### ***Merry Christmas from all at Bride Valley Fledglings***

*Fledglings is open Mon-Thurs,*

*Morning Session 9am-11.45am*

*Lunch club from 11.45pm-12.45pm.*

*Afternoon session 12.45 -15.15*

For any enquiries please contact Emma on 01308482410 or through our web site <http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk/>

## GOOD BOOKS

*Bridport's Christian Bookshop*

**St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL**

**Tel: 01308 420483**

**email: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)**

**website: [www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk](http://www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk)**

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**Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,**

**Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm,**

**Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.**



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



A special thanks to the **St Swithun's Band** and all the people who supported the Annual Band Concert held on the 24th October and the coffee morning held on the 6th November in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. I am pleased to report that we made over **£1,200** towards the annual poppy Appeal.

### Social Evenings

These are usually held on the last Monday evening of the month in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock, commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** (NB this is on the first Monday)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

As the current landlord and landlady are leaving on 20th January it is not possible to arrange dates for future meetings at this time. The arrangement for dates beyond January will appear in the January edition of the BVN

Please let Basil Dent (897125) or Malcolm Lawrence know if you are attending.

### Other Events:-

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015** Annual dinner at Bridport Golf Club  
6.30 for 7.30pm -£18.50 per person

*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us*

Please contact myself or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*

## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

*WE WILL REMEMBER.....***Roy George BLANCHFLOWER** Ceng MIMechE (Portesham) a Legion member for 20 years and an Entertainments Committee member in excess of two years. Also a valued member of the community whom he served with distinction as Chairman of Portesham Parish Council. We offer our condolences to Gloria and her family.

We welcome to Branch Membership **Ray Travers** (Bridport), **Eric Bowditch** (Crewkerne) (both on transfer from their respective Branches) and **Kathy Percival** (Abbotsbury) newly elected. We welcome them all and hope they will have a long and happy association with the Branch.

At the Annual General Meeting on 6 November the President presented Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Branch to: **Terry Bown** (former vice-chairman) **Patricia Bown** and **Colin Roper**. Also recognised was **Stuart**

**Bowman** (retiring Standard Bearer since 2005).

Pat Crockett, Poppy Appeal Organiser reports that during the year 1.6.13-31.5.14 total proceeds from all collection sources raised **£4527.19**; Pat would like to hear from anyone able to do house to house collections in the local area as she needs two or three extra helpers. The Portesham village R.B.L. coffee morning on 1 November raised the grand sum of **£631.24** in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

We shall attend the **Salisbury Cathedral Christmas Carol Service** at 7 p.m. Monday **22 December**. This is a popular event throughout the diocese and it is necessary to arrive very early in order to gain a seat, therefore the coach pick-ups will be as follows: Abbotsbury 4.20 pm, Portesham 4.25 pm, Steepleton Pond 4.30 pm, London Rd. Dorchester 4.45 pm, arriving Salisbury at 6 pm. (Other stops depending on bookings). Estimated fares, Members **£15**, visitors add **£2.50**.

**11 January, 2015 Dorset County AGM**, Memorial Hall, Bovington..

**4-9 May, 2015: D. Baker's** charity fund raising **Tour of North Yorkshire** is already heavily booked. Your detailed itinerary is available on request. This holiday will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Youth Cancer Trust.

*Des Baker Chairman The Social Fund.01305 267617 or email "aveswood@sky.com*



British and German soldiers fraternize during the "Christmas Truce" of 1914

## **"PEACE AT CHRISTMAS"**

Music of the Christmas Truce, 1914

Plus traditional carols and other favourites

### **BRIDPORT CHORAL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

with Soprano Anna-Maria Geare

Musical Director Kris Emmett, Accompanist Peter Parshall

At Bridport United Church, in the setting of the Christmas Tree Festival

7.30pm Saturday 6th December

Tickets £6 (under 16s, £3.50) from Bridport Music or at the door

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2014 took place in October. **Charles Hill**, a volunteer with the Woodland Trust, talked to us about the importance of woodlands and their biodiversity. He explained how to identify ancient woodlands by the variety of plants growing there and gave us a fascinating description of the numerous types of fungi and the immense spread of some of them. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.



Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 16th 2015, will be published in the BVN in the New Year

## JOBS TO DO IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

This is the time of year to ensure everything is prepared for next spring; continue winter digging, adding homemade compost or well-rotted manure; clean pots and trays with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools; have mechanical tools serviced. Clear leaves from the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpinas as they are vulnerable to rot in prolonged damp conditions. Sow pelargonium seeds under cover. In the vegetable garden create a seed bed and place a cold frame over it to warm the soil, early crops can then be sown directly inside. Plant shallots; regularly check stored fruit and vegetables. Keep feeding the birds and ensure they have access to clean water, especially in frozen conditions

**We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2015**

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

**HAVE YOU LOST YOUR CUSHIONS?** Two cushions (patterned/autumn colours) were left at Litton Cheney Village Hall at the screening of The Butler on Wed. 15 October. Please call Sally (01308 482752) to arrange to collect them.

**LOST &  
FOUND**

## BRIDE VALLEY WI



We will celebrate Christmas at our December meeting with a festive recipe share and lots of fun and games, including a fab prize draw! Be in it to win it! In January we are looking forward to the Return of the African Drumming Man - just the job for the cold dark weeks after New Year!

This will be an open event and visitors are very welcome, at £5 per person. Looking ahead to February we will be having a talk on Colour in the Wardrobe with image consultant Liz Prest. We aim to have a

varied programme with something for everyone. The only thing that doesn't change is the fun, friendship and support we enjoy. New members are still being welcomed and the first meeting is free. We now have members from all over the valley and beyond! Come along and find out more, or contact Natalie Green on [nataliegreen@me.com](mailto:nataliegreen@me.com). We meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month, usually at Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall.



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

This year's total from 8 boxes from around the Eastern end of the Bride Valley amounted to £124.14.

Many thanks to those who regularly put in their loose change and those who donated the same sum every week. The number of boxes has dwindled recently and there may be many of you that do not know the boxes are available. **If you would like a box in your home please contact me and I will get one for you.**

The Children's Society was started in 1881 and aims to fight poverty and neglect and help children have a better start in life. Last year the Society reached 18,134 children in centres for the under 5's and their parents all over the country. You can find out more from their web site [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

[sue.brown@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.brown@btinternet.com) 01308 897953

## VOLUNTEERING

**Samaritans of Dorset** is based at King Street in Weymouth;

Volunteers answer the phones, emails and text messages and



see face to face callers. We are there to listen to anybody who is feeling depressed, lonely and perhaps so low the thought of suicide is a real possibility. , although we would hope that people would ring and talk to us before that becomes a reality for them. So what do Samaritans do? We listen; we don't judge, whatever the situation is; we do not give advice, or try and tell people what we think they should do,. But the most important thing is it is totally confidential and callers know that if they ring us we will not tell anybody else.

This work goes on 24 hrs 7 days a week from a very committed group of people. We are looking for volunteers from all areas of Dorset to help us to be there for our callers. If you think this something you would be interested in please contact us and come to one of our information evenings to find

out more. Our next training course starts in the New year where you will be fully prepared and plenty of support is always available. Here are some quotes from our volunteers. *“The training and support are brilliant – I wish I joined years ago”* *“The realisation that you’ve helped a caller is life changing”* *“The most satisfying voluntary job I have ever had”* We look forward to hearing from you on:

[weymouthsamaritansrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:weymouthsamaritansrecruitment@gmail.com) or phone 01305770598

Become a friend of Dorset Child and Family Counselling Trust (DCFCT) and help local children with:



- Bullying and peer group difficulties
- Challenging or Anti-social behaviour
- Eating, sleeping and toileting problems
- Family relationship issues
- School refusal or non-attendance
- Bereavement or trauma
- Extreme anger
- Obsessions
- Depression
- Anxiety

The DCFCT provides counselling and psychotherapy for families on low incomes with children and young people who have emotional, behavioural or other mental health problems together with advice and support for their families. Become a friend for £30 per annum or just donate. More information: Ruth Wrixton on 07811 672058 or by email [ruthwrixton@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthwrixton@hotmail.com). Further information is available online at [www.dcfct.org](http://www.dcfct.org).

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## DORSET'S DARK SKIES 2015 CALENDAR

Dorset's most talked-about and unique 2015 calendar: photographs by Bridport photographer Stephen Banks.



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# VILLAGE CAFE

10.00am until 12.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> December

LITTON & THORNERS COMMUNITY HALL

In aid of Lyme Bay National  
Coastwatch Station

and other Maritime & Emergency Organisations

Bacon & Egg Rolls

Hot & Cold Drinks

Homemade Cakes

Book Stalls & Raffle



If you would like to run a Village Cafe (3rd Saturday of the month)  
as a fundraiser, please contact Wendy Firrell on 01308 482532

## DIARY, DECEMBER 2014

Mon	1	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	1	19.00	Bride Valley British Legion Social	Three Horseshoes, Burton
Wed	3	19.30	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Wed	3	20.00	Burton WI Christmas Lunch	Golf Club
Thur	4	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thur	4	14.30	W.I. Carol Service	Bothenhampton Church
Fri	5	10.00	Art Club - Mince Pies	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	5	19.30	Shipton Gorge Heritage AGM	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Fri	5	19.30	B.B. Village Society - Mike Cranshaw	Burton Village Hall
Sat	6	10.00	B.B.V.H.T. Christmas Market	Burton Village Hall
Sat	6	10.30	Village Café - Coastwatch	LATCH
Sat	6	10.30	Burton Parish Council - Corncrake	Reading Room, Burton
Mon	8	14.30	Children's Story Time for the under 5's	Library, Burton Bradstock
Tue	9	15.00	Tea and Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Thu	11	11.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Fri	12	10.00	Art Club - Xmas Party	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	12	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	13	10.00	Burton School Christmas Fayre	Burton Village School
Sat	13	18.30	Christmas Bingo - J Stazicker	LATCH
Sat	13	19.00	B.B.V.H.T. Christmas Quiz	Burton Village Hall
Sun	14	15.00	Christmas Fayre	PSWB Hall
Mon	15	18.00	Carol Singing - for Children's Society	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Tue	16	12.30	Lunch Club - Christmas Meal	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	17	13.30	BV Fledglings Christmas Party	LATCH
Wed	17	18.00	Litton Village Carol Singing (East)	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
Thu	18	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	18	19.00	Litton Village Carol Singing (West)	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
Thu	18	19.30	Bride Valley WI	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	22	19.30	Carol Singing	The Crown Puncknowle
Sun	28	14.00	SG Heritage Walk	Saunders Richardson Wood
Thu	1	10.00	Litton Cheney Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: DECEMBER 2014

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 7 December Advent 2</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 14 December Advent 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 21 December Advent 4</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 28 December Holy Innocents</b>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Carol Service	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	6.00 Carol Service	
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6.00 Carol Service	9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Carol Service (Shared with Littlebredy)	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion		