

Bride Valley News



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VILLAGE WEBSITES

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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



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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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*To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone the Team Office on 01308 897751*

WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2015

Wednesday	1	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Holy Communion
Thursday	2	9.00	Puncknowle
Monday	6	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	8	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	9	9.00	Swyre & Puncknowle
Friday	10	9.00	Shipton
Monday	13	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	15	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	15	9.00	Puncknowle
Monday	20	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	22	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	23	9.00	Puncknowle & Swyre
Friday	24	9.00	Shipton
Monday	27	9.00	Long Bredy
Wednesday	29	9.30	Burton Bradstock
		10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	30	9.00	Puncknowle

FROM THE RECTORY

CHRISTIANS ARE ESSENTIALLY 'EASTER PEOPLE', and Easter People are people of hope. No hope, no future; no future, no hope!

Is that why, I wonder, our present culture is so dominated by the 'now'? Is that why society has to live in and for the moment, because it cannot face or be sure of the next?

At the heart of our faith are two realities, suffering (culminating in death) and the after-death that Christians rightly call the afterlife (life eternal).

Christians can cope with hardship because of the hope of the resurrection. As Scripture says *For me to live (in the now) is Christ and to die is gain* (it's not the end but the beginning) *Absent from the body present with the Lord* is what God's Word promises us.

The hope of Easter is why our brothers and sisters in other lands can endure suffering and face death - last year twice as many Christians became martyrs than the previous year. With tears of sadness and joy Christians in persecution and peace throughout the world on Easter Day will join in the Easter shouts '*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again*', and '*Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!*'

This is our hope - Jesus Christ! This crucified and risen one promises '*Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in to him or her, and stay with them and they - with me*'

This is our help now and our hope for ever



Ryder Rogers

THANK YOU!

These paint rollers left out to dry outside the Rectory in mid March are evidence of the hard work that went on inside during the weekend Frances and I spent at Burton Bradstock preparing for our move. Our sincere thanks go to the many folk who gave up their time and offered their skills in many and varied ways helping us with gardening and redecorating and with taking



things away to the Bridport tip and offering to complete more work before we arrive in April. We are extremely grateful to you. Thank you.

Stephen & Frances (and Cadbury, our dog who spent many happy hours strolling around the garden while we all worked!)

FROM THE REGISTERS

On 15th February 2015, Puncknowle Church was filled with the joyful sound of excited whispers and expectant chatter as family and friends gathered for the baptism of **Isla Rose Broughton**. At six months of age, Isla was the beautiful and perfectly behaved star of the afternoon. In addition to the support of her parents, Isla has five Godparents to guide her as she grows in the community and in the Church. Isla's big sister, **Evie** chose the reading, and the hymns which she sang with great gusto. At the end of the service, Isla was given a lighted candle, and we pray that she will shine with the light of God every day of her life and so make the world around her a brighter, better place.



 On 9th February 2015, the funeral of **Margaret Elfrida Cullingford** was held at the Church of St Martin, Shipton Gorge. The mourners were led by Margaret's sons Dave and Phil and their wives, Ruth and Carol who were supported by other members of the family. We sang The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended and All things bright and beautiful; the latter reflecting very much Margaret's childhood spent in rural Dorset, and the enjoyment she got from her garden. Born in 1924, Margaret married Ernest in 1944, and they spent the first years of their married life living and working on a dairy farm. After several moves, they settled in Shipton Gorge where Margaret remained after the death of Ernest until her own ill health necessitated her move into a Dorchester care home. A cheerful, caring and gentle person, Margaret will always be remembered with a smile and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Following the funeral service, the committal took place at Weymouth Crematorium.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital for any who have been bereaved.

Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3rd Friday** of each month

You are welcome to come and have a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright 01308 456 967**





PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN!!

There are places left on the
Easter Children's workshop
based round items in the

Easter Story including making the Easter Garden.

WHEN: Good Friday April 3

WHERE: in Puncknowle Hall from 2.00 -4.pm.

WHO FOR: All ages welcome. Children under 8
must be accompanied by an adult.

Please contact sue.brown@btinternet.com to register your intention to come



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

Tea in the hall, approximately 4.30pm (arranged by the
Church).

Look out for more information on posters round the villages
or contact Sue Brown.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON BOOK GROUP



The book group has had a varied few months of reading. In
January we read **Tim Lott's** political satire on Thatcher's Britain
'Rumours of a Hurricane'.

February saw us tackle **Hugh Howey's** dystopian future novel
'Wool' which divided the group between those who like that
kind of book (and loved it) and those who don't.

Our March read was **Vaddey Ratner's** harrowing account of life in Cambodia
under the Khmer Rouge **'In the Shadow of the Banyan'** which was based on
the experiences of her own family. This was an interesting (although not
exactly enjoyable) book but Ratner is not a natural writer and her somewhat
clunky style did not help the difficult subject matter.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE JULIAN MEETINGS

*“All shall be well and all shall be well,
and all manner of thing shall be well”*

The purpose of Julian Meetings is defined as “fostering the practice



and teachings of contemplative prayer within the Christian tradition”

The Group meets in Holy Trinity Swyre on the first Monday in the month between 10am and 11am and afterwards we have coffee and a chat.

The group can be up to about 15 people of various denominations both lay people and clergy. A brief reading and/or a piece of music lead to about 30 minutes of contemplative prayer, or meditation. If you would like to know more join us when you can at one of our meetings, all are welcome.

The next meeting is programmed for **Easter Monday** and although we shall not have the usual format you are welcome to come and sit quietly at any time between 10am and 11am and have coffee with some of us afterwards.

SUMMER FETE

Hi All,



Following on our meeting later last year the ideas for the 2015 fete were settling on a theme for more children’s activities. Ideas are requested i.e. fancy dress, maypoles etc. To enliven the fete we have provisionally booked some live musicians.

2015 is the 200th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo and there will be a snapshot of village life at that time with perhaps family members involved. We have again ordered the 2 marquees but how we arrange the fete is up for discussion. Helpers without email will have a note of this but please pass the word round.

Tony 898523

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

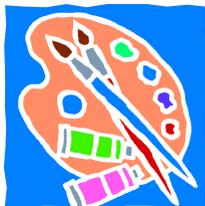


Our next meal will be on **21st April**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this popular social event and are over 50 years of age please get in touch and 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

PUCKNOWLE ART GROUP - COVERING THE BRIDE VALLEY



As there was no entry for March, we are covering events a way back now. The AGM was held at "Patria", West Bexington on January 9th, when **Philippa Young** became **Chair** and **Helen Sinclair** became **Treasurer**. We had a superb workshop end January with the very skilled **Stephen Yates**, who demonstrated a snow landscape in acrylics using 3 colours - which we then attempted to

do. We have had a few "own work" sessions in Puncknowle Village Hall where members did their own work in various mediums.

In March we had a workshop with Chelsea Art College trained Dorset artist **Jane Huxtable Brown**, we thought we were to do a landscape scene, however on the day Jane decided it was to be a still life study! Very different indeed, but we learned new techniques.

We have further workshops planned in house and are looking en plein air sessions, hopefully when the weather warms up.

This little Club is **30 years old** in **September**, so members are considering ways we may celebrate this.

Do take a look at our website

www.puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.com

Norma Millard Vice Secretary

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES:

Good Friday - Litany 10.00am

Easter Day - Family Communion 11.00am

Come and celebrate with us -All are welcome.

APCM

At the St Martin's APCM the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the next year:

Kate Kent - Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative.

Christine Huxtable - treasurer

Hazel Coulter - secretary

Linda Buck - Deanery Synod Representative

Vicky Thomas - United Benefice Representative

Kate Drew

Yvette Smith

James Webster (LLM) ex officio member & United Benefice Representative.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On **May 1st** Dorset County Association of Church Bell-ringers will be ringing a full peal at St Martin's from 9.30 am. This is to commemorate the 100th anniversary (on May 2nd) of the death at Hill 60, Ypres, of Private Will Sanders of Shipton Gorge who died along with around 150 comrades from the Dorsetshire Regiment as a result of the second gas attack ever mounted in WWI. The church will be open for refreshments.

The licensing of **Rev. Canon Stephen Batty** as Rector of the Bride Valley will take place on Tuesday May 12th at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney.

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR APRIL

St Martin's floodlights are sponsored this month:

In loving memory of **Bob Thorn**.

For **Jean Ayers**.

Toby Hewitt for Jen's birthday.

For **James Webster's** birthday, and

For **Gilbert Grevett** who loved his table tennis at Shipton Village Hall

Your sponsorship is very much appreciated.

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

Parish elections take place on **7th May**, along with the General Election. If you feel able to contribute to the life of the village by becoming a parish councillor, nomination forms are available from **Mary Boughton** at Gullivers

(897958) or from West Dorset District Council (01305-838299).

Completed nomination forms need to be handed in to WDDC by **4pm on 9th April**. **Christine Huxtable** has kindly volunteered to deliver all completed nominations from the village so please hand them to her at Peartree Cottage in good time.

Following the election the first meeting of the new Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 13th May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and of course everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be holding our **Annual Litter Clean-up** in the village on **Saturday 18th April**, meeting at the New Inn at 10am. Many hands make light work so the more people who can spare half an hour to help with this the better. Bags, tabards, gloves etc are provided.



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st April** at 7.30pm. Representatives from the organisations in the village will be giving a brief resume of their year's work and everyone is welcome to come along. Most importantly there will also be a period for general discussion on any aspect of village life that parishioners would like to raise. We look forward to seeing you there.

As you may have seen in the local press, the introduction of the **new refuse collection system** that was due to start in July has now been postponed and is unlikely to start until the Autumn. It is a slightly more complicated system than at present with greater recycling facilities, and all the organisations in the village are very willing to help anyone who has any queries about this prior to its introduction in the Autumn.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS 2015 AGM

This was held on 11th February last where the following were elected to serve on the SGVS Committee for 2015/16 :

Chairman - **Ed Buck** ; V/Chairman - **Simon Cleveland** ; Secretary - **Eileen Heaver** ; Treasurer - **Terry Diver** ; Events Organiser - **Sally Parker** . Also elected were **Terry Hunt, Doris Benselin, Colin Chambers** and **Ruth Nunn**.

We currently have a Vacancy on the Committee. Any Shipton Gorge Resident can apply to fill the Vacancy by contacting the Chairman **Ed Buck** on **01308 898278**.

The full list of the Committee with contact numbers can be found on the SG website at www.shiptongorge.org.uk/parish_council pages.

There was a question from a SG Resident published on the AGM Agenda relating to a change in the SGVS Committee Meetings procedure. This was passed to the newly elected SGVS Committee for their consideration. They have decided upon a 6 month trial change to the current way we hold our meetings. The Committee's full response can be found on Village Notice Boards.

SG VILLAGE ARCHIVE DISPLAY ON SATURDAY 9TH MAY (11AM – 3PM) IN THE VILLAGE HALL

This is advance notice of our next Event. Following a considerable amount of work on the above by **Sally Parker** and **Eileen Heaver**, a full display of SG historical photos etc.. which have been obtained over the past years can be viewed on the **9th May** in the Village Hall. We will also be having photocopying facilities available on the day.

SGVS SUMMER SHOW + FETE ON SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

(SG Village Hall and Field)

This is early notice of the combining of our Annual Summer Show (Home grown Produce and Crafts Competition) with the SGVS Fete. We have invited the other SG Village Organisations to 'run' their own table and thus trying to unite the whole Village around a single Event.. Further information will be available in the BVN nearer to the date.



DCA BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015

Just to remind you that the judging period for the Competition runs between April 1st and 31st July this year. The Judges arrive in the Village without prior notification and on any number of occasions. We politely ask that everybody 'does their bit' to help us win again. As previously reported, ***the presence of any LITTER is big on the Judges marking down list !***

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM is to be held on **Monday 20th April**, 7pm for 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and all will be warmly welcomed.

Richard Hewlett

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

The following are planned for April and May so please make a note of them in your diary. .

- **Saturday 11th April** - 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.

- **Sunday 19th April** - 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).
- **Saturday 16th May Notty Hornblower** will present a fashion talk "From Vapours to Votes 1800-1918" Notty has her own museum of costume and restoration, Hope House Museum, and has been lecturing on fashion for over fifteen years at various locations such as Chatsworth House and Eltham Palace. She also values antique clothes for several auction houses in the Peak District. Final details of this event will be in next months BVN.
Hilary Cunningham

SECOND HAND JEWELLERY NEEDED FOR FUND-RAISING

You may know of our local fundraising efforts for **Womankind Worldwide**, through our talks on Tudor Women and our second-hand jewellery stalls at Fairs and Car Boot Sales.



Womankind Worldwide is a charity working in 13 developing countries to increase women's access to health, education, reproductive rights and to enable them to live free from violence and abuse. Bride Valley residents have been incredibly generous in these efforts and with your help we've raised well over **£5000** to support this excellent work.

With the spring and summer fairs season ahead, we now desperately need to replenish our second-hand jewellery stocks. So if you have any you could give us - old paste or bling or unwanted presents - that would be greatly appreciated.

Or if you're interested in volunteering to help on stalls and with events, that would be very welcome too.

Jo Adams, Tel : 01308-897295 or e-mail apple.loft@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB MARCH RESULTS

£20	19	Bob Ayers
£10	73	Robert Cornish
£5	68	Grayham Rosamond

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IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, A B.V.C.S VOLUNTEER DRIVER CAN GET YOU THERE



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BURTON BRADSTOCK

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

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

EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WWII

There will be a small exhibition in Burton Bradstock Library to mark the 70th Anniversary of the ending of WWII in Europe. This will take place for three weeks, from **Monday 20 April** through to **Saturday 9 May**. Later, In August, there will be another exhibition in the Library to mark the ending of the War in Burma.



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE – MONDAY 25th MAY

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will be held in the Rectory Gardens on **Bank Holiday Monday 25th May** from 2.00 to 4.30 pm. This is the main fund raising event for the Village Hall and the money raised will help to pay for its on-going maintenance and improvement.

We're planning on there being the usual wide range of stalls, games and raffles with lots for children and adults to enjoy.

In order to make the Fayre a success again we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games, set up and take down, and also donations for the General Raffle, Auction, White Elephant and Book stalls, and the Bottle Tombola.

While the Organising Committee will be contacting potential volunteers to run the stalls and games, we can always do with more helpers, so please contact me direct if you'd like to help in this capacity.

Also please contact as noted if you can help with any of these:

- **Set up** (from 9 am) **and take down** (from 4.30 pm) on the 25th: **Graham Moody** (01308 898548)
- **White Elephant and Books:** items in good condition only please. We shall be opening the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 23rd

May for people to bring items along. If you need help or can't make it on that day, please contact **Richard Ferré** (01308 897648)

- **Bottle Tombola:** your contributions of bottles of wine, beer, cider, soft drinks – and even spirits, gratefully received for this very popular stall: **Richard Ferré** (01308 897648)
- **Raffle and Auction donations:** **Graham Moody** (01308 898548)

We'll be publishing more details in the May BVN, but whether you're helping on the day or coming along to enjoy it, make it a date for your diary now.

Graham Moody

Burton Bradstock Village Fayre Organising Committee

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

On **Friday 17th of April** at 7.30pm the Village Society will be having a talk with a bit of a difference! **Denise Ryan**, woman stunt performer and latterly coordinator in films and T.V. over 32 years tells of her childhood passion and dedication for a sport which lead her to be involved in this profession. She outlines what it takes to become a stunt performer, the skills and the training that is needed. Denise will then recall some of her experiences working on various films and television productions, as well as working with actors for whom she has doubled for.



Don't miss this real one off which concludes our talks for this season.

A big thank you goes to **John Grantham** who has organised our varied and interesting talks over the past few years.

Some dates for your diary

Friday 15th May	Village Society AGM 7.30 pm
Saturday 16th May	Coffee morning & plant sale 10.15 am to 12 noon
Wednesday 4th June	Coffee morning
Saturday 11th July	Flower & Produce Show

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)



VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

March 2015 Draw WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 76:	Mrs Jane Stubbs	in
2nd	£21.20	No 191:	Mrs Dene Bishop	
3rd	£10.60	No 60:	Mrs Andrea Wilkinson	

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April -December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 – one pound for each of the remaining 9 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The trust is pleased to welcome 2 new committee members, **Janet Pearson** who takes over as **Secretary** and **Alan Pankhurst** who is representing the **Burton Bradstock Library**.

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

Wed 22nd April

Wed 20th May

Wed 24th June

Organiser

Bowls Club

Friends of the Library

Village Society

VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS

The Hall will be closed for 2 weeks after the Music and arts Festival from 24th Aug to 3rd Sep. During this time it is planned to rectify damage to internal wall woodwork caused by damp and replace current rusting steel windows with new, double glazed aluminium windows that are virtually identical in appearance to the existing ones.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

The final film for this winter season will be **THE IMITATION GAME** on FRIDAY 24 April in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be purchased beforehand at Burton Bradstock Post Office.



Hailed as one of the best films of 2014 Benedict Cumberbatch gives an outstanding performance as Alan Turing, war time code breaker, father of digital computer science and a man who fought prejudice. It is a story about an amazing and complex man who cracked the code of the German Enigma Machine during WW2 and is an emotionally engaging and utterly endearing espionage thriller. Definitely the film of the year not to miss.

John and Annie Grantham have decided not to go ahead with a film night on **2nd May** in aid of Starlight. Sorry for any disappointment, but please note '**Dinner for One**' can be seen on You Tube.



Thank You Once again I am overwhelmed by the cards and good wishes from my friends and would like to thank you all for your kindness and prayers after my recent surgery at Southampton and to let you know that I am slowly getting back to normal. Thank you all.

Joan Allan.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7TH MAY 2015

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Come along at **7.00 pm** to the next PC meeting on **Wednesday 1st April** when there will be a chance to speak to some of the current Councillors about the role, have a cup of tea or coffee and see if this is something you would like to get involved in.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month except August and are held at the **Reading Room** 7.30pm

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015

Burton Bradstock will be entering the competition again this year; we will enter the following categories:

- Best Village
- Environmental Champions—(Corncrake Group)
- Best Village Shop award

We are hoping to make a feature at the Bus Shelter this year and place planters around the village. If your community group would like to get involved or donate plants, or if you have any ideas please contact the Clerk who will pass this onto **John Lewis** who is coordinating the project.

The judges will be around any time from May to July so we hope you will help us keep our village tidy!

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.

Please contact either the **Clerk** or **John Lewis** if you plan to lend a hand so we know how many to expect.



APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 1st April 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

LIBRARY VISITS



As part of the World Book Celebrations the Library hosted a visit from the children and teachers of Burton Bradstock Primary School. The children learnt a little of what the Library has to offer, listened to a story and went away with a bookmark and an invitation to write a few words and draw a picture of their favourite book. In the evening the

“Rainbows” heard the story of the very hungry caterpillar.

In addition to the Library Volunteers, I would like to thank **Charles Fuge**, local children’s author and illustrator. All kindly donated their time to help make the events a success.

'It's Lovely When You Smile' illustrated by Charlie has recently been chosen to be a part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Charity Library UK, so congratulations are in order.



STORY TIME for Children under 5

Monday 13th April 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.



Photographic Exhibition by Bridport Camera Club in the Library - FRIDAY 3RD APRIL TO MONDAY 6TH APRIL,

10.00am to 3.00pm Friday to Sunday - 10am to 1.00pm on Monday

If you are interested in photography and want to learn more, or if you would just like to see some fabulous photographs, make a note of the date and visit the exhibition by Bridport Camera Club over the Easter weekend.

Normal Library Services will not be available with the exception of WiFi.

Exhibition: To Mark the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II 20TH APRIL - 9TH MAY, DURING LIBRARY OPENING HOURS,

Organised by Susan Moores, the exhibition will change each week.

MYSTERIES OF THE INTERWEB - Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm in the Library

This month **Alan Pankhurst** has agreed to give a short talk in the Library, to put into perspective the words you have all probably heard, and explain where they fit into the jigsaw of connecting and using the internet and email.

Places will naturally be limited and may be secured by a free ticket available in the Library after Easter on a first come basis.

DIARY OF EVENTS

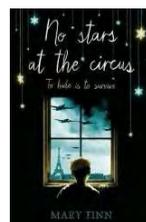
Tuesday 7 th April	11.00am	Police Surgery with PCSO Dave ASH
Monday 13 th April	2.30pm	STORY TIME for Children under 5
3 rd - 6 th April	10am - 3pm	Exhibition by Bridport Camera Club
20 th April - 9 th May		Exhibition by Susan Moores to mark the 70 th Anniversary of the end of World War II
Tuesday 21 st April	7.30 - 8.30pm	"Mysteries of the Interweb" Talk by Alan Pankhurst

R.Daniels Chair FBBL

BOOK REVIEW BY POPPY & INGRID

No Stars At The Circus

No Stars At The Circus is an amazing tale of kindness and bravery as young Jonas embarks on his adventure to find his parents and to help save his little sister. Unaware of the atrocities happening in Europe during World War Two, Jonas's journey takes him on a journey in which he leaves the attic and



seeks a great rescue, but he must rely upon the help of the kindest people to save himself and his sister, Nadia. *Mary Finn* is the brilliant author of this wonderful book that needs to be read, and whilst reading this fantastic story, you will learn that in Jonas's case, *to hide is to survive*.



A VEAST OF FOLK 10TH-12TH SEPTEMBER 2015



Veast Dates for your Diary! – Following on from the great success of last year, **A Veast of Folk 2015** is expanding into a 3 day event with several venues and will be held on **Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September 2015**.

Two events are being planned at **The Anchor Pub** for which our thanks go to **Andrea** and the team for their enthusiastic support. On Thursday evening there will be a '**Veast Anchor Session**' and on Friday afternoon a '**Singaround Session**'.

On Friday evening there will be a **Ceilidh** with music and dancing led by The **Bride Valley Dance Band** in the **Village Hall**. The main event on Saturday will once more be held at **The Three Horseshoes Pub and Kitchen** and we are very pleased that the new landlords **Hannah** and **Jaap** are so keen to host The Veast on Saturday afternoon and support this community event. In the spirit of the Veast of yesteryear we are once again raising money for the **RNLI**. To find out more about our plans please contact us on burtonfolktickets@gmail.com or find us on our new Facebook page www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockfolkfestival

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

At the March meeting, **Cheryl Ludgate** came dressed in the style of the war years, to talk about the days of "**Make Do and Mend**". Every housewife needed to be skilled with a needle and thread.



April sees the Annual Meeting, and later, the Spring Lunch, fast becoming an annual event.

In honour of the Centenary of the WI nationally, from April to October Bridport Museum will have a display with contributions from several local WIs including Burton. Admission is free; see local information for opening hours.

There is to be a Buckingham Palace Garden Party for the W.I. in June, with a ballot to find one member from each Institute to go as a guest. All the

Dorset guests will travel together. There will be 8000 WI members there altogether. For further information, phone 01308 898484 (Secretary).



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Cycle, Ride or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!

For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock:	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy;	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney:	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy:	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle:	Mrs. Katharine Jones	898553
Shipton Gorge:	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre:	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523

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.

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop



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

Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

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.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com

Tel: 482232



Littlebredy is seldom at the cutting edge of social trends, so it is a real pleasure to congratulate **Ben Pentreath and Charlie McCormick** on their recent marriage, and to wish them a long and happy life together, both in The Old Parsonage here and in London. As Ben said in his speech at the Social Club's recent Burns Night event, it is probably the first time that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Club have got engaged then married during their term of office. We wish them both well.



Charlotte Appleby of Foxholes Farm Cottage will be running the Paris Marathon on the 12th April in aid of **Whizz Kidz**, a charity which assists with mobility and independence of disabled children. In the hope that her

neighbours will want to support her, her e-mail address is trekkingcharlotte@talktalk.net, and she will gladly answer questions or arrange sponsorship. A really good effort for a very worthwhile cause, Charlotte, and the best of good luck to you – you'll be tired...

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward

The village's arrangements over Easter will take much the usual form: a short and simple **Litany service in the Church** at 10.00 on **Good Friday** (3rd April), enabling decorating the Church for Easter to begin at about 11.00. If there are enough primroses by then (there are hardly any visible as I write), the traditional "writing on the wall" needs about 200 bunches with about 20 heads each, so the more volunteers to pick them and bring them to the church that day the better. It makes a very distinctive show once done.

The **Easter Day** (5th April) service will be Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m., to which everyone is especially invited.

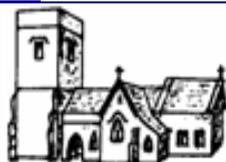
The following **Thursday, 9th April**, is the date of the **PCC's Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, to be held at Bridehead at 7.30 p.m. This is open to anyone with an interest in the Church in our local community, and all are welcome. This is also the year in which we are asked to update the Church's Electoral Roll following the APCM (this is not the same thing as the Register of Electors), so everyone should be getting a form about this to complete or not as preferred before too long.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

TEL: 482757

EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com



100 CLUB WINNERS - FEBRUARY 2015

£25	No. 126	Harold Carter
£15	No. 59	Bruce & Rachel Maltby
£10	No. 76	Duncan Chamblor

FRUGAL LUNCH

The Frugal lunch raised over **£300** for the 'Hounds for Heroes' charity. Thank you to **Juniper** for hosting us.

PCC AGM

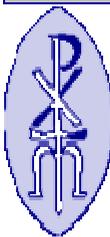
This will be held at Long Bredy Village Hall, **Monday 13th April** at 7.30pm

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES

2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY

john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482392



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our next **church and churchyard working party** will be on **Thursday 2nd April**. We are making a special effort to have everything looking at its best for the **Rector's Licensing** on **12th May**, so please do come along and help if you can.

The mowing season is nearly upon us and a member of our mowing team has moved away. The remaining five would dearly like to add one or two to their number - if you can help out please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 482617 - the work involved is not too strenuous (you can even sit down whilst mowing!) and the bigger the team the fewer the "cuts" involved.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Thursday 16th April** at **7.00 p.m.** in Church.

A date for your diary - Litton Cheney Village Fete

Litton Cheney's Village Fete, in aid of the upkeep of St Mary's Church, will be on **Bank Holiday Monday 25th May** at **LATCH**. Bigger and better than

ever this year and starting at 12 noon, the fete will offer barbecue lunches, and there will be falconry displays as well as the usual stalls, games and teas. We look forward to seeing you there.

CALLING ALL LITTON CHENEY CAKE BAKERS.....



The annual St Marys Church Fete will be held in May, and the very popular Cake Stall is going to need goodies to sell. Can you help? This is early info so you have time to seek out a favourite recipe.

Contributions large, small, fancy, plain, flavoured, fruited, small cakes, tiered, or even the show-stopper All will be most gratefully received – in fact anything you would like to make we will be delighted to sell.

Further info of day/time etc in next edition of BVNews,
In meantime, thanks from **Emily C** and **Mary A**

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

The Diocesan Bell Advisor has visited and given us some useful guidance towards choosing our preferred contractor and completing our Faculty application. We have recently applied to two grant funding organisations, one of which has already turned us down! A further three applications will be submitted in due course. We hope to run another **Quiz Evening** at **The White Horse** on **Sunday 3rd May**, so look out for posters in the village.



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

On **Thursday 7th May**, the nation goes to the polls. This year also heralds local Parish Council elections. If you fancy being part of a democratically elected body that helps decide what happens in Litton Cheney then you have until **9th April** to submit your nomination papers. If you grumble at the decisions made at local level and want to make a difference, or perhaps this could be the beginning of an illustrious career in local and subsequently national government, then you need to get your skates on. See the village notice board for more details or contact Parish Clerk **John Firrell** on 482313. **Your Village Needs You!**

ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY & ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This year's Village Assembly will take place on **Tuesday 19th May** at 7 pm and is likely to include a presentation from WDDC on Neighbourhood

Planning. It is for the village to decide if they wish to create a Neighbourhood Plan, and this meeting will explore those possibilities. After the Village Assembly, the Parish Council will hold its Annual Meeting when various officers are voted in. All local residents are invited to attend this event which will be the first meeting of the “new” parish council post the elections on 7th May.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.



**Wednesday 1st April “THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY ‘
funny, touching and a cultural feast’ Cert. PG 2 hrs.**

When chance leads Hassan (**Manish Dayal**) and his family, led by Papa (**Om Puri**), to a quaint village in the South of France with the grand plan of opening an Indian restaurant in the picturesque countryside, they are undeterred by the fact that only 100 feet opposite stands a Michelin starred classical French eatery, run by icy proprietress, Madame Mallory (**Helen Mirren**). Madame Mallory is determined to have their business shut down. As cultures clash and food flies, a heated battle escalates between the two establishments – until, that is, Hassan’s passion and talent for French cuisine begin to enchant Madame Mallory and even she can’t deny this young chef could have what it takes to garner even more acclaim for her beloved restaurant.



Also starring beautiful sous chef Marguerite (**Charlotte Le Bon**) the film is directed by Lasse Hallström and produced by Oprah Winfrey, Steven Spielberg and Juliet Blake. To see the trailer visit www.littonchenev.org.uk

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)

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton (who will show it the previous Friday)
This is our final film for the 2014-2015 season. Look out for further films on posters, on the website and in the BVN

LITTERED LITTON

With the brighter weather, and the pruning of hedgerows, it is difficult to avoid seeing unsightly litter strewn along our highways and byways. Whilst it remains our village lengthsman's primary task whilst carrying out his rounds of the village precincts, please do your own pick of any litter that you come

across, depositing it in a bin either in the village or at home. Litton Cheney is your village – please keep your village clean and tidy.

Woodman, Spare That Tree)
Woodman spare that tree!
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.
'Twas my forefather's hand
That placed it near his cot;
There, woodman, let it stand,
Thy axe shall harm it not!



George Pope Morris (1802-1864)

“Thy axe shall harm it not!” - or chainsaw - at least in the majority of the Bride Valley it will not – not without the permission of the West Dorset District Council. Most of Litton Cheney lies within a Conservation Area and if you wish to pollard, fell or shape mature trees you must contact WDDC. Not to do so risks criminal prosecution, a hefty fine and the cost of putting things right. To find out what you can and can't do consult the Dorset for You website www.dorsetforyou.com (or *Careful with that axe Eugene.... Pink Floyd 1968, ed.*)

EVENTS AT LATCH IN APRIL 2015

Tuesdays	Short Mat bowls 3.45 p.m.
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 3.45 p.m.
Monday 13 th	Beavers meetings restart
Thursday 16 th	Scout meetings restart
Friday 17 th	Yoga resumes



SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 1st	Film Night “The Hundred Foot Journey” 8.00 p.m.
Saturday 18 th	Village Café in aid of the Scouts

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Spring has sprung and it's time to give the ducks an outing, courtesy of the Bridport Rotary club. **Sunday April 5th** at 12 noon is the time when the flag will come down and the **GREAT LITTON DUCK RACE** is OFF! Do be there, buy your tickets and follow all the fun down the stream to The White Horse (See who falls into the stream this year!).

The **VILLAGE WALK** is on Wednesday April 15th led by **Lyn** and **Heather**. Do give one of them a call if you are thinking of coming along as there is the option of lunch at **The Elm**



Tree, Langton Herring. More details on the website.

The **Annual AGM fest** (Three AGM's in One – LATCH, LC Social Committee & LC Web Group) is on **Wednesday May 6th** so do come long and support all the volunteers who help make Litton such a great village. As an enticement we will be having a demonstration from The Bridport Chocolatier. More delicious details nearer the time.

As if the above isn't enough, **Thursday May 21st** is the annual **Bride Valley Navigational** Challenge starting and ending at The White Horse. Where you may end up in between is always a bit of a mystery, and open to interpretation! Again, more details on the website and in the May edition of the BVN.

VALLEY NOTES



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

We have been back at school for two weeks and so much has happened in that time!

On our return after half term the school took part in **Book Week**. The week involved lots of different activities including drop-everything-and-read sessions, visits to the village library for storytelling, writing competitions and dressing up as our favourite book characters. As you can see from the photograph the children's costumes were amazing!



Our school was one of only two schools in West Dorset who were invited to take part in the Dorset School Games Gymnastics Level 3 Competition at Harewood College in Bournemouth. Six children from Years 3 and 4 were selected to represent the school. The children spent the morning taking part in three workshops - body management, vault and floor exercise. During the afternoon they then competed against the other schools from Bournemouth, Poole, East Dorset, North Dorset and Christchurch and Purbeck, performing the skills they were taught in the workshops. They were very proud to achieve the Bronze award.



We have also had 'skip-hop' visit the school to teach the children different types of skipping. Every child had the opportunity to take part in the workshops in which they learnt a selection of moves, including individual moves, double-dutch, long rope, and partner skipping. The day culminated with a demonstration of skipping skills performed by the children. After school the parents joined their children to skip together and had great fun!

This half term Class 3 went on their residential trip to Leeson House - and what an amazing time they had! Some of them didn't want to go home at the end! We were very lucky with the weather which ensured that we could enjoy our outdoor activities. On our arrival at Leeson House we took part in pond dipping. The children found and identified a range of different creatures but the highlight was when Amber caught a very rare Great Crested Newt - which she named Dave! We also visited Studland Beach and studied Old Harry Rocks and sea erosion, visited the sand dunes and enjoyed a scavenger hunt.



On the way back to school we stopped off at Corfe Castle for some gory stories!

The Friends of the School are busy organising the annual **Duck Race**, which is taking place **on Easter Monday (6th April) at 1pm**. Ducks will be on sale from the school, various establishments within the village and on the day. We hope you will be able to join us!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



In their class **Celebration assembly** Eggardon displayed their acting skills with a scene from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* - more of this to come in our Shakespeare week! Bredy's assembly, entirely in French, was very impressive and inspired the younger children to learn the language! Chesil and Litton

displayed superb confidence in their acting, singing and playing. A really uplifting start to the day!



We celebrated **Chinese New Year** with a range of activities – the children made lanterns and shadow puppets and tried their hand at calligraphy.

Bredy enjoyed tunnelling, climbing and orienteering on their visit to the **Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre** – pretty scary stuff but the children overcame their fears. Coaches from the Centre came to school to teach mapping and orienteering skills to **Litton** and **Chesil**.



Sport: The whole school has 5 weeks of **gym coaching** and Eggardon has 5 weeks of **swimming** lessons at Bridport Leisure Centre. The whole school enjoyed a **skipping workshop** and there is now a lot of skipping – with some very complicated moves – at playtimes! Children are enjoying a new lunchtime club – **rugby**.

We had a pleasing 13-2 win against Burton Bradstock Primary in the **Kenway Cup**. Fantastic playing by the team, with several children scoring several goals!

A variety of **animals** visited Litton and Fledglings.



We supported **Fairtrade Fortnight** by running a fairtrade tuckshop for 2 weeks.



Our teacher student ran a lunchtime **Reading Club** for **Chesil**. Her aim was to make reading fun and the club included lots of games and activities.



The Discovery Area Action Day had a good turn out of parents and young helpers and we had a campfire serving hot drinks with toasted marshmallows and flapjacks.



Saxon Hut: we prepared the hazel 'battens' to support the thatch roof and retied much of the reed stored on site to

keep it in good condition. We have now to bundle it up to the size specified by the thatchers. Abbotsbury have agreed to let us have another trailer of cut reed for the thatch which should be all we need for the complete roof.

The cleaned up boards on the **pond dipping platform** now have non-slip strips to make it safe.

A small area of **garden** was partly dug over and we look forward to the spring growth. We are looking to add some plants to our winter garden, so **if anybody is splitting hellebores or snowdrops or primroses**, we would be very grateful for any leftovers. **A big thank you to all the volunteers.**

The TSA organised a **disco** which was very popular and enjoyed by all; it raised **£60**. The **Clothes Swap** raised **£160** for Fledglings and the First Step Toddler Group.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS



This month we have had a visit from the vets: the children were able to feed the rabbits, a snail, and the tortoise. We did pond dipping in our natural discovery area and found dragonfly lava and baby boatman.

We went to church for the Easter service and had hot cross buns with parents; we had an Easter egg hunt and made Easter craft.

We have lots of fundraising planned so keep a look out in next month's BVN for details of an Auction of Promises in the summer term. If you have a promise you would like to donate please contact **Jill** on jill.neill@live.co.uk
Opening times: Monday to Thursday 9-3.15 Funding for 2 and 3 year olds. For more information call Emma on 01308 482410 or just call in and see us

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 10th April and Friday 8th May**. 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.

The weekly Friday Drop-in will be assessed at Easter

Heather Rogers

BRIDE VALLEY SCOUTS

Scouting relies on volunteers to provide an exciting and challenging programme for youngsters from 6 years of age, scouting. Bride Valley scout group is looking for adults to be involved with **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts** and committee members in order to grow our busy group.



Your scout group needs YOU!

The only skills you need are some spare time and an interest in young people, full training is



need are some spare supporting and developing provided free of charge!

So, whether you have a passion for the great outdoors, are a dab hand at putting up tents, or simply want to know what a bowline is! We would love to hear from you.

For further details please contact **Dave Hillier** Group scout leader
07720894999 dave.hillier2012@gmail.com

Litton Cheney
in the Bride Valley

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on **Monday 20th April at 7.00pm** and will be followed, at 7.30pm, by a talk on the 'Gardens of World War 1' by **Christine Stones** from Sherborne. At our meeting on **May 18th Malcolm Mills**, from the Gold Club, will be speaking on 'Roses'. All visitors are welcome to join us at the Village Hall in Puncknowle, entrance £2



Jobs to do in April

Sow half-hardy annuals under glass. Plant out hardy annuals. Buy plug plants of bedding if you can grow them on in frost-free surroundings. Prune early flowering shrubs. Ensure all summer flowering bulbs are planted by the end of the month. Protect fruit trees with fleece if frost is forecast. In the vegetable garden continue with successional sowings of broad beans, beetroot, peas and radish; sow dwarf French beans under cloches; sow sweetcorn and courgettes under cover. Continue sowing and planting herbs.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



In addition to the usual collection for Christian Aid, there will also be a **coffee morning at LATCH on Saturday May 16th** to which everyone in the Bride Valley (and beyond) is warmly invited.

Come and have coffee and pastries (other goodies available!), meet up with friends and browse the stalls:

- Fairtrade products
- Good quality children's clothes and toys
- Delicious home made cakes and other produce

DVD showing how Christian Aid helps some of the world's poorest people

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME START

Home-Start West Dorset provides practical support and friendship to families. We ran two preparation courses last autumn. Several of our new volunteers are already supporting families, with the remainder soon to be matched.



The preparation course covers the role of a Home-Start volunteer, which at first can seem a bit daunting, but participants soon grasped the special role they were training for through group discussions, case studies, and the facilitators' experience and they responded positively.

Despite our new volunteers, Home Start is still unable to support all the families who need our help without yet more volunteers.

If you think you would like to help a family near you, contact **Home-Start West Dorset on 01305 265072** for further information and an application pack. The next preparation course starts on **Friday 17 April 2015**. The only qualification needed is to be a Dad or Mum and have 2-3 hours to spare a week.

Home-Start West Dorset is based in Poundbury, registered charity 1122122.
www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk

LOOKING FOR SOME VOLUNTARY WORK? WORKING WITHIN AN IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE?

Inside every prison and Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), a group of ordinary members of the public doing an unusual job. IMB members are appointed by the Prisons or Immigration Minister and work unpaid, for two or three days each month. Their role is to monitor the day-to-day life of the establishment and ensure that proper standards are maintained. **The Verne at Portland** is an IRC with a capacity for 580 men under Immigration legislation. We are currently recruiting more members to our Board. If you are looking for an interesting and challenging role, then this could be for you!

If you would like to find out more, please telephone 01308 898484 or go to www.justice.gov.uk/about/imb/becoming-a-member.



HANG UP ON FRAUDSTERS

Telephone fraudsters are targeting Dorset residents

Cold callers are tricking people into transferring money to a fake bank account or sending it via courier

Protect yourself from criminals...

NEVER

- give out your pin number or bank details to ANYONE who calls you, no matter who they claim to be, or where they claim to be from
- send cash in a taxi or via courier
- send bank cards anywhere – always keep them with you

The police or any bank official, will NEVER ask for your account details over the phone.



@dorsetpolice

#hanguponfraudsters



www.dorset.police.uk

facebook.com/dorsetpolice

The Bride Valley Band – Easter Concert Loders Village Hall Friday 10th April 7.30 – 9.00

Acclaimed local group **The Bride Valley Band** are hopping over the hill from Burton Bradstock to Loders to perform their original songs inspired by the Bride Valley, West Dorset and life!

The band members pride themselves on drawing on their own experience and archive material from the Bride Valley to weave a story of historical and contemporary valley life. The band is proud to have performed their songs at the Sidmouth Folk Festival.

All profits from the evening go to support the work of Home-Start West Dorset in its invaluable work with young West Dorset families.

Tickets £7 inc. tea/coffee and cake
Contact 01305 265072 or email
office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk

Find the band on Facebook www.facebook.com/BrideValleyBand

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

We are organizing “**A Celebration of VE Day; 75 years on**” in Burton Bradstock Village Hall with afternoon tea and music from another era, more details to follow.



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

Social evenings are usually held on the last Monday evening in the month commencing at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Notwithstanding the notice in last month's edition of the BVN The committee have agreed that the meetings

will be held in the stable bar of **THE ANCHOR** the dates up until the summer recess are as follows:

following dates

Monday April 27th

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

Monday June 29th

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

OTHER EVENTS

Friday Oct. 23rd	Annual Band Concert in Burton Village Hall 7.30pm
Thursday Nov. 5th	Coffee morning in Burton Village Hall from 10.00am
Saturday Nov. 7th	Wreath laying in the Bride Valley
Sunday Nov. 8th	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Burton 10.45

There are a number of historical events occurring during the course of the year. **May 8th, 2015** will mark the 70th anniversary of (victory in Europe) **VE Day**, the unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Nazi Germany, followed on **August 15th** by (victory in Japan) **VJ Day**. And then we remember the 75th anniversary of the **Battle of Britain** on **September 15th**.

Saturday 9th May (Stop Press)

We are organizing **"A Celebration of VE Day;75 years on"** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall with afternoon tea and music from another era, more details to follow.

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Monday 15th February Annual Dinner at the Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00pm

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

At the **Branch quarterly meeting** in February, **John Perry** was co-opted as **Branch Vice Chairman**. John, a former Chairman of the Branch was unanimously elected and welcomed in his new role.



Ken Citroen agreed to represent the Legion on the Portesham Village Hall Committee. Branch membership now stands at **94**.

Sixty Members had booked for the **Branch Annual Lunch** at Highlands End Leisure Club, Eype in late March.

National events to mark the anniversary of the start of the **Battle of Gallipoli** will be held on 25 April; 44,000 Allied troops would die during that campaign.

Des Baker's **Tour of North Yorkshire** 4-9 May is full, with a waiting list. Proceeds to RBL Poppy Appeal & Dorset's Youth Cancer Trust.

The Branch Spring outing on **14 May** is to visit **Bowood House**, Calne, Wiltshire. This is an HHA property, voted best garden of 2014, in addition to which there are extensive rhododendron walks. Cost is estimated at £31 for pensioners, £32.50 for under 65's. [The event is open to non-Members at £35.]

The next **Committee Meeting** is on 21 May, Portesham Village Hall.

Des Baker's **Tour of the Amalfi Coast**, Italy, 20-27 October is well supported, but plenty of seats are still available – ask for a fully detailed itinerary without obligation: proceeds to RBL Poppy Appeal & Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

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

HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

In 2014, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) attended 409 fires in homes that could have been avoided if people were more aware of basic fire safety, such as knowing the dangers and taking preventative measures.



**Dorset
Fire & Rescue
Service**

Fires strike when you least expect them, often during the night. They spread quickly but smoke is the real killer. If you are asleep when a fire starts and you don't have a smoke alarm to wake you, your chances of surviving are zero.

Smoke alarms cost around £5; a small price to pay to save lives. They must be kept in good working order so dust it every six months, check the battery weekly, change the battery every



year (unless it's a ten year alarm) and change your alarm every ten years. There are also alarms with strobe lighting and vibrating pads for disabled people.

DFRS has a dedicated and skilled team working to reduce the risk of fire in the home. We offer **FREE** Home Safety Checks where a member of staff visits homes and ensures smoke alarms are working, fitting or replacing them free of charge. We also check appliances for electrical safety, identify high risk activities and check for overloaded electrical sockets. We discuss practical, safe escape routes and what to do if the worst happens.

To request a Free Home Safety Check for you, or someone who may be vulnerable and would benefit from a visit, please get their permission and contact us on **01305 252600** or use online form found at www.dorsetfire.gov.uk. Just fill out the form with your name and address details and click 'submit'.



ROOTING AROUND THE RIDGEWAY

Exploring the Ridgeway with Words

Do you live on the South Dorset Ridgeway and love poetry? Would you like to explore your relationship with the landscape around it? Look at it and listen to it in new ways?

We are looking for people who are interested in creating poems inspired by the South Dorset Ridgeway to take part in an exciting new writing project, led by Greta Stoddart and supported by the Heritage Lottery.

Through a series of 4

Saturday workshops (**10am-4pm, 9 May, 6 June, 20 June and 4 July**) taking place at various venues within the Ridgeway, participants will explore – both literally and metaphorically – the landscape of this inspiring area.

Spaces are limited so to apply for a place, please send 2 of your poems to Artsreach at the address below, or by email to info@artsreach.co.uk, by Monday 13 April.



Please include a brief paragraph about your interest in the Ridgeway and your name, address, telephone number or email address.

Artsreach, The Little Keep, Barrack Road, Dorchester, DT1 1SQ. 01305 269512

STREETLIFE

Streetlife, the local social network, has a simple aim: to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.



Conversations started on **Streetlife** have helped unite lost pets with owners, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening equipment, IT advice and dentist recommendations, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs.

Streetlife has just launched across West Dorset, and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community.

Get involved!

- Sign up at www.streetlife.com with your postcode and email address
- You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live
- You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond
- You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates

Sign up and join the local conversation on streetlife.com.

NATIONAL PLANT MONITORING SCHEME

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme, the first of its kind,



is asking for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots.

The scheme will enable exploration of how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment. It may be that there are people within the valley who would like to be involved in this government backed scheme which is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife.

Squares have been randomly selected across the UK and it is possible to see if there is one in your area by visiting www.npms.org.uk Volunteers who register will receive a survey pack (survey guidance; species list; species guidebook). Access to telephone and email support and free training courses will be provided by the volunteer coordinator.

Twice a year volunteers, who may be individuals or small groups, are asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into 1 of the 28 NPMS habitats. Katie

Cameron Communications & Outreach Support Officer Direct Dial: [01722 342759](tel:01722342759) email: www.plantlife.org.uk

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

Friday 3rd Good Friday so no meeting.

Friday 10th Mary Tassell, medical herbalist

Friday 17th Simone Thomas, cancer survivor and hair loss expert,
www.simonethomas.com

Tuesday 28th 10am-3/4.00pm – Diet & Nutrition workshop with Naomi Devlin at Watercleaves. 8 booked so far.

Friday 24th Tracy Street, Macmillan Coordinator South West England,
& Brian Burke, Dorset Cancer Patients Group.

www.thelivingtree.org.uk



THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY

Wednesday 1st April
8.00pm LATCH
See Litton Cheney
Section page 24 for
further details



DIARY, APRIL 2015

Wed	1	19.30	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	1	19.30	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Wed	1	20.00	BV Films "The Hundred Foot Journey"	LATCH
Thu	2	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	3⇒6	10.00-15.00	Exhibition by Bridport Camera Club	The Library, Burton
Fri	3	16.30	Easter Egg Hunt	Playingfield, Puncknowle
Fri	3	14.00-16.00	Easter Workshop	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	5	12.00	Great Annual Litton Cheney Duck Race	The White Horse, Litton Cheney
Mon	6	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	7	11.00	Police Surgery with PCSO Dave ASH	The Library, Burton
Thu	9	11.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, S. Annings Burton
Thu	9	19.30	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Bridehead, Littlebredy
Thu	9	--	Deadline for PC Nominations	Valleywide
Fri	10	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton
Fri	10	19.30	Bride Valley Band Concert	Village Hall, Loders
Sat	11	14.00	Birdsong Survey Saunders Richardson Wood	Saunders Richardson Wood
Mon	13	14.30	STORY TIME for Children under 5	The Library, Burton
Mon	13	19.30	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Wed	15	09.30	LC Village Walk - Langton Herring	Bus Stop, Litton
Wed	15	19.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary's, Burton
Thu	16	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	16	19.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Thu	16	19.30	Bride Valley WI	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	17	19.30	Village Society - talk by Denise Ryan	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	18	10.00	Litter picking - in Burton	Reading Room, Burton
Sat	18	10.00	Annual Litter Clean-up	New Inn, Shipton
Sat	18	10.30	Village Café - Scouts	LATCH
Sun	19	07.30	Flora Survey Saunders Richardson Wood	Saunders Richardson Wood
Mon	20⇒		Exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2 (to 09.05.15)	The Library, Burton
Mon	20	19.00	Bride Valley Gardening Club - A.G.M. followed by Christine Stones/WW1 Gardens	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	20	19.30	SG Village Hall Trust AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Tue	21	13.00	Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	21	19.30	"Mysteries of the Interweb" : Alan Pankhurst	The Library, Burton
Wed	22	10.00-12.00	Coffee stop hosted by the Bowls Club	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	24	19.30	Burton Films " The Imitation Game"	Village Hall, Burton
Mon	27	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion Social	The Anchor, Burton

Fun for all the Family at Mapperton Gardens

Easter Bunny Trails on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April from 11.00am to 3.00pm Admission: Adults £6, children (including under fives) £3.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: APRIL 2015

	Good Friday 3 April	Saturday 4 April	1 st Sunday 5 April Easter Day	2 nd Sunday 12 April Easter 2	3 rd Sunday 19 April Easter 3	4 th Sunday 26 April St Mark
Burton Bradstock	3hr Service 12 – 3		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	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe		6.30 – 7.30 Vigil	9.30 Holy Communion		6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge	10.00 Litany		11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 5.30 Evensong
Swyre			6.30pm Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion by Ext
Puncknowle			9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	12 noon Litton to Chilcombe walk		9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy			11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy	10.00 Litany		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion