

Bride Valley News

An aerial photograph of a valley with a rainbow-colored topographic overlay. The colors range from red and orange at the top to blue and green at the bottom, indicating elevation changes. The valley floor is a mix of green fields and brown patches, with a winding road or path visible.

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches
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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock **ST MARY:** Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge **HOLY TRINITY:** Swyre

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please telephone the Team Office on 01308 897751*

WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2015

Monday	2	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	4	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	5	9.00	Puncknowle
Monday	9	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	11	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	12	9.00	Puncknowle
	12	9.00	Swyre
Friday	13	9.00	Shipton
Monday	16	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	18	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	19	9.00	Puncknowle
Monday	23	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	25	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	26	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	12	9.00	Swyre
Friday	27	9.00	Shipton

FROM THE RECTORY

IN EARLY FEBRUARY I found myself fortunate in being able to see, on the last day of its being exhibited, a huge reproduction of the Dorset Integrated Seabed Map (DORIS), part of the scientific evaluation of our county's Jurassic Coast (and reproduced on this month's cover). The sweep from Durlston Head (where the map was on show) to the Chesil Beach was too wide to take in at one glance; and so one had to humbly take in, section by section, the coloured representation of the ancient seabed, juxtaposed with the familiar profile of the cliffs and bays of Purbeck and the rest of the Dorset coast. The colours related to the depth of the waters (roughly, reds corresponded with the shallows, blues signified deeper stretches). The aerial view here is St. Aldhelm's Head, between Chapman's Pool and Winspit. Look closely and with the naked eye you can just about make out St. Aldhelm's Chapel on the headland (discernible by its shadow). That site is part of Dorset's early church history: but God's history is made visible in the shapes revealed by the seabed mapping, all those ancient overlappings and complex layerings that are part of the development of the earth. The 14th century English mystic Julian of Norwich was granted a vision of the seabed (the sea-ground, as she called it) which is a different kind of 'mapping.'

'One time mine understanding was led down into the sea-ground, and there I saw hills and dales green, seeming as it were moss-be-grown, with wrack and gravel. Then I understood thus: that if man or woman were under the broad-water, if he might have sight of God so as God is with a man continually, he should be safe in body and soul, and take no harm: and overpassing, he should have more solace and comfort than all this world can tell.'

Julian is trying to convey the trusting 'seeing' that faith brings. Though there may be little of God to be actually discerned with the physical eye, the eye of faith goes deep and can sense the way in which our Creator and Redeemer has abided with us (through something like the patient formation of the Jurassic coast) and continues to abide with us in our life as Christians today. As the beginning of my ministry as Rector of the Bride Valley comes nearer, I look forward to coming west, from Poole, to another part of our wonderful Jurassic coast, where together we can engage in the adventure of discerning how God is moving among our communities.

*Reverend Canon Stephen Batty
Branksome, Poole
February 2015*

FROM THE REGISTERS

A thanksgiving service for the life of **Agnes Lawrie Dann (Laura)** was held in Puncknowle Church on Friday 12th December, 2014. Laura spent her childhood in Hawick – in the border country where the woollen mills were. She met Reg when she was 16 coming up 17 (as the song goes!!), but they were not married until Reg's safe return from the war. But married they were, in Hawick, and later came south to live in Buckinghamshire, then later Kent. Their two children, Sheila and Alan, led the mourning. When Laura and Reg retired about 26 years ago, they moved to Dorset, because the wonderful scenery here reminded them of that of the Border country where they had been brought up. Laura enjoyed life and had a great sense of humour. Perhaps her greatest love was food and cookery – a passion she held to the end of her life. She was a member of the Lunch Club in Puncknowle.



To honour Laura's Scottish roots a Piper led the procession from church to graveyard, where her body was laid to rest, near the remains of her dear husband Reg. We take comfort in knowing that Heaven, for us, will be a place of perpetual reunion. Amen.

On 12th January a funeral was held at Weymouth Crematorium for **Joan Valerie Suckling** who died unexpectedly at the age of 69yrs of age. She and her husband David retired from Kent to Burton Bradstock. Together they organised an over 50's group in Bridport. Joan loved books and wrote two journals - one of events and observations and (as a positive person) another book of 'good things' At the funeral we thought about the Psalmist who did something similar writing in Psalm 126



The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad.

Joan leaves a husband, two children, Paul and Adam and three grandchildren and our prayers are with them at this time.

On 3rd February a funeral was held at Weymouth Crematorium for **Norma Carol Dean** one time post mistress in Burton Bradstock and well known for her involvement with the WI and the village Pantomimes. Norma trained in and taught Art, and was also a printing font designer. In her early days her hands featured in a Horlicks Ad on TV - though in latter days they were sadly crippled with arthritis.



Norma, whose husband of over 50yrs died in 2002, leaves a brother Stuart, three children Michael, Carol and Kevin and a number of grandchildren. At

Norma's funeral we recalled Norma's care for animals and birds and how God cares for us more than the sparrows. So we give Norma's family over into the gentle hands of our loving Heavenly Father who cares for us so much.



One of the pillars of our churches (at Puncknowle & Swyre) **Helene Ogier Lillywhite** at the age of 96 passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord at Bymead Home, Charmouth on 19th January.

Helene was born in London to an English father and Guernsey mother. She served at Bletchley Park in the war, trained at Agricultural College and loved farming, but when her mother became ill worked as a secretary for the Electricity Board . She moved to West Bexington in the 1980's, attended Puncknowle and later Swyre, sang in the choir, rang the bells, supported the MU & WI, served as she was able, and worshipped in all the valley churches. She loved her home, her dogs and her Lord. Though she lost her only brother when he was a child and never married, she was a contented Christian (despite a severely disabling spine condition). She was loved by all.

We pray for her family - her distant cousins Carol her with children, and Carolyn who came to the funeral, and those in Guernsey who couldn't, and we pray for her friends who will deeply miss her

At the family service on 1 February Anna and Lee, with their children Jordan, Callum and Ella brought little **Evie-Mai Sugden** to church on this special day of *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*, to appropriately present her (and themselves) to the Lord in Baptism. How lovely to have parents and children who come to the Friday Tots service not only coming for baptism but who are starting to come to the Sunday services.



Please pray for God's blessing on this family and all the others who attend our Tots Services

VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com



SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

The Choral Evensong was well attended, and much appreciated. Thanks to Janet Lane and the choir for the wonderful singing, to Sue Smith for playing the organ and to Sue Linford for leading our worship. We hope to hold another in the summer, watch out for notices! There will be a **Mothering Sunday Service** on **March 15th**, finishing in time to take mum out to lunch! Following our enjoyable "coffee and croissant" social, we hope to hold a "bunfight" on **Thursday March 26th** when coffee/tea, hot cross buns and a good chat will be on offer. Hope to see you there! The **Good Friday Litany** will be held at 10am on **April 3rd**, led by Janet and Vicky and all are welcome to celebrate **Easter Day** with us on the **5th**

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR MARCH

St Martin's floodlights will be shining during March:

- For Jan and Brian Shaw,
- For Maureen Morgan's special birthday
- For Ruth Nun's birthday
- For Jackie and Gerry Pike
- For Nesta Symes on her birthday
- In memory of John & Bee Eppelstone's birthdays
- And fond memories of Percy Symes

Thank you also to our sponsors who wish to remain anonymous. For just £5 you too can sponsor the floodlights of St Martin's for a special occasion or 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.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th March** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

This will be the last council meeting of the present parish council as elections are being held on 7th May alongside the general election. Anyone who feels they would like to stand as a councillor should contact either the clerk (**Paula Biss** on 898189 clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk) or West Dorset

District Council Electoral Registration Dept on 01305-838299. Note that Nominations close on 9th April at 4pm.

The **annual Parish Meeting** will be held during April and details will be in next month's Bride Valley News and on notice boards in the village.

Just before of the start of Spring, now is a good time to remind residents that if you are planning to cut down or carry out work on a tree on your property, you are required to give West Dorset District Council six weeks prior notice beforehand. Although this is mandatory for work on any size tree in properties within the conservation area, it is also necessary for many other trees, so it is always wise to check before doing any tree work as you may incur substantial penalties otherwise. Further guidance is on the www.dorsetforyou.com website or by phoning the Tree Section of the council on 01305-252367.

VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS 2015 AGM (HELD ON WED 11TH FEBRUARY)

As I write, we are preparing for the 2015 AGM. Although the names of the full Committee for 2015/16 will not be in the BVN until April, the outcome of the AGM can be found on the shiptongorge.org.uk website.

RACE NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 28TH MARCH @ 7.00PM

This will be our next Event which will follow the same pattern as our previous successful nights .We will be showing some **10** Video Races and entry will cost **£4** which will provide you with a full and detailed Racecard. We will have an interval break with plenty of music and socialising. Please feel free to bring your own Drinks/Nibbles. Book your place with **Sally Parker** on 01308897168.



DCA BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015

Just to remind you that SG is now back in the Main Competition for the BEST KEPT VILLAGE in the whole of DORSET having now served our exclusion period as previous winners. The judging starts **1st May** through to **July 31st**.

Terry Diver

MEETING OF THE CHAIRS OF THE VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The Chairs, or their representatives, met for their second six monthly meeting on Friday 6 February and had a very good discussion about their organisations and activities within the village. The aim of these meetings is to try to ensure that all of the organisations work together to improve the

village community. A report on the meeting will be sent for inclusion on the village web site. Any one without access to this who would like to see a copy of the report should contact Hilary Cunningham (897928).

Hilary Cunningham, Organiser

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

The following are planned for April and May so please make a note of them in your diary. Further details will be published later.

- Dorset Wildlife Trust has agreed to do a flora survey of Saunders Richardson Wood on the afternoon of **11th April** commencing at 2.00pm unless there is a cold spring when the survey may be postponed.
- A bird song survey will be done on **19th April** commencing at 7.30am.

Anyone wishing to assist with either survey should contact Hilary Cunningham (807928).

- On Saturday **16th May Notty Hornblower** will present a fashion talk; title and timings not yet available.

NEW INN SUPPORT LTD.

New Inn Support Ltd was the organisation set up to maintain your community pub, The New Inn. If you have an interest in the New Inn have you considered becoming a director and joining the Board as we are looking for additional directors.



For further information on the role of the directors please contact one of the present directors, Jane Mallett (secretary) on 898701, Hilary Cunningham (treasurer) on 897928 or Sally Parker on 897168.

MARTIN HEWLETT'S CHALLENGE



Do you remember when **Martin Hewlett** at 18 ran his first London marathon? He's been running marathons ever since and this year takes on his biggest challenge so far. As he says:

"At the end of May this year I am embarking on an amazing personal challenge. I will be completing a 1000 mile cycle ride across South Africa over 10 days followed by a 56 mile Ultra Marathon on day 11.

By doing this challenge I am hoping to raise over

£3000 in aid of the Unogwaja Light Fund.

To help me reach this fundraising target I have set up a **virtual 5km**

running/walking event for anyone wanting to get healthy, who enjoys a challenge, or who wants to help raise some money for charity. As a thank you for your effort you will receive a RedSockRun medal and some red socks upon completing the challenge. If you are interested in taking part and want to support me in my challenge please have a look at www.redsockrun.co.uk where anyone can sign up to run/walk and you can find out more about the Unogwaja challenge and its amazing story. As I am paying for my flights and accommodation, all of the money raised goes towards the Unogwaja Light Fund. The fund was set up on the back of the challenge to help communities in South Africa to better themselves. It is not charity for charity's sake but helping communities to sustainably grow towards a better future. The fund focuses on those individuals or groups who are a shining light in their community and supports them to help make a difference. The two groups that the Unogwaja Light Fund are currently working with are Vukasebenze ('wake up and work') homeless shelter and Lebone Village vulnerable children's house. With your help these two groups can make a huge impact on many people's lives. Thank you for your support.'

If you would like to know more please ask.

Richard and Chris Hewlett 01308 897278

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

January:

£20 62 Lis Fulford
 £10 4 Pauline Osmond
 £ 5 43 Mary Bartlett

February:

£20 67 Lena Williams
 £10 100 Richard Hewlett
 £5 36 David Curtis

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday 13th of March at 7.30pm will see the return of **Bob Ayers** to give us a talk entitled *“Old Father Thames a look at the World’s Favourite River”*. We will explore the River from its source in the Cotswolds to the Estuary at Southend on Sea. The river’s use as a drinking facility, sports ground, fishery, and its tributaries large and small. It is the origin of the world’s oldest police force and the source of London’s wealth and prominence in the ancient and modern world. Learn of

how Parliament was abandoned because of its smell, and how Londoners have tamed the wild river that runs through its capital's midst. Hear also of oxen roasted on the frozen Thames, as well as how salmon have returned to the cleanest River in Europe. Bob is well placed to know everything there is to know about London as his career as a policeman was in the City of London Police Force. Now retired from the police Bob is a qualified City of London Guide.

Everybody welcome. Entrance is £1 for members or £4 for visitors

Burton Bradstock Village Society Committee Members still needed please. There are vacancies for a Secretary and a Flower and Produce Show Organiser and other members of this most interesting and rewarding Committee. Enquiries please by the end of March to Chris Clarke (898117) or Peter Broomhead (897408)

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

“VILLAGE HALL “200 CLUB”

February 2015 Draw

WDDC Licence no: SL0080



“ Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 128:	Mrs Shirley Parker
2nd	£21.20	No 6:	Mrs Mary Burr
3rd	£10.60	No 166:	Mr Phil & Mrs Jill Gabriel

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COFFEE STOP MORNINGS

The Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are very popular. Dates of the next 3 are listed below. Please come along and meet some friends, they run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome.



Date	Organiser
Wed 25 March	W.I.
Wed 22nd April	Bowls Club
Wed 20th May	Friends of the Library

VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM MINUTES.

Minutes of the Village Hall Trust AGM and a copy of the signed off Accounts for 2014 are pinned to the noticeboard inside the entrance to the hall for anyone who wishes to read

SPRING QUIZ WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER

The ever popular Spring Quiz with fish & chip supper will be on **Saturday 21st March**. Quiz master **Humphrey Walwyn** is currently preparing our normal light hearted quiz with technical assistance from **David Edwards**.



On the night there will be the quiz with prizes for 1st, 2nd and last teams, cash bar and a raffle. The fish and chip supper, which is included in the entry price, will be served at the half way mark. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts about 7:30pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the Post Office from Sat 7th March. They will be £8 per person, which includes a fish & chip supper. In the event the Post Office is shut for refurbishment, tickets can be obtained direct from the organiser. Entry is by ticket only to allow meal planning and control of numbers.

To book a table (please ensure you get your tickets), request a vegetarian meal option (vital if you want one) or to arrange tickets if the Post Office is shut call or email the organiser, **Richard Ferré**, on 01308897648 or richard@ferre.fsnet.co.uk

These quizzes are popular and tickets normally sell out fairly quickly, so be warned!

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

The next film will be **THE HUNDRED-FOOT JOURNEY** on **FRIDAY 27th March** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink.

The Hundred-Foot Journey is a culinary culture-clash comedy starring **Helen Mirren** as a snobby French restaurateur of a hugely successful Michelin starred eatery in an idyllic French village and **Om Puri** who arrives with his immigrant family in a rickety old van which breaks down in the village. The family decide this is the place for them and the snobby



restaurateur is more than put out when this boisterous family set up their establishment over the road.

Owing to the **temporary closure of the Post Office on 18th March** tickets will be available at the Post Office until that date but thereafter may be bought at the Spring Quiz on Saturday 21st March or on the door on the night.

This film will be shown again on **Wednesday 1st April** by Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney.

ARTSREACH

Cartoon de Salvo is one of the best loved touring companies – their current show is “**THE POWERCUT COMPENDIUM**” at **Burton Bradstock Village Hall** on **Saturday 14th March**.

They play a fashionable Theatre company from the city who begin their high tech rural touring show, when the Hall is plunged into darkness!

What has happened? A power failure? – or something more mysterious? How will they continue to keep everyone entertained until the lighting returns? Scary and funny at times, somehow the show must go on!

This is a show for adults and brave children (8+) who aren't afraid of the dark. Don't miss it!

“Exceptional storytelling, gorgeous live music and swashbuckling adventure”

Tickets £9 adult , £6 under 16, £25 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)
Booking from 01308 897214, or from the local Post Office when available.

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

The WI Reading Group's top-scoring book of the year turned out to be “**The Moonstone**” by **Wilkie Collins**. Written in 1868, it was the first and still, arguably, the best detective story ever written.

In January, members were shown how to make attractive and original Memory Albums and scrap-books, using “photo-safe” materials which can be handed down the generations; and in February, **Mike Bolton** led us down Memory Lane with his talk on “**Abandoned Places**”. Still reminiscing, in **March Cheryl Ludgate** will remind us of the days of “**Make Do and Mend**” – when it was a necessity, and not a life-style choice! The March meeting sees a return to 7.30 pm starts.

The WI will be hosting the “Coffee Stop” on 25th March, 10.00 – 12 in the Village Hall – we invite you to join us.



Also this month, some members will be going to see the YAOS (Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society) production of "The King and I" at the Octagon. For further information, phone 01308 898484 (Secretary).

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

This years Festival starts on **Saturday August 15th** with the Art Exhibition and the Music begins on **Sunday 16th** with the Tea Party and then concerts every night for the next week, with two lunchtime recitals as well. The Art brings the Festival to a close on **Sunday 23rd August**. Tickets will be on sale from **29th May**.

The Spring Concert will be held on **June 5th** with tickets on sale from **9th May**. More details in the next BVN.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

PARISH OF ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK
WITH CHILCOMBE



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on **15th April 2015** at 7.00 pm

DIocese of SALISBURY

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR

Burton Bradstock Parish Councillors welcome **Mr Mike Evans** to the Parish Council, now making our total to 9 Councillors, but we still have room for 2 more.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7TH MAY 2015

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

An open meeting for prospective Town and Parish Councillors is being held at Bridport Town Council Offices between 7-8pm on **Wednesday 18th March 2015** organised by Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) and Burton Bradstock PC will also be holding open sessions to give any prospective Councillors an insight into the role. Further information will be available on the notice boards and website.

TREES ON CORNCRAKE

The Corncrake Working Group is keen to maintain the momentum for practical improvements built as a result of the hedge-laying day. The Group will undertake two tree planting sessions this winter - A session with the school children and families and a follow up session with volunteers to

plant the 30 native fruit trees described in the Corncrake Management Plan.

Tree planting dates are to be confirmed but likely to be mid to late March. The sessions will be supervised by the Dorset Countryside Service

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015

Burton Bradstock PC will again be entering the competition and were only a few points from being placed last year. Litter on the playground let us down last year. The competition is judged during April/May so please support the village and clear up your own litter please.

LITTER PICKING EVENT

This year the Litter picking event will be **Saturday 18th April**.

Meet at The Reading Room to collect bags etc. at **10 am** it is hoped to de-camp in a pub afterwards. More details to follow.

MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 4th March 2015, 7.30 pm at the Reading Room**. 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. www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com or by phone on Tel: 01305 871268 or Mob: 07814 016971 – Council contact details are on the website.

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday & Saturday	10.00am to 12.00am

info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk



STORY TIME for Children under 5

Monday **16th March 2015** at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, come and meet Sue and Vicky in the Library. There are lovely children's books to take out and enjoy.

READING GROUP

There are still a few places on the new Reading Group in the Library. If you

would like to join please register your interest with a volunteer in the Library.

COMPUTER COURSES

A new course schedule is available. If you would like more information please contact:- BCLC@Home (**Mollie Baldwin** 07866 698796 or **Adele Kemp** on 07929 355342).

POLICE SURGERIES

PCSO Dave ASH is in the Library every month. If you have any issues that concern you, come and have a chat with him. The next date is **Tuesday 10th March** at 11am.

EXHIBITION BY BRIDPORT CAMERA CLUB

There will be an exhibition in the Library early in April by Bridport Camera Club. Look out for posters around the village.

R.Daniels Chair FBBL

DIARY OF EVENTS

Tuesday 10th March	11.00am	Police Surgery
12th March-2nd April	10:30 - 12:30am	Photoshop Course Thursday mornings for 4 weeks
Monday 16th March	2.30pm	STORY TIME for Children under 5
Early April		Exhibition by Bridport Camera Club
20th April - 9th May		Exhibition by Susan Moores to mark the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II
Tuesday 21st April	7.30 – 8.30pm	“Mysteries of the Interweb” Talk by Alan Pankhurst

REVIEW— FIRE STAR by Chris D’Lacey

Fire Star is a book about a lodger called David who finds out an amazing secret about the people he is staying with. He is staying with Liz and Lucy mother and daughter who have clay dragons all over their house. He is trying to become a writer but has had no success. However one day a woman turns up at the doorstep David is told to stay somewhere else as the mysterious woman is taking his room. He wants to find out who she is and why Liz seems so scared of her. It is a really good book and it is very dramatic. There is also a sequel of Fire Star called **Icefire** which continues David’s story. I would recommend this book to any one over eleven years old.



Poppy and Ingrid :)

Available at Burton Bradstock Community Library

Trailer on Starlight Films for May 2nd

We're arranging another film night for the Starlight Children's Wishes charity – on **Saturday evening 2nd May**, the early Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Forget about the Election and enjoy some real humour!



We have not decided on the main film quite but have a very promising shortlist, but by popular demand there will be a re-showing of the hilarious 18-minute **'Dinner for One'** film, featuring an increasingly drunk English butler serving a meal to a lady and her male friends. In real life the English actor was tee-total; and in real life this film has never been seen in full on British TV despite appearing every New Year in Germany on TV since the 1970s! Full details in a month



John and Annie Grantham.

LITTLEBREDY

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There is no formal link arrangement between Littlebredy and Lochaber, and we're not sure what Mr. Alex Salmond would have made of the event, but the Burns Night celebration in the Village Hall at the end of January was an uproarious success (which the two genuine Scots present took in very good part, it has to be said). The haggis was delicious, the drams most welcome, and the costumes - well, the word variegated comes to mind. Congratulations and thanks to all those who did the work before, during and afterwards.

SIERRA LEONE UPDATE

As set out last month, **Drs. Dominic Waddington** and **Sarah Williams** returned to England at the end of December after two months working in an Ebola Treatment Centre in Port Loko, Sierra Leone. After three weeks' quarantine, Sarah started work again in Barnstaple Hospital at the end of January, but Dominic obtained permission from the Devon NHS to return to Sierra Leone, in more of a training capacity this time, and has been back in West Africa for nearly a month already.

To aid the work of the charity to which they were both attached last autumn, there will be a **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale** at **Bridehead** between **10.30 and 12.30 on Saturday 21st March**. Anyone who can offer items for sale is asked to contact Catherine Williams in advance, please, on 01308 482232 or cwbridehead@btinternet.com.



COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY SALE

BRIDEHEAD, LITTLEBREDY

SATURDAY 21st MARCH, 10.30 – 12.30

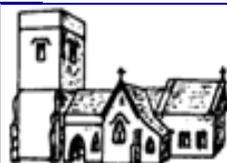
in aid of **GOAL**, a charity
which staffs and operates an Ebola Treatment Centre
fighting the disease in Sierra Leone.

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY 15TH MARCH, 9.30AM

This will be a family service with activities for the children and refreshments after the service . everyone is welcome.

FRUGAL LUNCH THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

This will be held at Langbride from 12.00 in aid of ' Dogs for Heroes'.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN . SATURDAY 28TH MARCH AT 10.00

Help is needed to tidy inside and outside of the church . If you can spare an hour we would be very grateful . Come with any tools you may think you will need and refreshments will be provided.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT AND SEED SALE

This will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 25th April** at 10.00.

WANTED.

Does anyone have a chest of drawers or small cupboard that they no longer want and would be willing to donate / sell to the church for use in the vestry? If so please contact **Jackie Cain** 484379

100 CLUB WINNERS—JANUARY 2015

£25	No. 120	Kate Smith
£15	No. 55	Jack Bailey
£10	No. 47	Juniper Greener

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

The Annual Village Spring Clean is being held on **Saturday, 14th March** this year and will be combined with a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon. Donations towards refreshments and a raffle will be held with proceeds going to the Long Bredy Fingerpost project. Everyone is invited to the coffee morning so please come and enjoy a coffee and chat. Spring cleaners please meet at the village hall around 10.30am, bags and refreshments provided.



THE FINGERPOST PROJECT



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It has recently been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the fingerposts within the parish of Long Bredy are looking very tired and in need of care and attention. The Parish Council agreed unanimously that the fingerposts required refurbishment and felt that they should be restored to their original state with hard wood fingers, metal lettering and the missing roundel replaced. The Dorset ANOB has sourced a variety of organisations and companies to help villages with their fingerpost projects and the parish council is in the process of requesting funding towards the cost of refurbishment. It is possible for individuals to sponsor a letter or names, so you would like to please do. Volunteers are also needed to help with this project so if you would like to know more please contact **Gwen Kinghorn**, the Parish Clerk.

(The original roundel went missing several years ago but if anyone knows of the whereabouts of the roundel the parish council would like to know and would appreciate it back if possible)

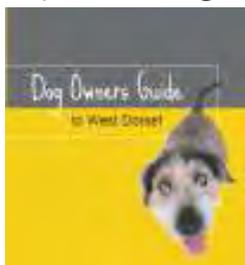
PARISH COUNCIL & WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MAY 7TH.

This is Election Year not only the General Election but also Parish Councils and West Dorset District Council. There were several people thinking about becoming a parish councillor when we recently had vacancies on the Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council, so why not think about it again now when the present councillors come up for election. If you feel strongly about your community and local issues which affect us all and where we live, take a positive step and stand for election. To help you make up your mind the Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils (DAPTC) have arranged some local open meetings which you can attend and find out what being a local councillor is like, what responsibilities they have, what the time demands are, why people became councillors and you will have the

opportunity to ask questions on anything else you feel you need to know before you make up your mind. These open meetings will take place at **The Magistrates Room, The Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester between 7pm and 8pm on Tuesday, 10th March** and **Bridport Town Council Offices, Mountfield, Bridport between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 18th March**. No booking is necessary just turn up at the venue of your choice.

DOG MATTERS

Please can the Parish Council ask once again that people clear up after their dogs, not only on the roads but also on the footpaths and in the fields. Exposure to dog faeces may cause toxocara worm infection (this can cause blindness and other health hazards, particularly in children) and tapeworm infestation is also a threat. C Ovis, or sheep measles stems from a canine tape worm which can survive on pasture for six months before being ingested by and thereby infecting sheep. Also, please keep your dogs under control particularly when crossing fields with livestock in them. Unfortunately a ewe with new born lambs is not aware your dog is only curious and playful and the result can be a deeply distressed ewe and abandoned lambs, with cows and calves the result has proved fatal to dogs and their owners, so please take care.



Several copies of the 'Dog Owners Guide to West Dorset' are available in the telephone box for you to take away. It is full of useful tips and information for you and your dog including information on dog access to the beaches of West Bay and Lyme Regis.

If you would like further information on any of the parish council matters please contact **Gwen Kinghorn**, Parish Clerk, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy. Tel: 01308 482270.

MISSING DOG

Sadly, **Tinker** from 6 Bedford Terrace has gone missing. He is a very elderly, small mottled black and white collie type cross and despite extensive searching in the local area he has disappeared. As you can appreciate this is most distressing for his owner whose companion he has been from a puppy. If anyone has any information at all about Tinker please can you contact **Mary** or **Veronica** at **6 Bedford Terrace**.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

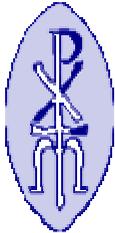
As part of the British Archaeology's Festival of Archaeology, over the weekend of the **25th** and **26th** July we are looking to have a



series of archaeological digs, geophysical survey demonstrations, an exhibition of local artefacts and a local walk of archaeological interest, all centred on Long Bredy. There is a wide variety of ways everyone can join in and so we hope the whole village will take part. Further details later.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our **March** working party will be on **Thursday 5th** with jobs both indoors and outside Please come and help if you possibly can.

There will be a **Frugal Lunch** on **Wednesday 25th March** at 1 Litton Hill from 12.30, hosted by **Wendy** and **John Firrell**. All are very welcome. The proceeds

will be going to **The Honeypot Children's Charity**, which supports children who are carers, and the charity runs a holiday house for them in the New Forest.



BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

The Quiz Night at the White Horse in January was a great success with 60 people making up 12 teams. The winning team was a family affair with the **Jones** and the **Kingstons** narrowly fending off the others in the last round.



Comments on the four survey reports and quotations for repairs have now been received from the Diocesan bell expert and the companies have been asked for more detailed costings so that we can make a proper comparison before making a final decision on who will undertake the work. Grant applications are being submitted and a Faculty application is under way, so things are progressing!

Finally, can we remind you that if you would like to contribute you can do so online by visiting the village website 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. Thank you.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Litton Cheney Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm

on **Tuesday 10th March** at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All local residents are welcome and indeed actively encouraged to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY 7TH MAY

Parish Council Elections will take place on **Thursday 7th May**. This is the same day as the General Election and Local Elections. If you would like to be considered for election as a parish councillor we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Parish Clerk **John Firrell** (482313) for more information.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

Wednesday 4th March "BELLE" Cert. 12

Length 90 minutes. Trailer available at

www.littoncheney.org.uk



Belle is inspired by a true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle (**Gugu Mbatha-Raw**), the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield (**Tom Wilkinson**) and his wife (**Emily Watson**), Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the colour of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Left to wonder if she will ever find love, Belle falls for an idealistic young vicar's son bent on change who, with her help, shapes Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine). Tickets in advance from: **Lois Edwards** 482605, **Elizabeth Kingston** 482162, **Bella Spurrier** 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

This film will also be shown at Burton Bradstock with whom we share the licence.

Our next film will be on Wednesday 1st April (This is not an April Fool!) - "**The One Hundred Foot Journey**" starring Helen Mirren. For more details and to see the trailer visit www.littoncheney.org.uk

EVENTS AT LATCH IN MARCH 2015

Monday evenings	Beavers
Tuesdays	Short Mat bowls 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 3 rd & 17 th	Youth Club
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	Art Class 1.30pm in the meeting room
Thursday evenings	Scouts (not 12 th or 26 th)
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 a.m



Wednesday 4 th	Film Night "Belle" 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 12 th	Artsreach - Ben Osborne's Himalayan Journeys 7.30pm (see below)
Thursday 26 th	School Concert
Saturday 28 th	Theatre Evening in aid of Coastwatch

There will be no Village Café in March—instead please support the Coffee Morning at Bridehead on 21st March in aid of Ebola Treatment Centres in Sierra Leone (see Littlebredy Notes for more details).

**'HIMALAYAN JOURNEYS' BY AWARD-WINNING WILDLIFE AND LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER BEN OSBORNE.
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH AT LATCH 7.30 P.M.**



Ben Osborne is well known for the stunning photographs that formed part of the Jurassic Journey exhibition in 2012. Having worked on David Attenborough's BBC natural history programmes such as 'Life in the Freezer' and 'Planet Earth', Ben's captivating live shows reflect

his extensive stills photography work. This spring Ben returns with a show that takes audiences on two winter journeys to Ladakh and Zanskar.

Lying on the edge of the Tibetan plateau, behind the Himalayan ranges, these ancient kingdoms are effectively cut off from the outside world in winter by heavy snowfall and temperatures down to -30c. They are also politically sensitive, being right on the border between China and India. Searching for snow leopards and other animals, Ben Osborne trekked up frozen rivers, crossed mountain passes, travelled through uninhabited valleys, strayed into military zones, camped in caves and visited ancient monasteries. This show tells the compelling story of two journeys with, as ever, stunning images and entertaining commentary from Ben.



Box Office: 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com
Adults £8, U18s £5, Family (4) £22

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please note these important dates for your social calendar – and keep a look out on the website and notice boards for more details and additional events:

Sunday April 5 th (Easter Sunday)	The Duck Race.
Wednesday May 6 th	Social Committee AGM, together with LATCH & Web group.

Thursday May 21st

Sunday July 19th

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th
December

Bride Valley Navigational Challenge.

The Village BBQ.

Carol Singing around the village.

Ron Davidson (LCSC) - 482661)

SUPPORTING DORSET AIR AMBULANCE

The White Horse was packed for a quiz night to raise money for Dorset Air Ambulance. Participants had great fun and a total of £250 was raised by the entry fees, raffle and generous donations from those who couldn't attend.

The fundraising team are very grateful to Val and Kelvin, and special thanks must go to **Tess Mulhall** for running the quiz and managing to make herself heard above the lively crowd.

Other fundraising events include an Easter meat draw: tickets cost £1 each, and the prizes are joints of fresh chicken, pork and beef. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday after the Duck Race and the proceeds will be split between Dorset Air Ambulance and the Church Bell Restoration project. Tickets are available in the **White Horse**. For more information contact **John Mulhall** on 482687.

The final fundraising effort will take place on May 17th, when five Bride Valley cyclists will ride from Coast to Coast Watchet to West Bay. Any sponsorship will be gratefully received.



LITTON VILLAGE WALKS



A group of nine walkers plus three dogs had an enjoyable walk in the Abbotsbury area followed by lunch at the **Ilchester Arms**. The next walk is on led by **Chris and Irene Coville February 28th** starting at **The White Horse** at 9.00 – see the village website for more details.





PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Easter Sunday Family Communion at 9.30am. All Welcome.

Childrens Workshop— Good Friday April 3rd in Puncknowle Hall from 2.00 – 4.pm.

An Easter Children's workshop based round items in the Easter Story. All ages welcome. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact sue.brown@btinternet.com to register your intention to come.

Easter Egg Hunt 4pm in Puncknowle Playing Fields, (a separate activity arranged by members of the WI)

Tea in the hall, approximately 4.30pm (arranged by the Church). Anybody welcome including children but those under 8 must be accompanied. Look out for more information on posters round the villages or contact Sue.



Lisa Metcalf is running the London Marathon on **26th April 2015** to raise money for the charity Crimestoppers. This is a

great charity that really does make a difference. Lisa has a big target to reach and is looking for donations with still a long way to go! If you would like to support Lisa please go to her fundraising page <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LisaMetcalf1>



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on **Tuesday 17th March**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone David Buckland on 898492. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this popular social



event and are over 50 years of age please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.

Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. We are looking to have enough helpers/cooks to enable us to have more than one team. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

January

17	Paul Pritchard	£15
3	John Holker	£15

VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We participated in National Farmhouse Breakfast Week. The TSA arranged a **Farmhouse Breakfast** in LATCH. Eggardon contributed to this fundraising event by preparing



posters to put up in the villages to advertise the breakfast, and helped with orders and stalls on the day itself. The day was very busy, the food was excellent and the TSA raised a huge **£515**.

We also had a **full English breakfast** for the whole school, very kindly provided by an ex-parent and a parent. The breakfast was greatly enjoyed by children and staff, accompanied by appropriately English music!



We are very grateful to the volunteers who come into school to read with the children. In order to encourage the children to **enjoy books and reading**, they are offered the opportunity to borrow a book of their choice from the school library every week.

We are participating in a **Bridport pyramid maths project** aimed at enhancing teaching and learning in maths across the pyramid. All the primary schools as well as Colfox are involved in this project.



Eggardon had a fantastic day of **outdoor education** at Carey Camp. They did orienteering, walking on tree ropes, shelter building and lunch around a campfire.

Our thanks to the volunteers who came into school to make **Christingles** with Eggardon.

Sport: Paul Kingston kindly arranged **archery tournaments** with Portesham Primary School. Eggardon won 18-11 and Year 4 narrowly lost 24-20. A great time was had by the children. Our football team played a super **Kenway Cup** game against Salway Ash. Sadly, we lost 2-1. Some of the Eggardon children took part in a pyramid **cross-country event** at Colfox.

The whole school participated in **Sign2Sing** in support of the charity **SignHealth**.

Our Eco Club participated in the **RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch**. The weather was very cold so there were fewer birds than usual in the field and Discovery Area. Even so, the children counted 22 birds and identified 11 different kinds including blue tits, great tits and a robin (who perched on a branch in front of the children so that they could have a good look at each other!).

A parent kindly brought her children's pet snakes into school! This was a first - we have had rabbits and lambs, newts and tadpoles in the past!

A regular Action Day is planned in the **Discovery Area** on the last Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm.



The Action Day on 31 January centred around sorting out the willow structures that the children enjoy using so much. The willow tunnel was made safe and it looks like a tunnel again! The sun shone and the children enjoyed planting bulbs (thanks to Groves), rescuing the soft fruit trees from brambles and making hot chocolate and toasting crumpets.

The Eco Club have been keeping up their weekly visits and have achieved a lot over the winter. Expect a sea of golden daffodils this spring!

The next Action Day will focus on the Saxon Hut. Please do come and help – especially carpenters and builders and anyone who is handy at such things! There will be tea and coffee and hot chocolate refreshments for volunteers!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I write this report we are coming to the end of the first half of the Spring term, and although relatively short it has been a very busy one!

Our Learning Quest this term 'How It Works' is proving to be a good choice with so much excellent learning across the four classes. In Science, the children have been investigating how our bodies work ranging from, for example, the younger children exploring their senses through to the older ones finding out about teeth and the respiratory system. The Learning Quest has also been a great way to explore inventions with the Boats class learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Class 4 researching the Industrial Revolution, resulting in fantastic art work based around the famous artist L.S. Lowry.

The children continue to enjoy our Collective Worship each Friday, as you can see from the photographs, when we welcome the Open the Book visitors, co-ordinated by Mrs Woodford, who with the children's help retell



the stories from the Bible.

Thanks to the fundraising of The Friends of the School, children in the Sails class have had a new Interactive Whiteboard installed and there have been new Maths games and resources bought for the whole school. They are now busy organising the annual Duck Race, which is taking place on Easter Monday (6th April) at 1pm. This year we have our fingers crossed for a fine day after the horrendous rain we experienced last year! We hope you will be able to join us, whatever the weather!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS



This term we will be starting off with Communities, we will look at ourselves and the people who are in our class, where we live and what we all look like. Moving on from this we will explore occupations and people who help us (looking at boys and girls doing the same jobs, e.g. fire-fighter/police officers).

After half term we start off by exploring the circle of life in animals. With pond dipping, stories of 'The Tadpole' and 'The Caterpillar'. Moving on to Book week, we will make cook book recipes from the stories etc.

The last week we will do Easter activities.

BOOK WEEK 16TH-19TH OF MARCH We will focus on one story for the whole week (possibly 2 weeks). Also in the school library will be the travelling book fair where your child can spend their book token (fair is open before and after school).

EASTER ACTIVITIES AND CHURCH SERVICE 23RD -26TH MARCH. For the last week of term we will have Easter activities. On **Wednesday 25th** we plan to have an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the discovery area. Also some special Easter activities, we would like to invite all parent, grandparents and friends to come and join in the fun. As well as this we have a school **Easter Church Service** on **Thursday 26th**. We will walk to the church and back again with the school. You are welcome to come and join us; afterward we will have a snack of hot cross buns.

VISITORS

We are awaiting a visit from the vets, hopefully we will hear from them soon. Also we are contacting healthcare professionals to come and talk to the children about their job (we will have to see as they have lots to do.) At the end of term we are hoping to have some lambs visit us from a nearby farm.

For more information on opening times, contact details etc. please see our web site <http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk/>

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)

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 13th March and Friday 10th April**. 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 GARDENING CLUB



Representing all the valley villages, the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2015 season on **Monday 16th March** at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall at Puncknowle. We welcome back **Chris Smith** from **Pennard Plants** with a talk on **Potatoes**. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between March and October (except in August, when there is no meeting).

The Annual subscription for members is £5 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

DATES TO NOTE:

The **AGM** will be held at 7.00p.m on **20th April** followed by our regular meeting at 7.30p.m when the subject will be 'Gardens of World War 1' The **Flower and Produce Show** will be at LATCH on **Saturday 18th July**.

JOBS TO DO IN MARCH

All herbaceous plants and deciduous trees can be planted in March if the

ground is not too wet. Sow sweet peas outside or plant out young plants raised under cover, having pinched out the growing tips to encourage side-shoots. Sow hardy annual seeds. Prune bush and shrub roses. Plant summer flowering bulbs. In the vegetable and herb gardens sow short rows of seeds; harden off young plants to put outside; plant onion sets, shallots and early potatoes. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

BRIDE VALLEY WI

Our WI continues to enjoy fun, interesting and well attended meetings. In February we had a brilliant talk by image consultant Liz Prest on Colour in the Wardrobe. The March meeting is 'Spring Crafts' then in April, a greenwood working demo with Mace Bryant at Bodgers Barn in West Bexington, followed by drinks at the Manor. We aim to have a varied programme of events but the friendship and mutual support we enjoy is the thread that runs through the WI and any woman living in the valley and beyond is made very welcome.



Unless it says otherwise, we meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the village hall in Puncknowle. We are still welcoming new members so please do come along and see us - the first meeting is free! Contact Natalie Green nataliejgreen@me.com for more information.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS - URGENT!!

I know that it is early but we are looking for **Collectors** in **Puncknowle** for next year's Poppy appeal. If you are feel able to help please contact Mr Richard Cunningham (01308 898928)



SOCIAL EVENINGS

The Vice Chairman and I have had a meeting with the new Landlord of the **Three Horseshoes Mr Jaap Schep** (pronounced "yap"). He has agreed to accommodate us in the Restaurant and provide a one course meal on the following dates

Monday March 30th

Monday April 27th

Monday May 18th (NB this is a week earlier as the last Monday is a Bank Holiday)

Monday June 28th

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

OTHER EVENTS

Friday October 23rd Annual Band Concert in Burton Village Hall
Thursday November 5th Coffee morning in Burton Village Hall
Saturday November 7th Wreath laying in the Bride Valley
Sunday November 8th Remembrance Service at St Mary's Burton

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.....



Kenneth George GOODWIN (“Ken”)(Weymouth) who died on 2 February. He was an active Branch Member for four years and during that time he was twice Branch shuvh'a'penny champion. A lover of the 'outdoors', in particular the natural world and never happier than when he held a fishing rod in his hand, he will be greatly missed by those of us who had the pleasure of his company. Our sympathy goes out to Ken's wife Angela, their sons and family.

Christopher PERCIVAL (“Chris”)(Abbotsbury) a Branch Member for sixteen years until he was forced to call it a day when failing health made it necessary. Until his retirement he worked at Old's Garage, Portesham. He had a particular interest in mechanical engineering, right from his youth. He served his country with pride in the Armed Services. Our condolences to his wife Kath, their daughter and the extended family.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION challenged the Branch Members to a skittles match at the **Swan Inn, Abbotsbury** in February, and for the first time ever, legitimately won by a handsome margin: we heartily congratulate you ladies – well done!

Our Branch Annual Lunch will be held on **26 March at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype**, gathering at noon for 12.30 pm. There are still vacant seats, so hurry if you wish to partake: bookings and menu choices are needed in advance. The event is open to non-Members whose payment must be in advance, payable to “The Social Fund” at £21. The meal is 3-courses. A substantial raffle will also take place!

The Tour of North Yorkshire 4-9 May is now fully booked: a waiting list is being compiled for anyone still feeling lucky, in case there are cancellations. (Ring Des as below).

For our Spring outing we are going to **Bowood House** and Gardens near Calne, Wiltshire. The Heritage Houses Assocn. awarded this its "Garden of the Year 2014". Open to non-Members. It promises to be a memorable day out! Book now to avoid disappointment.

Des Baker is now taking bookings for his privately arranged 8-day **Tour of Amalfi Coast**, Italy from 20-27 October. Accommodation is a half board stay at a 4* seaside hotel. There are particularly attractive prices applicable to the usual "singles" supplements. (Full detailed itinerary can be had by calling Des on 01305 267617). Any proceeds will be shared between the R.B.L. Poppy Appeal and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

*Des Baker Chairman 'The Social Fund'
01035 267617 or email aveswood@sky.com*

CAN YOU HELP US SAVE GOOD BOOKS CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP?

Good Books, in common with many other bookshops, both Christian and secular, is losing money in spite of cutting our costs to the bone, and we will not be able to continue to trade if we don't reverse this trend.

Good Books, a Christian Charity, is the base for many good things that go on in Bridport, Hopeful Hampers Foodbank and the Good Neighbours Scheme to name but two.

Could you become one of one hundred people to pledge the sum of £2.00 per month? You could pay monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually by standing order into our bank, or you could pop the cash into the shop on a regular basis.

If you can help please complete and return the slip below to **Good Books, St Mary's Old School, Gundry Lane, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL** or phone us on **01308 420483** or e-mail us at **orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk**. Please tell us if you are a taxpayer, and we will send you a Gift Aid Declaration form so we can recover an additional 25% of your donation.

Do call in if you'd like to help us as a volunteer fundraiser or work in the shop.

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**BENEFITS ADVICE SESSION AT
CHANCERY HOUSE, BRIDPORT
... AN INITIATIVE BY DORSET
WELFARE BENEFITS PARTNERSHIP**



Age UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to help older West Dorset residents to maximise their benefits entitlements.

Advice sessions will be held on the **second Wednesday in each month**, between **9.30am and 12.00** at Chancery House Bridport, and will be **strictly by appointment**.

Dorset residents only please.

To make an appointment, please contact Chancery House, Bridport on 01308 424357 or at Chancery House, Chancery Lane, Bridport DT6 3JT www.bridport424@btconnect.com

Future dates: 11th March, 8th April, 13th May

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays 2-4.30pm at **Bridport Quaker Meeting House**, South Street.

- Friday 6th 2pm tea and chat, therapies with **Celia Slater**.
- Friday 13th 12.45pm Rising Voices West, 2pm Tripudio.
- Friday 20th 2.00pm Singing, songwriting and art with **Jane Silver-Corren** and **Libby Jukes**.
- Friday 27th 2.00-4.30pm Creative Writing workshop with **Rosie Jackson**.
- Saturday 28th Living Tree sponsored walk in aid of **The Fortuneswell Trust**, rendezvousing at Sylvia's Bench on Thorncombe Beacon at 3.30pm, followed by tea 4pm at Down House Farm.



www.thelivingtree.org.uk

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Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

**Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,
Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.**

GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER – FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015



Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity?
Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting Spinal Injuries Association's (SIA's) vital services.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. The money raised from the suppers will help SIA support those who become paralysed, and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. Alternatively those at work could hold a Fish and Chip lunch in their workplaces. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

WEST DORSET COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The West Dorset Community Orchestra performs regularly in the Bridport area. Members have a wide range of ages and abilities; this is challenging but fun. Everyone can read music and has some experience of playing with others. The orchestra is looking for musicians, particularly brass and percussion; we can accommodate extra string players. We rehearse on Wednesdays in the Christian Fellowship Church from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. If you play an instrument why not join the orchestra? You can try out the orchestra for half a term free of charge. For further information visit our website www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk or phone 01305 264320.

	<p>BELLE Wednesday 4th March 8.00pm LATCH See Litton Cheney Section page 22 for further details</p>	
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DIARY, MARCH 2015

Wed	4	19.30	Burton Bradstock PC Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Wed	4	20.00	Bride Valley Films - "Belle" - Doors 19.30	LATCH
Thur	5	9.30	St Mary's March Woring Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Thur	5	12.00	Frugal Lunch - Dogs for Heroes	Langbride, Long Bredy
Thur	5	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	6	10.00	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	10	11.00	Police Surgery	Library, Burton Bradstock
Tue	10	19.30	W.I. - "Make do & Mend" Cheryl Ludgate	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	10	19.30	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wed	11	19.30	Shipton Gorge Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Thur	12	11.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, South Annings BB
Thur	12	19.30	Ben Osborne's 'Himalayan Journeys'	LATCH
Fri	13	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	13	19.30	Village Soc. Old father Thames/ Bob Ayres	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	14	10.30	Long Bredy - Village Spring Clean	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Sat	14	19.30	Artsreach The Powercut Compendium	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	16	14.30	Storytime for children under 5	Library, Burton Bradstock
Mon	16	19.30	BV Garden Club Potatoes/Chris Smith	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	17	12.30	Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	19	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	19	19.30	Bride Valley WI - Spring Crafts	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	20	09.45	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	21	10.30	Coffee and Bring & Buy for GOAL	Bridehead, Littlebredy
Sat	21	19.00	"Fish & Chip Supper" Quiz	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	25	10.00	Coffee stop hosted by the W.I.	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	25	12.30	Frugal Lunch - Honey-pot Charity	1 Litton Hill, Litton Cheney
Fri	27	19.00	Village Films - " Hundred Foot Journey"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	28	09.00	Litton Village Walk	The White Horse, Litton Cheney
Sat	28	19.00	Race Night	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Mon	30	19.00	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	Three Horseshoes, Burton



COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY SALE

BRIDEHEAD, LITTLEBREDY

SATURDAY 21st MARCH, 10.30 – 12.30

in aid of **GOAL**, a charity
which staffs and operates an Ebola Treatment Centre
fighting the disease in Sierra Leone.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: MARCH 2015

	1st Sunday 1 March Lent 2	2nd Sunday 8 March Lent 3	3rd Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday	4th Sunday 22 March Lent 5	CLOCKS CHANGE 5th Sunday 29 March
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion By Ext	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	.	9.30 Morning Worship		11am United Service
Littlebredy		11am Holy Communion By Ext		11.00 Holy Communion	