

# Bride Valley News



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

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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 Administrator on 01308 897695*

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, JANUARY 2018

Tuesday	2	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	4	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	8	9.00	Swyre - Prayers
Tuesday	9	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	11	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Monday	15	9.00	Swyre - Prayers
Tuesday	16	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	18	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	18	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Tuesday	23	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	25	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Tuesday	30	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers

### GOOD BOOKS

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

**Tel: 01308 420483**

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Wed & Fri, 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00 noon.**



## 'BVN ARE IN.'

Grammatically speaking, I guess this notice, announcing the arrival of copies of the Bride Valley News, might have read 'BVN IS IN.' But the fact that this announcement is in the plural signals something important about our local valley publication. The BVN is very much a plural thing : it is a work that comes about



through diverse means, with many different people contributing. We're blessed in having had Will Newell as a more than able Editor; Will is needing to stand down this year, and so we're appealing for someone to take on this voluntary role, shadowing Will through the months of March and April and then becoming Editor from June onwards. Shaun Snow, who has done a great job as Advertising Manager, is also standing down and a volunteer is needed to take her place.

More information concerning these roles can be sought from **Will (Editor - [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com) and Shaun (Advertising Manager - [bvctc@outlook.com](mailto:bvctc@outlook.com)).** A big thank you to both Shaun and Will for all their commitment to the collective effort which sees the BVN being distributed each month.

We are really grateful to **Yvonne Buckland** for leading the way with ministry with families and children in the Benefice with the Messy Church project, based at Puncknowle Hall. The work has been marked with success, yet there's concern over numbers attending. Yvonne has discerned that the way forward is to take a pause to pray and reflect on the path ahead. To this end we are holding a short series of Bible-based reflection sessions here at the Rectory early in 2018. Each meeting will be from 2.00 – 3.00pm and will take place on **17<sup>th</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March.** Do come and share this journey of prayer and discovery together.

With blessings for the New Year

*Stephen & Yvonne*



# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Baptisms

21 January 2018 Henry Ely Ayres

St Mary's Litton Cheney

## Funerals

1 December 2017 Elizabeth Shepherd

Weymouth Crematorium

## Weddings

24 January 2018 David Berry & Denise Taylor

St Mary's Burton

Bradstock

# VALLEY NOTES

## DECEMBER GREETINGS PAGE

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who generously supported *The Bride Valley News* and *Motor Neurone Disease Association* by sending greetings in the December issue of the BVN; I am delighted to tell you that the total collected was **£960** which will be shared between the two.



## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **carol singing** in the Discovery Area was lovely and festive. Our choir led the singing beautifully. The Governors had arranged lights and families brought torches so it was bright and cheery. The children had decorated 'trees' and Edmund Hillary house won 50



points for their efforts. Thank you to the TSA for the mulled cider, stollen and mince pies.

**Sport:** We played and won our first **Kenway Cup match** of the season 5-3. Hurray! This was vs Salway Ash Primary. Several children took part in the Colmer's Hill Run and did really well. Our team participated in a **netball tournament** at Colfox and have gone through to the finals! Well done, team! We had a friendly **archery** match vs Powerstock and, sadly, lost.

The school **Ethos Council** put together a play on the first Christmas, to demonstrate the half term's value 'Hope'. The School Council organised a **Pudsey Day**. Children came wearing spots and brought £1 donation for the charity. We also received a huge number of cakes which the children bought for 20p each. We raised a huge **£126.01!** Thank you all for your generosity. We also raised **£100.39** for **Poppy Appeal**. Well done, all.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

As I write this report on the 8<sup>th</sup> December the school is buzzing with the success of the Christmas performance the previous night. This year, for the first time, we used Freshwater as our venue instead of the school hall. The lighting, sound and set that were co-ordinated by Chris from Freshwater were superb and enhanced the children's performance. The children themselves really rose to the





occasion and acted, danced and sang beautifully. They loved being professionals on a real stage!

As we roll into the final week we look forward to the Musical Good Work Assembly on Wednesday, when our musicians will be performing, and then Carols around the Tree on Friday. As well as the performances the children will also be enjoying Christmas Lunch, the trip to the pantomime at Poole (kindly paid for by the Friends of the School) as well as showing off their Christmas jumpers in support of the Save the Children Appeal!



Prior to this final week the children have sung at the Christmas Cheer event in Bridport and have also decorated a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival in the United Church, in aid of the Wessex Cancer Trust.

#### ***A few thanks...***

Thank you to **Mrs Woodford** and her brilliant helpers for the Christingle service and party. The school, parents and children are extremely grateful for the amount of time and

effort everyone puts in to make this a lot of fun for the children.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was wonderfully busy with lots of different stalls and games for everyone to enjoy. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents and friends who make these events possible.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over the last year – there are so many that there wouldn't be enough room in the BVN! We really appreciate all that you do in support of the school and our children. As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the costumes packed away and the decorations taken down for another year. We will be looking forward to a successful 2018 and all that a new year brings, including our new Learning Quest entitled 'Houses and Homes'.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy and healthy 2018!

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*



## 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 to be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We meet **every Tuesday (term time) from 1.45 am to 3.15 pm** in **LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall). We have craft, ride-ons, soft play, trampoline, story corner, enthusiastic sing-along, friendly mums, snacks and a nice cuppa with biscuits



Please come along and join us for lots of fun. 0-4 yr olds welcome along with their parents, grandparents or carers! Contact **Nicola Miller** 01308 482734 [jamiendnicola@gmail.com](mailto:jamiendnicola@gmail.com) or **Clare Turnbull** 07748 783442 [clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com) for more info.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !**



### NEXT SOCIAL EVENTS - 2018

**MONDAY - 29th JANUARY - *Please note the change of Venue***  
7pm for 7.30pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

**MONDAY - 26th FEBRUARY**  
7pm for 7.30pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

**MONDAY - 26th MARCH**  
7pm for 7.30pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

Please call Basil Dent on 01308 897125 or Malcolm Lawrence on 01308 898616 to book your place. If transport to the Golf Club is a problem, please let us know when you book your place.

Members are reminded that British Legion information will be made available when possible at our Social Meetings for those who cannot receive emails. If help is required by any of our Members, or you are thinking of joining the Legion, please telephone our Chairman Malcolm Lawrence on 01308 898616 or our Secretary Hazel Dalglish on 01308 897894



## DEATH OF ELIZABETH ANN SHEPHERD NÉE SPENCER

Betty and her late husband Geoffrey had lived in Shipton Gorge since June 1988. Cremation was strictly private. No mourners. No flowers. Betty had no relatives.

## PUNCKNOWLE PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The contract for cutting the Puncknowle Playing Field grass is due to expire in April 2018. If you are interested in bidding for the contract please contact Councillor Derek Heaver on either 01308 898466 or derekheaver456@gmail.com. Applicants will be sent contract details. Tenders must be received by **11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**.

## PORTESHAM SURGERY NEWS MEET OUR NEW PARTNER!

We are very pleased to announce that **Dr Elizabeth Jones** will be starting with us in January 2018. She writes:

*"I qualified in 2006 from Guys, Kings and St Thomas' medical school in London and then did my house officer jobs in Tunbridge Wells, before returning to London for another couple of years, including nearly a year based in the very busy A&E at St Thomas' which I absolutely loved. I then decided to become a GP and so moved to the Windsor Deanery for my training which I completed in 2013.*

*I grew up in Dorchester and it didn't take long for the pull of beautiful Dorset to call me back. I started working as a GP in Blandford in 2014 and have remained there until deciding to apply to be a partner at Portesham surgery. I am absolutely delighted to have got the job!*

*Since 2014 I have also worked weekends for the Out of Hours GP service and I will continue with this, as emergency work is still one of my passions. In my spare time I enjoy baking, working on my allotment, playing the flute and piano, anything arty and I am hoping to learn stone carving and dinghy sailing in 2018 so a busy year ahead! I am really looking forward to becoming part of the team here. I have always wanted to be a rural GP in a small caring practice and so I feel very happy to be coming to work at Portesham surgery."*



Sadly this means that we will be losing Dr Smithers as a permanent GP here at the end of December, but we hope to see her still as one of our team of regular locums. We will miss her calm presence here at the end of the week!

Please note that the surgery will be **closed** from 3.30pm on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** for practice training.

Remember when we are closed you can get urgent medical advice by dialling the NHS Out of Hours service on 111 (calls are free from landlines and mobiles) or call 999 for an emergency ambulance.

There is more news on our website at [www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk) or pick up a copy of our Winter newsletter when you are next in the Surgery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
**FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM WED 14, THUR 15, FRI 16**  
**MATINEE AT 2.30PM ON FRIDAY 16**  
**BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT**



**A PANTOMIME**  
**ALICE**

Based on the books by Lewis Carroll  
Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office  
or by phoning 01308 898707

Box Office opens **MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018**

**INFORMATION EVENT**  
**Wills and**  
**Powers of Attorney**

Age UK Dorchester is holding an **Information Event** to de-mystify the subject of **Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney**.

If you wish to understand whether you need a Lasting Power of Attorney, and to make a Will, **Christine Butterfield, Senior Associate Solicitor at Battens, solicitors**, will be providing a talk on the subject on:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10am**  
at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW

No need to book ... just turn up

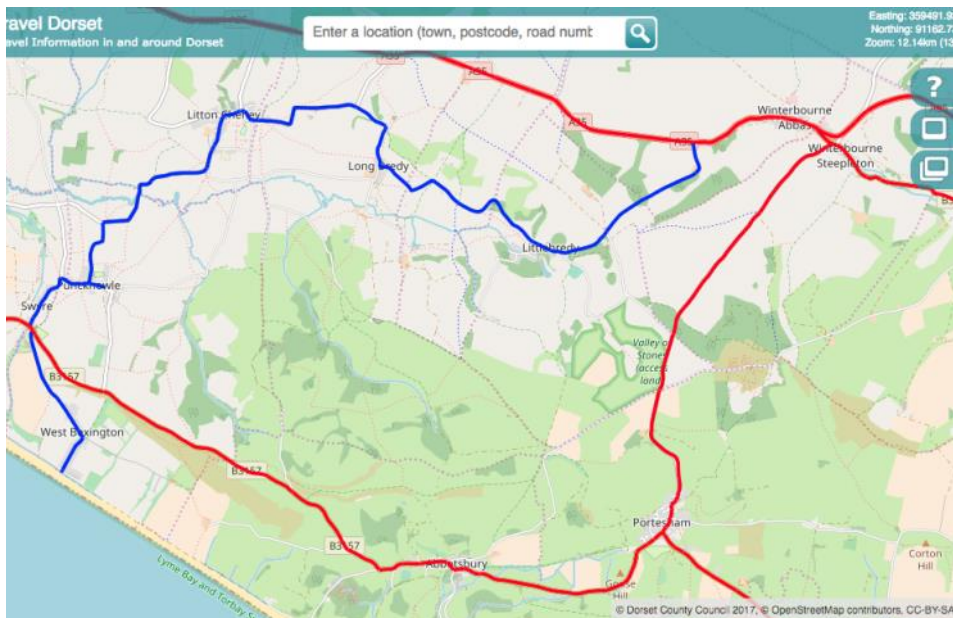
## ROADS TO BE GRITTED BY THE DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL (DCC) IN THE EVENT OF ICE/SNOW

In the event of icy roads this winter the DCC has committed itself to keeping various roads fit for driving. The main routes, the **A35** and the **B3157**, will be gritted by the DCC. When snow is forecast the DCC plan will grit the following local route:

- From the B3157 though Swyre as far as the junction of Clay Lane and Looke Lane.
- The length of Rectory Lane to the T junction with Litton Lane.
- Along Litton Lane to Litton Cheney.
- Through Litton Cheney to Long Bredy.
- Left at Long Bredy to Littlebredy.
- At the V junction bearing left (Longlands Lane) to the **A35**.

Various roads in Puncknowle are not covered by the DCC plan. In an attempt to cover this the Parish Council has called forward and stored sufficient salt. The likely trouble spots in our village have been identified and volunteers living close to each of these trouble spots have taken charge of a sufficient quantity of salt to cover these areas.

If you have any questions please contact **Derek Heaver, 898466**.



## HOME-START CELEBRATES!

Local family support charity Home-Start is celebrating Autumn fundraising success, with awards of £5,000 from The Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Charitable Foundation, £1,000 from The Woodward Charitable Trust, and £500 from Bridport Town Council. A Travelling Trends Fashion Show in Dorchester raised £1,297, and funds have been boosted by £2,327.52 from the Co-op Local Community Fund, £267 from The Waitrose Community Matters Fund, £141.53 from the Brewery Square Halloween Event and £266 was raised at the Dorchester Christmas Cracker event.



Other Home-Start news, including details of upcoming events and opportunities to get involved and help with fundraising can be found on Facebook, at [www.facebook.com/HomeStartWestDorsetWeymouthPortland](http://www.facebook.com/HomeStartWestDorsetWeymouthPortland)

Every penny raised enables Home-Start to help families across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland who are struggling to cope, empowering parents to give their young children the best possible start. Each family is matched with a trained parent volunteer, who visits them at home for 2-3 hours a week over 6 to 12 months, providing friendship, understanding, help with parenting skills, and signposting to other support. Families benefit, and volunteers find their role rewarding too, enjoying sharing skills and learning new ones, and playing an active part in their local communities.

Home-Start's staff, trustees, volunteers and families would like to send a Big Thank-You and a Very Happy and Peaceful 2018 to all who have supported the scheme over the last year.

Home-Start are looking for more volunteers, particularly around Weymouth and Portland. For details, visit [www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk](http://www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk), or call 01305 265072.



## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

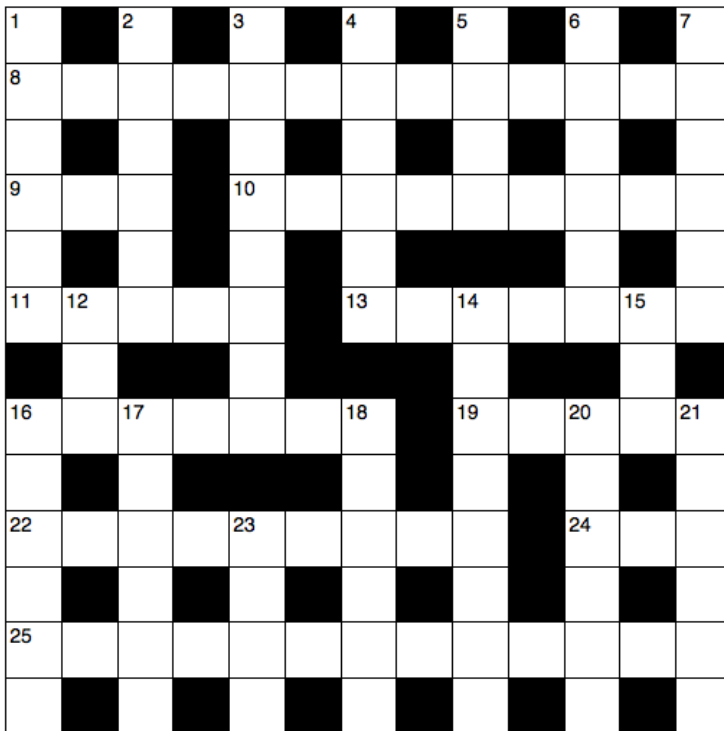
Happy New Year!

**IMPORTANT NEWS – We are changing back to Thursdays for our Film Screenings from January;** there may be some new clashes, but hopefully it will be more convenient for most people. We are still awaiting TV schedules and availability. We hope to be showing **Victoria & Abdul** and **Goodbye Christopher Robin** soon.

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :  
**1st February, 1st March and 29th March.**

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

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**Across**

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

**Down**

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)

- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our representable parts — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)





# GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

**MOVIE  
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

## Comfort in our troubles

'His childhood was sacrificed to make other childhoods better' says Will Tilston about the title character he plays in *Goodbye Christopher Robin*.

This is the latest film providing a surprising back-story to a popular children's book. But unlike *Saving Mr. Banks*, *Miss Potter* and *Finding Neverland* (which primarily focus on the mind of the writer) *Goodbye Christopher Robin* also shows the impact on the story's main character, who is a real person – the author's eight-year-old son. This young boy has been experiencing the pain of living with emotionally disengaged parents. His father is shell-shocked from the First World War, and finds it difficult to express his feelings. His mother cannot properly attach to her son because she is convinced that another such war is inevitable and he will be called up to fight, so she showers him with affection one minute and ignores him the next.

Then, in a magical few days when Christopher is alone with his father in the woods surrounding their Sussex house, the two of them bond together through imaginary stories about a group of toy animals. Christopher's father is A. A. Milne, who writes these down as the tales of Winnie-the-Pooh, and the whole family finds themselves swept up in the success of the books. But young Christopher Robin cannot stay little forever.



As he grows, these childhood stories make his adolescent life a misery.

We can't detail the end of the film without spoilers but can highlight that, in the final scenes, we discover that the tales of Winnie-the-Pooh, which had comforted the young boy, became comforting to others in their own distress. Perhaps, as we watch this powerful and moving film, we might reflect on the biblical message that God 'comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive.'



**ETHOS  
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EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

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# LITTLEBREDY

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Littlebredy has a new (possibly temporary and certainly very long lost) celebrity...

Many visitors to the Church will have noticed the [possibly somewhat overblown] memorial tablet to Jane Williams (born Chassereau), who died in 1841 aged nearly 102. Now it appears (from the preview of a new book tracing the phenomenon of those who live to be 100 or more) that she has been authenticated as the very first centenarian in the country. [Many thanks to Robin Barbour of Baglake for drawing the book review to our attention.]

To put this into context, the book's author has discovered that there are 14,000 centenarians living in the UK today, as against 2,000 in 1980 and 200 in 1950. By extrapolation, it must indeed have been a rarity in 1840, but no doubt now the book is in print the author will get many claims on behalf of others challenging Jane's supremacy! For any developments, watch this space...

We have not yet thanked and congratulated our intrepid entrants for the DHCT Ride & Stride last September. **Nic Armstrong** and **Tim Laycock** took part, and between them raised over **£750** in sponsorship, half of which comes back to our Church. Well done to them both.

A very happy and healthy 2018 to one and all.

**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright 01308 456 967**

## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

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



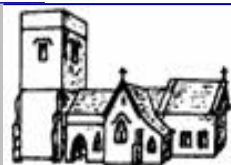
**For more information, please ring 01308 897695**

## LONG BREDY

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EMAIL: [bvn@longbredy.org.uk](mailto:bvn@longbredy.org.uk)



### NOVEMBER 100 CLUB RESULT

No 16	£25	P Bastable
No 34	£15	K Horsley
No 42	£5.	V Cain

The subscription for 2018 will remain at £12 for each number. Forms for the 100 Club will be available from **Kate Smith** or Ruth **Cullingford**.

This is a straightforward way of supporting the maintenance of village facilities; if you haven't been part of the 100 Club before, please consider contributing in the new year. Apart from the monthly prizes for the above amounts, there is also the additional 'Jackpot' draw in December.....a very good bonus!

### PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVE

**Cyber Crime Presentation – Don't become a Victim**

The Cyber Crime Officer for Dorset Police will be delivering a public presentation on **Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7pm at the Village Hall in Long Bredy.**



This is a great opportunity to get some hints and tips on how to protect yourself and your family from on - line fraud and telephone scams. Hear from an expert on how to avoid becoming a victim of this fast rising and serious crime.

The event is being organised by the Parish Council, which is keen to open it up to surrounding parishes and villages. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us.

For further details contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Evans on 01308482647 or [krlb@dorset-aptc.go.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.go.uk)

### POPPY APPEAL

The collection from Long Bredy and Kingston Russell amounted to a total of **£197. 95**. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed so generously to raise this amount.

## VILLAGE GET TOGETHER COFFEE MORNING

As usual, this provided a lovely opportunity for adults and children alike to meet up and chat or play over a drink and something to eat. Apart from raising money - in this case **£278.10** - to support village facilities, small social events like this help to create a community and prevent isolation. Thank you to everyone who came.

## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S BELLRINGERS

As you know Jill Maltby passed away in November and for the St Peter's Church bellringers, as for many, this was a very sad event. Jill rang the bells for over thirty years and even when unable to ring she supported us in everything we did. We were able to pay our respects to Jill by ringing before her funeral when we were joined by Robert Wellen, SDGR Ringing Master and Janet Ranger, SDGR Dorchester Branch Chairwoman.



On the 15th November 2017 a peal was rung in St Peter's Church in memory of Jill Maltby. The peal consisted of 5040 Doubles (21m) rung in 2h 38m (8-2-9 in G). Two extents each Reverse, Canterbury, Grandsire, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, Westminster, Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley, St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Reverse Canterbury, Plain.

Many thanks to the ringers, led by Peter Ellis from Hemel Hempstead:

- 1 Michael E C Mears
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Colin M Turner
- 4 Robert J Crocker
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)

On Sunday, 3rd December the bellringers were delighted to ring to celebrate fellow ringer, **Colin Dyer's** forthcoming 70th birthday.

If you, dear reader, have ever thought bell ringing was worth a try, act now! ***The 11th November, 2018 will be the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day and on that day it is hoped as many bells as possible will ring out across the country.*** We will be 'Ringing for Peace, Armistice100'. To find a tower near you look on [www.sdgr.org.uk](http://www.sdgr.org.uk) and get started. Alternatively, if you would like to see if bell ringing is for you, we will be happy to show you at St Peter's Church, Long Bredy. Contact Gwen 01308 482270.



# LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH BIG CLEAN – CELEBRATING THE ONSET OF 2018!

The working party will be different this month as we shall be holding our **Annual Big Clean** on **Tuesday 9th** from 9.30 a.m. It's a great opportunity to work off some of the over-indulgence of the last few weeks and keep our Church looking beautiful! Many hands make light work, and it's more fun with lots of people, so do come along and help. Refreshments provided.

## BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

The total collected in the village for the Poppy Appeal in November amounted to **£316.85**. Well done the people of Litton and many thanks to the collectors **Pete** and **Sue Collis**, **John Vercoe**, **Rosie Hallett** and **Freddie Spicer**.

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

A Happy New Year to all residents of Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm, in the Meeting Room of LATCH. Local residents are warmly welcomed and indeed actively encouraged to attend. More details including budget projections for 2018/19 can be found at [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

Our thanks to all those who helped with the work carried out at the Triangle, and particularly to the LC Social Committee (see below) and The Litton Trust for their donations .

## LITTON CHENEY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Playground Project Team are pleased to announce that the target to pay for the proposed development has been reached. During this time we have been taken aback by the willingness of people to donate their time and money for this worthy cause.

Apart from funds successfully applied for from the Big Lottery Fund and West Dorset District Council, much of the money has come via the extreme generosity of local residents. The latest event was **The Great Litton Wine Auction**, with fine wines and ancillary products donated by **Steven Spurrier**

of **Bride Valley Wines** which produced in excess of **£1300**. Other additional anonymous donations have also been gratefully received. Thank you.

This means that the construction can now go ahead. It is due to start in the middle of January, slightly later than originally planned, by Dorset County Council Landscaping Department. The area is most likely to be cordoned off until the project is completed, which will take around four to six weeks.

Just as a reminder, within the new boundary fence there is to be a new basket swing, a 'tractor' apparatus with small slide, a 'galleon' with rope climbing frame and new picnic benches. The swings have already been renovated and the existing structure is to be repainted with new climbing blocks and rope. We look forward to the time when children will be able to sample the delights of the new playground.

## **EVENTS AT LATCH FOR JANUARY**

Monday: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts  
Tuesdays: Toddlers group 2.00 p.m. (from 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.  
Keep Fit 5.30 p.m. (from 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.  
Fridays: Yoga 10.00 a.m.



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Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m.  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>: Thorner's Big Breakfast

## **BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.**

Happy New Year!

**IMPORTANT NEWS – We are changing back to Thursdays for our Film Screenings from January;** there may be some new clashes, but hopefully it will be more convenient for most people. We are still awaiting TV schedules and availability. We hope to be showing Victoria & Abdul and Goodbye Christopher Robin soon.

**NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1st February, 1st March and 29th March.**

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

## **VILLAGE CAFÉS**

If anyone or organisation would like to hold a Village Café to fund-raise, the following dates are still available: **17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

We do not charge rental for the hall, so all funds raised are for you!  
Contact Wendy on 01308 482532 or email [wtlitton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

## THE ROCKS

Local residents will be aware that for many years there have been times in certain weather conditions when The Rocks, the footpath that leads from the bus shelter to Church Path, has been extremely wet and messy. This is due in the main to overhanging vegetation and a non-porous path surface. We are now hoping that work due to be carried out by DCC will help alleviate this problem. At the time of writing, the dates for the work have not been confirmed but it is possible that the path will be closed for several days so please bear with us during this period.

## PORTESHAM SURGERY

Please see the Surgery's newsletter in Valley Notes on page 9 – a new doctor is joining the practice.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**Happy New Year to everyone!** 2018 opens with a replanted Triangle. A multi-stemmed Silver Birch (the trunk and branches start brown and turn to silver as it grows), 40 Rosa Rugosa and 25 heathers were donated by the Social committee, and planted by a willing band of volunteers, **Bev, Steve, Freddie, Harry** and **Ron**. The overwhelming praise from many villagers is much appreciated, particularly from the many knowledgeable gardeners amongst us. The plants will take around 2/3 years to get established so please be patient – the years will fly by soon enough!.

The Christmas tree, the annual donation by the Social Committee, took its rightful place amidst all the above and thanks to **John, Harry** and others for their help.

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

### ADVERTISE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The BRIDE VALLEY NEWS Parish Magazine is delivered monthly free of charge to all homes in the Bride Valley – in excess of 1500.

We are already used by a wide range of advertisers. Many operate in the local area of the Bride Valley but also a good selection are from Bridport, Dorchester and Somerset. Most of these have been repeat advertisers with us over a number of years.

We have several sizes and shapes of advertising space on offer from 1/6 of a page, to a full page.

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE - 5TH JANUARY**



# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Please note that as from January 1 2018 services at St Mary's Church will follow a new rota as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	9.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer	5pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	All Age Communion	11am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Family Service	9.30am

## SUNG EVENSONG

On Sunday 14 January **Vicky Thomas** will lead a Sung Evensong at 5pm with **Janet Lane** kindly playing the organ for us, so do please come and join us for this lovely service.

## MESSY CHURCH

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Musical Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall in Puncknowle in November.

To all those who helped in any way – baking, setting up, serving, lighting the log fire, providing food, flowers, transport or clearing up afterwards – we are immensely grateful for your help. To **Janet Lane** and **Sue Smith** who entertained us so very appropriately with their music which added much to the lovely atmosphere. It was good to have our Rector Stephen and of course all of you who came along to enjoy the tea, the company and the music. It wouldn't have worked at all without you! I received comments like, it's like being at 'The Ritz', or 'Palm Court Hotel', or 'Bath Pump Rooms' – 'It doesn't feel like the Village Hall'.

We raised sufficient money to pay for our new keyboard and cover, as well as making small donations to The Bride Valley Ladies Choir and The Village Hall. So once again, thank you for your support.

*Yvonne and David Buckland*

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We followed up our Drawing in Pen workshop with a morning of pen and wash. Our next meeting was very jolly with hot mince pies at



The Crown. The raffle we held raised **£60** for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. This was in memory of our lovely friend and founder member **Maureen Diplock**. We would like to thank the hall committee for decorating the hall in time for our Xmas party and for all the work they do throughout the year. Thank you also to **George** for all his help. We look forward to a busy new year of painting and sketching. **January 5th** will be our AGM and planning meeting and **19th January** will both be at the hall.

*Christine Molony*

## **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.**



We wish everyone in the Bride Valley a Happy New year from members of the Lunch Club. Our first meal of 2018 will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** and all are welcome.

We normally meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for this popular social event open for all people over 50 who live or have lived in our 3 villages. We enjoy a meal which has a choice of 2 main meals and 2 puddings finished off with cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee all for £5. We serve at 1 pm but most of our regulars come early to socialise with friends. Please get in touch if you would like to join us by telephoning David Buckland on 898492.

Helpers are always welcome and we are especially in great need of people to cook for us and help in the kitchen. 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*

## **PSWB VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Thank you to everyone that helped to make our annual Christmas fayre such a success. Father Christmas greeted lots of the local children and heard all about what they wanted for Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies helped to add a wonderful Christmas aroma to the whole event.

*A happy New year to you all from the PSW hall committee*

## **PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

### **OCTOBER WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ellie Pearson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Steve Main

### **NOVEMBER WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Steve Main  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Peter & Anne Bunyan



# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST.MARTIN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

A special message of thanks to **Julie Lagerger of Modbury Farm** for her generous donation of a beautiful Christmas tree to St Martin's. Thanks also to **Colin Chambers** who kindly transported it back for us.

## SOUP LUNCH

Thank you to all who came to this enjoyable village lunch in November. St Martin's raised **£203** from kind donations and will be using it towards much needed repairs and maintenance of the church. We have recently had a 'Quinquennial' inspection and many repairs have been identified. Work has already been undertaken to clear down pipes and roof work is imminent. Where appropriate, we have undertaken work ourselves. Thank you to **Hugh King** for your careful removal of ivy from the East wall and **Phil Hall** for clearing the gutters and hoppers.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual vestry meeting and APCM for St Martin's will be held in the village hall on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm, meeting open to all. The Parochial Church Council is elected at this meeting. The PCC consists of clergy, churchwarden and members of the community. Its responsibilities include the care and maintenance of the church and churchyard. It also manages the financial affairs of the parish and takes part in the running of church services. We are involved in joint events with other village organisations over the year.

This year we have two people retiring from the PCC after many years of service. **We need more people** to join us in supporting St Martin's presence in the village. Whether you are a regular or occasional churchgoer, could you give some support? For more information, please contact: **James Webster** 01308 898657 or **Cathryn Johnson** 01308 897169

## ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

St Martin's Church floodlights have been sponsored for the month of January by:

Doris Benselin in memory of her brother Len,

Jo Warren, thinking of Gary on his birthday,  
Terry and Anne Hunt both celebrating birthdays,  
Hilary & Richard Cunningham celebrating their wedding anniversary,  
Mary Boughton for all the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January ladies!,  
Kate Kent for her grandson Joshua on his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Doris Benselin in memory of her father.

Grateful thanks to our sponsors for lighting up our beautiful church for all to share.

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, sponsorship is just £5. You can contact me, **Phyl Webster**, on 01308 898657. Should you want your occasion mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please let me know in good time for the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

*Happy New Year everyone!*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

**Erectors and Friends** – a great night was enjoyed as the Village Erectors ended their season at The New Inn accompanied by Villagers and Friends from further afield. Their work is completely voluntary and this year in addition to raising over **£1,000** to support Village Society

**Activity:** they were able to provide Marquees for a number of Village Events.

In 2017 Erectors travelled 300 miles and offered up 287 shifts either to erect or dismantle Marquees. As always we are grateful to the Towers (**John, Bob & Tom**) and **Simon Cleveland** our Quartermaster who kindly stores Marquees, Trailers and other Paraphernalia in his garage. There were, as ever, a few awards most notably The Wooden Peg to **Tim**

**Richardson** for coveting the last drop of Colmer's Seasonal Summer Ale and a Bikini to **David Barclay** who has been offered up by his wife **Tracy** as Mr January in the Erectors Calendar!. Joking apart.....well done Guys, Shipton Village Society really appreciate what you do! Grateful thanks to **Simone and Jason** for providing a Ripper of a Buffet!

**Good Eggs** - The Shipton Gorge Good Eggs took the opportunity at the Erectors and Friends Event to recognise the efforts of **Big Bob Ayers** and **Lynda Buck**. They were both appointed to the Order of OGE (Official Good Egg).

**Shipton Gorge Village Super Seniors Tea Party** – will be held at the **Village Hall** between 14:30 and 17:00 on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. The Village Society will be offering Tea, Coffee, Cake and transport to and from the Venue. There may also be a surprise guest! Please contact **Chris (897606)** or **Sally (897168)** to arrange transport or for more details.

**Pickled Onion and Chutney Competition** – On **20<sup>th</sup> January** at The New Inn @ 19:00. A few Bags of Pickling Onions are still available from Jason at the New Inn. It's a pound to enter and The New Inn are offering a complementary serving of Cheese. **Sarah Andrews** (Culinary Expert) has been recruited to judge entries. There's still time to start sousing your Onions in readiness!

Look out for a potential Village Society culinary Event at The New Inn on **24<sup>th</sup> February**.

## **PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018** in the village hall at 7.30pm. As usual everyone is most welcome to attend.

## **FUTURE BUS TRANSPORT**

One of the items on the agenda again in January will be the issue of bus transport. This is important to our rural community as we now have no regular service in the village since the 210 bus was discontinued last summer. There are several community based schemes being discussed locally and it is likely that one or more may come to fruition.

The parish council has been asked to consider an amount we would be prepared to provide per month as a subsidy for a community bus, should a suitable scheme become available. This would be taken from our precept and therefore increase everybody's council tax. So we would very much like to hear parishioners' views on this. We do not have any information as to how many residents regularly used the previous service or would use a new community scheme if one was set up, bearing in mind that there will be a charge per journey for this.

We would welcome your views, especially if you find it difficult with no longer having a regular bus service or if you would be likely to regularly use a new community bus.

Please contact any parish councillor or the clerk, Paula Biss on 898189, if possible prior to our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January, so we can discuss future bus transport for the village with as much information as possible about its potential use for villagers. You will find a flyer about this enclosed and we urge you to respond to this if you are a bus user or are concerned about the village not having a public service anymore. Alternatively do come along to the meeting and give us your views in person, we'd love to see you there.

## NO PETTICOATS HERE

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7.30 p.m., Shipton Gorge Village Hall

Award-winning singer/songwriter **Louise Jordan** tells the stories, through song, of the women of the First World War who challenged expectations. From the woman who dressed as a soldier on the Western Front, to the female football players banned by the FA, *No Petticoats Here* raises awareness of some inspirational women and their remarkable achievements. Expect music, humour, costume, and chorus songs that you'll be singing all the way home.



Tickets £8, £6 (u18s), £25 (fam 4 – max 2 adults) on door if available, or in advance from **Doris Benselin**: 01308 897562, by email from **kateshiptonvh@gmail.com**, or online from the Artsreach website (<https://artsreach.co.uk>).

## BETTY SHEPHERD

It is with sadness that we write that Betty Shepherd passed away suddenly in November. She will be greatly missed by all her many friends in Shipton and beyond. Betty, along with her husband Geoff, were staunch supporters of all local causes and would be the first to offer to help with or to provide something, often homemade, for any village event. Betty loved this involvement whether it was behind a stall or behind scenes in the kitchen. At her request, her funeral was private, but we all remember her and celebrate her life and her considerable contribution to this village.

## HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

If you have been fortunate enough to have been given a new jumper or even a pair of socks for Christmas and don't know what to do with last year's 'old' but serviceable one - please pass it on to me! In turn I will pass it on to The YOU Trust Charity. This charity works within Dorset, including Weymouth, to support vulnerable people including the homeless. The charity is in desperate need of clean clothes (including socks!), shoes, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, tents, duvets, sleeping bags and any toiletries and sanitary products for those sleeping rough. They also need heaters, kettles etc and TVs / DVD / CD players etc for those who have been found accommodation.

Items can be left at anytime with me at 'Greenways', Shipton Gorge and I will ensure they reach the charity.

Chris Hewlett tel. no. 01308 897278

## 100 CLUB RESULTS FOR DEC XMAS DRAW

£75 No 56 Sue Porter

£25 No 1 Kate Chomacki

£15 No 119 David Prickett

£10 No 85 David Osmond

£10 No 43 Jip & David Newell

Congratulations to all the winners!

### BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### ST MARY'S CHURCH SONGS OF PRAISE FOR EPIPHANY.. AND BEYOND!

On **Sunday January 7th** St. Mary's will be having a special Epiphany service of Songs of Praise. Starting at a convenient time of 10.30 am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are invited. Led by Yvonne Buckland there will be six Epiphany Carols as well as seasonal readings and homilies. As usual there will be refreshments afterwards.

On **Sunday 4th February** at 10.30 am we will be having a Songs of Praise service for 'Homeless Sunday' when we will be remembering the many adults and children who are homeless.

**Come and join us for these inspiring services!**

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN MUSIC

They always say ask a busy person if you want something done. It seems to me that everyone I meet is busy volunteering in some way or other. So perhaps my plea for volunteers will fall on deaf ears...**BUT**....nothing ventured, nothing gained.

The annual Festival of Music and Art in Burton is an amazing event. We are currently organising our 37<sup>th</sup>. We are fortunate to play host to professional musicians and artists during an exciting week in August.

As you will be only too aware, if you have ever been involved in organising any kind of event, it takes time and effort to make it a success. We have two committees, one for Art and one for Music. The music committee needs volunteers. If you have a strong interest in music and have skills in





organising, marketing fund raising or assisting in general please send me an email at [william\\_cain@mac.com](mailto:william_cain@mac.com) or telephone 01308-898632 for a chat about how you can get involved.

See you in the audience!

*Bill Cain Chair of the Festival 2018*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Our first meeting of 2018 will be on **Friday January 12th** at **7.30pm** in **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**. **BOB AYERS** will give a talk on **'By the Sign of.....', 'The Pubs of Bridport, Past and Present.'**

Bob has had a fascinating career as a Police Inspector and now as a Legal Aid Lawyer. He and his wife Jean live at the top of the hill in Burton Bradstock alongside a menagerie of animals including dogs, cats, sheep and chickens.

Come and hear the story of the rope making town and its many pubs, including royal intrigues and bizarre pub signs.

Other dates for your diary are;

**FRIDAY 2nd February** when **Peter and Margaret Long** will talk about **'Children of Fiji.'**

**FRIDAY 16th March** when **Emily Malyon-Roberts** will give us the benefit of **'My Years in Russia'.**

**FRIDAY 20th April** when **Susan Moores** will illuminate us on **'Burton Bradstock - the Last 100 Years .**

Members pay just £1 at each talk and non-members/guests £4

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.**

*For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)*

**“200 CLUB”** December 2017 Draw

*WDDC Licence no: SLO08*

**Congratulations to the winners:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£74.40	No 170:	Mr Bryan Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£37.20	No 1:	Mrs Val Ferre
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£18.60	No 37:	Mr Dave Edwards



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2018 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £12 – one pound for each month of the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Happy New Year! Councillor Vacancy**

Burton Bradstock Parish Council only has 1 vacant seat on the Parish Council please contact the Clerk or any Cllr for more info

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### **Polite Notice to Holiday Home owners**

You will now be gearing up for the new season ahead..... if you have off road parking could you please encourage your guests to use this facility but if the property does not have parking could your guests be given clear instructions of where they could park so as not to be disruptive to the local residents, this would be much appreciated.

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### **Play Area Project**

The Play area group are progressing with the project to update the play area and are looking to speak to some of the older children in the village to seek their views on a the design for a Zip wire and shelter at the playing field, look out for the posters or contact the PC for more info

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### **PC news**

Following the unfortunate vandalism of the 'Forest School' set up in Corncrake by the school children, we are pleased that it has now been restored and enhanced by the village volunteers. Also the PC have transported the tree trunk, from the felled tree adjacent to the playground wall, around to Corncrake which will add to the seating for the children.

The **PC and Flood Group** have been pleasantly surprised in being awarded a grant by the Scottish and Southern Electricity Network Resilience Fund. This is for the purchase of lightweight flood barriers, light weight gel bags (a substitute for heavy sand-bags) and a manual drain cover/manhole lifting aid. Once the equipment is delivered the Flood Group and Volunteers will have an assessment session to decide both how and where the equipment can be best deployed.

### **The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

7.30 pm in the Reading Room.

All welcome!

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<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

## COFFEE STOP MORNINGS.

The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are run monthly to provide a general “meet and chat” venue for Villagers and visitors alike. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 2 meeting dates are listed below.



<b>Date.</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Village Hall Trust
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Village Society

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films will show on **Friday 26 January 2018**. As 2018 films will be decided once the programming of feature films for the Christmas television programmes have been announced the actual film is not yet known. Look for details on posters around the Village after Christmas. Entrance £5 which includes film and a glass of wine. Tickets available at the Post Office or on the door on the night.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET & QUIZ.

Many thanks to all who helped organise and those who supported both the Market and Quiz. Both events were extremely well attended (the quiz sold out as normal), people who had tables at the market reported good sales and the quiz was its normal fun evening. Both made significant contributions to the Village Hall Trust funds.

## VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM.

The AGM of the Village Hall Trust will be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 19:30. After short presentations from the committee on 2017 activities and year end finances there will be elections for Committee membership for 2018, followed by free wine and nibbles.

The Trust exists to run the Hall for the benefit on behalf of the W.I. for the Village, please come along and make sure your needs are being listened to. Minutes of the last AGM will be available to view prior to the meeting both in the library and in the notice board inside the hall entrance.

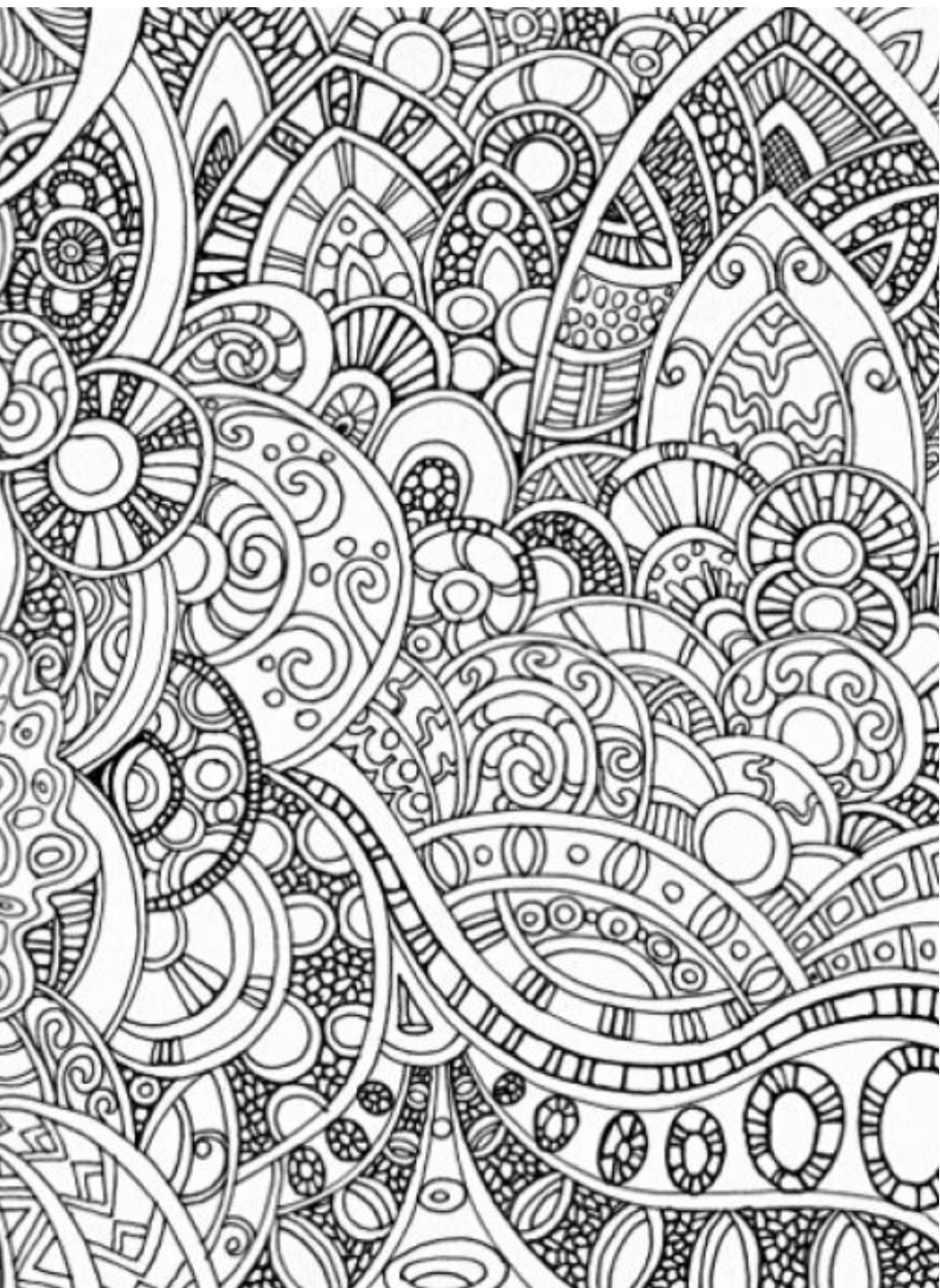
## BURTON BRADSTOCK WI

In early November, the WI held its Early Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning. Customers appreciated the mince pies and other delights on offer, and **£465** was raised.



Burton Bradstock WI's November meeting was a Centenary Tea Party, with a birthday cake and a toast to the next 100 years! The County Chairman and Vice Chairman were present, and they also visited the Library (**cont'd page 34**)







exhibition on the history of the WI in the village. **Susan Moores** had compiled a fascinating selection of facts and photographs.

There was more celebration near the actual anniversary, with a Cheese and Wine evening, and reminders of our year's programme which has taken us through the decades of the past century.

Still in November, a coach party enjoyed an outing to the New Forest to see "Lyrics and Laughter", a Christmas show; and in early December, members and friends enjoyed a splendid Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club.

Walditch Morning WI organised the carol service for the Bride Valley Group of WIs this year, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. There was a good contingent from Burton Bradstock.

The December meeting is yet to happen at the time of writing, but the first meeting of 2018 will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, when **Nicky Stevens** (former singer with "**The Brotherhood of Man**") will tell us about winning the **Eurovision Song Contest**. Any fans are welcome to come as visitors to this meeting, which starts at 2.15 pm.

*Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 897648).*

## **FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)**

I would like to thank **James Webster** for once again donating a lovely water colour for the Library Christmas Card to raise funds on behalf of the Friends. It will be 5 years in January since we took over the running of our community library, with many thanks to the volunteers who reliably arrive to open the library and to you our customers who continue to use the facilities. As a member of the library you have access through RB Digital to an e book service, check out up to 5 e books at a time and borrow e books for up to 21 days. In addition you can download e magazines. Choose from over 75 different titles across a wide range of genres including computers & technology, crafts, current affairs, entertainment, food & cooking, lifestyle, science & nature, sports and home & garden. Both these facilities are FREE with your library card!

If you would consider becoming a volunteer please contact me on 01308 898049 or leave your name at the library. The role of a volunteer normally involves two duties (of 2.5hours each) a month, but this may be tailored to suit you. A duty involves processing the books and providing a friendly face, helping our customers to use the many facilities available.

Our library continues to offer WiFi, photocopying and laminating, a jigsaw lending library, DVD's (all donated), maps, local information, newspapers

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and magazines. Your Library card gives you access to all LibrariesWest Libraries. Books may be ordered on-line, borrowed and returned anywhere within the consortium including Burton Bradstock. A big thank you to you all for your continuing support

**Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library**

Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00am

Contact information: Telephone: 01308 897563;

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

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

**GONZO MOOSE AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM.**



Since 2000, Gonzo Moose has become renowned for its brand of stage comedy, which combines improvisation, music,

physical theatre and clowning.



Join us in Burton Bradstock Village Hall for this fast-paced rollicking ride, mixing paranoia, suspense and hilariously gruesome deaths. It's 1912, and as Scott and Amundsen begin their race across Antarctica, the hapless explorer, Captain Reginald Cranston, has accidentally landed on the wrong side of the continent. As Cranston and his motley band set up base camp, a meteor crashes nearby. Deciding to investigate, they set out towards the crash site - unaware of the danger that awaits not just them, but the whole of planet Earth.

What ancient evil lurks inside the crater? What is the dark secret of the slimy fungus? And what is the horrifying fate of those who encounter the parasitic space worms? Watch three daring actors as they play over 15 roles in 90 minutes of shocks, spine tingling silliness, and blood curdling terror. With comedy and thrills galore, the show features visual gags, verbal wit, giant puppetry, and even a little bit of live music.

This must be a date to put in your diary! Tickets (adults £9, under 18s £6, and family groups £25), will be available in Burton Bradstock Post Office and you can also order online at [artsreach.co.uk](http://artsreach.co.uk) or just ring the box office on (01308) 897421.

ADVANCE NOTICE The next Artsreach event will be a play called 'The Secret Life', on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Details to follow in the February BVN.



## CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com). **A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used**



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# DIARY, JANUARY 2018

Wed	3	19.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Fri	5	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	9	14.15	Burton W.I. - Nicky Stevens winning Eurovision	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	9	9.30	St Mary's Annual Big Clean	St Mary's , Litton
Tue	9	19.30	Parish Council meeting	LATCH
Wed	10	19.30	Shipton Gorge Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	12	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Fri	12	19.30	Village Society - Bob Ayers—Bridport Pubs	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	16	13.00	PSWB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	17	14.00	Messy Church Bible Reflection	Rectory, Burton
Fri	19	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	20	tbc	Thorner's Big Breakfast	LATCH
Sat	20	14.30	Shipton Gorge Village Super Senior's Tea Party	Village Hall, Shipton
Sat	20	19.00	Pickled Onion and Chutney Competition	New Inn, Shipton
Wed	24	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by The Village Hall Trust	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	26	19.30	Burton Films - film tba see posters	Village Hall, Burton
Mon	29	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion Social	Bridport Golf Club

## February

Thu	1	19.30	Cyber Crime Prevention Talk	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Thu	1	20.00	BV Films TBA	LATCH





## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JANUARY

	1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY 7 JANUARY EPIPHANY	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY 28 JANUARY CANDLEMAS
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion <small>RR</small> 10.30 Epiphany Songs of Praise <small>YB</small>	11.00 Holy Communion <small>ET</small>  6.30 Evening Prayer <small>MR</small>	9.30 Family Service <small>RR</small>  6.30 Holy Communion <small>SB</small>	11.00 Holy Communion <small>AW</small>  6.30 Evening Prayer <small>SB</small>
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion by ext <small>MR</small>	9.30 Morning Prayer <small>ET</small>	9.30 Holy Communion <small>PR</small>	5.30 Evensong <small>SL</small>
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer <small>SB</small>	11.00 Holy Communion <small>PR</small>	11.00 Morning Worship <small>MR</small>	9.30 Holy Communion <small>AW</small>
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion <small>PR</small>	5.00 Evening Prayer <small>VT</small>	11.00 All age Holy Communion <small>RR</small>	9.30 Family Service <small>YB</small>
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship <small>clw</small>	9.30 Holy Communion <small>PR</small>	9.30 Morning Prayer <small>JL</small>	9.30 Holy Communion <small>SL</small>
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion <small>RR</small>		9.30 Morning Worship <small>JW</small>	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion by ext <small>JW</small>		11.00 Holy Communion <small>SL</small>