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www.swyre.org.uk

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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2018

Thursday	1	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	1	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Tuesday	6	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	8	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by ext
Monday	12	9.00	Swyre - prayers
Tuesday	13	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	15	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	15	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Tuesday	20	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	22	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by ext
Monday	26	9.00	Swyre - Prayers
Tuesday	27	9.00	Burton Bradstock - Prayers
Thursday	29	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer

GOOD BOOKS

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



To all in The Bride Valley

The unfolding of Motor Neurone Disease has meant that in the last twelve months - since diagnosis - I have gone from being wheelchair-bound to very nearly being bed-ridden.

Indeed since Christmas I have lost the capacity to sing and bit by bit my ability to speak has been decreasing. I've always engaged my creativity in my life and ministry - I trained in London as a graphic designer in the 1970s - and worked for The Western Gazette for ten years before digitalisation. I have always preferred a letter hand-written rather than typed. Yet, I have (rather surprisingly) found in the digital image platform Instagram - (**batty_stephen**) a space to share what I experience visually as an intensely felt beauty, pleasure and humour in our front room/ bedroom I now occupy. The ease of use afforded by the iPad screen makes it possible to type out words with hands that no longer have strength. One of the so-called 'hash tags' I often use is '**viewfrommybed**'! It may seem all the more surprising to those who know that I'm not by nature a digital native. This has opened up a large community of people- some I know- many I will never meet...with whom I share. Here in our valley I now face a period of time when opportunities for coming to church - let alone communicating via my voice will grow slender. When Bishop Karen preached at Choral Evensong last month at Litton Cheney, she spoke about the story of Elijah the prophet who took refuge in a cave at the mouth of which God communicated to him in a thin soft voice.

At a time when this illness means that I will not be visible in the Bride Valley churches, homes and schools, my communication with God on behalf of the valley will remain constant- whilst being thin and very very soft.

Frances and I extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support both practical and prayerful.

The journey I am making is a journey we all make. We do not make the journey alone, but always accompanied by Jesus Christ who was and is our pioneer through death to new life.

Stephen



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

17 March Esme Ruby Rhian Condliffe St Mary's, Burton Bradstock

Funerals

18 January Stanley Seymour Hicks St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
22 January Greta Heal St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
23 January James Charles Harding Weymouth Crematorium
2 February Wilfred James Gale Edwards St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
14 February Vera Stevens Holy Trinity, Swyre
16 February Brenda Mary Cooke St Mary's, Puncknowle

Thanksgiving Service

27 January Kenneth Short St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
7 February James Charles Harding St Mary's, Burton Bradstock

Burial of Ashes

19 January Stanley Seymour Hicks St Martin's, Shipton Gorge



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 2nd at 10.30am

The service this year with the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good' has been prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname and it will take place at the **Christian Fellowship Church**.

The service has been translated into 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities to care for the wonderful world in which we live. It is not simply a day of prayer for women but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

Everyone is most welcome to come and join us and refreshments will be provided. For details please contact Kathy Hince (hincekathy@gmail.com) or 01308 485626



MONTHLY LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

In Lent Christians focus on what matters – prayer, food and on what and whom we set our hearts. We are invited to pray, fast, and love others as well as ourselves. We are encouraged to give to charity because giving is good for us as well as for people in need.



Lent is time for a simple life which is why people give things up. For some of us it is amazing what we do not need! Lent is time set aside for self-examination to help us be Easter people who live in response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

You can teach people to pray. There is quite a lot in the Gospels where Jesus teaches his disciples, including the Lord's prayer: keep it simple, be direct, ask for what you want, be open to God and one another. St Paul gave lots of good advice about prayer: be thankful, pray continually, live in the Lord. There is a wealth of material to learn from others, the saints down the ages.

I have just been given the newly published prayer book of Evelyn Underhill, one of the great Anglican writers on prayer and spirituality in the 20th Century. It is her collection of other people's prayers together with those she wrote. We could all do that for ourselves. We learn to pray by doing it, acquiring the habit of prayer.

People keep Lent in lots of ways. Praying Together is at the heart of our keeping Lent as a Diocese. For a few minutes each day we will pray by reading a short passage of scripture, a reflection, prayer and action. When Easter comes we are at one with God, one another and all creation.

In the risen Christ truth, goodness, love, justice and mercy meet one another and us. Easter is like God bringing us home. Lent is preparing for the journey.

You can find out how to join in with Praying Together by ordering a booklet, downloading an app, or getting a daily e-mail at www.bit.ly/prayingtogether

*The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam
Bishop of Salisbury*

Family Information Service



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part of Dorset County Council, offers free advice and assistance for parents, carers and young people. We provide information on childcare funding and how to apply, groups and activities, family services, special

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ST. PETER'S, EYPE Exhibition of Stations of the Cross Paintings (by kind permission of Churches Together in Bridport)

Painted by members of the Bridport Art Society and featuring modern dress and local backdrops, these were shown around the town in 2016.

2-5pm Saturdays/Sundays 17th Feb. to 24th March, and every afternoon in Holy Week, 26th March to Easter Monday, 2nd April.

No entrance fee, but donations welcome for Churches Together in Bridport and Eype Centre for the Arts. Refreshments.

Stations of the Cross Service Palm Sunday, 25th March at 4.30pm, led by the Bishop of Sherborne, The Right Reverend Karen Gorham. With the première of a new setting of "Crux Fidelis", a choral piece written by Matt Kingston

'THE COUNTRY HABIT HAS ME BY THE HEART'

Favourite poems, prose and songs to celebrate spring and Easter Day.

Tim Laycock and Sonia Ritter read classic poems from William Barnes to Christina Rossetti, John Clare to Kenneth Grahame,

and sing local folksongs accompanied on guitar, concertina and flute.

Littlebredy Church Easter Sunday 1st April 3-4pm.

All welcome.

Retiring collection in aid of the church roof fund.

VALLEY NOTES

BRIAN PRENTICE

It is with great sadness that we learnt on going to press of the death of Brian Prentice, and our thoughts and prayers go out to Jennie and the family. His funeral will take place on Thursday 1st March at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney.



VALLEY LUNCHES 2018

For all of you who enjoy good food and congenial company, the next couple of Valley Lunches for 2018 will be on the following dates:

March 4th in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
April 29th** at 12.30pm

All are welcome to these shared lunches, so if you have family or friends staying with you, bring them along too. There is no charge, but all are asked to bring a savoury or sweet contribution (or both) to put on the serving table. Tea and filter coffee are provided. If you wish to purchase **Fairtrade** items, Liz Orza usually has her stall laid out and is happy to serve you.

The normal Valley Lunch pattern (1st Sunday in odd months) will be changed to April 29th (instead of May 6th) as we will be welcoming our retiring Archdeacon, the Venerable Paul Taylor, to take Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock when he will also be joining us for lunch that day. This occasion will still be a 'bring and share' lunch.

For further details please contact Cilla (898473) or Heather (897780)

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 9th March** and **13th April**

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.



We would like to thank Puncknowle and Swyre Parish council, for their very kind donation of £35. This is especially welcome as we are currently experiencing a dip in numbers, which means we are struggling to pay our ongoing expenses. This will help pay the hall hire. Many thanks Clare and Nicola.

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 jamiemandnicola@gmail.com or **Clare Turnbull** 07748 783442 clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com for more info.



CALAIS CEILIDH II HELP REFUGEES



This was both enjoyable and successful and despite a low turnout on 3rd February (about a quarter of last year's numbers), I still managed to take **£204** up to Taunton RAFT – the proceeds from the raffle, cake and clothes sales and quiz - a donation

they were very pleased with! The van was stuffed to the gills with clothing collected at the ceilidh and the Unitarian Chapel in Bridport, where donations of clothing and bedding etc are very welcome.

If you have a free Wednesday or Saturday morning, they are in desperate need of volunteers to regularly sort donations! I also took 3 boxes of dried and tinned food that we collected on the night. There's great camaraderie there in Taunton, a very positive atmosphere amongst volunteers.

The online donation site, for 'Help Refugees' - <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/cc2> which is open until 3rd March, *hint hint*, is currently at **£846.85**, which, with Gift Aid, means **£1,019.10** – and I am extremely pleased with this amount !!! (Needless to say, Help Refugees are very grateful too.) By the way, 94% of their funds go straight to the field – impressive!



Thank you again to the dancers who made it, to the band, caller, and 'crew', and special helpers Zoe and Eva.



Follow this link for a powerful comparison of the treatment of refugees in the 1940's and now. https://youtu.be/DuRN_AfpSHO

Until next time everyone!
Thank you, Bec Freiesleben

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

I write this report at the end of a very busy first half of term.

Our Breakfast Club, which was started last term, is going from strength to strength and the children are not only enjoying their yummy breakfasts but are also taking part in fun activities before the school day has even started! In particular the children have really enjoyed making their crazy fruit animals and their cereal jewellery.



We have had a few visitors into school this half term to support the children with their learning. **Gillian Smith** from **Wessex Water** led a whole school assembly on water in our homes before working with the older students on workshops investigating sewage.

Jo Burlington, a local artist, has worked with our Reception children to create artwork using different media. They had so much fun and got very messy – and it is also helping with their handwriting.



Unfortunately, due to the very wet weather and soggy pitches we have been unable to take part in any Kenway Cup football matches this half term, and football club has also needed to be cancelled. However, the children have loved the new **Fencing** after-school club and it is amazing how skilled they have become after only six weeks of tuition.

Having organised the Jumble Sale, the Friends are now turning their attention to the **Annual Duck Race** which will be taking place on **Easter Monday** this year. Last year proved to be the best year ever, so we are looking forward to a repeat performance this year!

Claire Staple , Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

The **TSA Farmhouse breakfast** was very well attended and the food was excellent. A big thank you to all who helped and donated produce and time to the event. The car wash was very popular too. The TSA raised about **£350** – super! A special thanks to children who did the tombola and helped a lot on the day. The TSA raised **£140** from **Bag2School** – excellent!



Tony Taylor, one of our Governors, presented an **assembly on birds**. (This was to have been in the Discovery Area but, sadly, could not be due to the very wet conditions.) The children were really interested and it was great to see how much they knew about birds. We encouraged them to look out for birds in their gardens and contribute to the RSPB Garden Birdwatch count this weekend. We are participating in the Schools Birdwatch too.



The **Ethos Council** enacted a Bible Story to demonstrate 'Trust', the value of the Spring first half term. The whole school participated in '**Sign2Sing**', in support of a charity for the hearing impaired.



We played in the **West Dorset netball finals** and had an excellent win! We played 5 matches, won 4 and drew 1. We are in the Dorset finals – what a super team! We are also through to the **quarter finals of the Kenway Cup** – excellent.



Litton and Chesil children have been learning programming using **beebots**.

Fledglings and Litton
enjoying maths together



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR

The choir begins rehearsals on **Tuesday 3rd April** in the village hall, Sipton Gorge (2 - 3.45pm)

We urgently need new members this year, so please consider joining us - we work hard to achieve a high standard, but we also have fun!
To find out more phone me, **Janet Lane** on 897241.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENTS 2018

MONDAY - 26th MARCH

6.30pm for 7pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

MONDAY - 23rd APRIL - ANNUAL DINNER

6.30pm for 7pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

Note: As from March 2018, our Social Suppers will be at the earlier time as shown above, 6.30pm for 7pm)



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

Members are reminded that British Legion information is available on their Website, and 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 Dalgleish on 01308 897894.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Representing all the valley villages, the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2018 season on Monday March 19th at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall at Puncknowle. We welcome **Jim McDonald** of the **National Sweet Pea Society** to talk about sweet pea cultivation.



We usually meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between March and October (except in August, when there is no meeting). **Annual subscription for members is £6 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.**

Dates to note: On April 16th our meeting will begin with a short AGM, followed by **Stephen Griffiths** talking about 'Abbotsbury, Past, Present and Future'.

The Flower and Produce Show will be at LATCH on Saturday **June 30th**.

JOBS TO DO IN MARCH

Divide Hostas to make new plants. Finish cutting back hardy perennials and divide any overgrown clumps. Deadhead early bulbs as soon as the flowers fade but leave the stem and foliage to die down naturally to feed the bulb. Sow hardy annuals. Plant out hardy perennials, gladiolus corms, lily bulbs and rock plants. In the vegetable garden sow broad beans, Brussels Sprouts, parsnips, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes; plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes if the conditions are good enough. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

BRIDE VALLEY WI

We welcome all women from the local area and for new members the first meeting is free. Unless we are out on a visit meetings take place at the village hall in Puncknowle, so why not come along and give us a try!



Events coming up are:

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| 15th March | Craft night, Decoupage |
| 19th April | Towel folding and more... |
| 17th May | Skittles at The White Horse |

For more information please contact **Nic Arundel** on nicarundel@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee – **Debbie Legge, Christine Pacey, Meryl Edwards** or **Charlotte Kinghorn**. We look forward to seeing you all in 2018

THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK GROUP FEBRUARY MEETING



This month's book was "Alias Grace" by Margaret Atwood. Some of us came to this fresh and others had read it in the late 1990's when it was Booker shortlisted. The story is set in the mid 19 century and is about Grace, a poor servant girl of Irish heritage, who having travelled to Canada to escape the hardships of her own country, is accused of the murder of her employer and his housekeeper mistress. The story is true and was a notorious case at the time. Grace and her male accomplice (who was hanged) are found guilty of the crime. Atwood includes some contemporary documents which highlight the lurid coverage it received. The writer adds some fictional characters who enable Grace to have a voice and tell her story. We all agreed this was superbly written and we did not mind that there was no real resolution at the end of the novel. The reader remains unclear about Grace's role in the double murder but along the way we learn a great deal more. Although we felt the novel was almost as elusive and ambiguous as Grace herself - it was a powerful read.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

Note - our screenings are now on **THURSDAYS**.



Thurs. 1 March GOING IN STYLE 'a good heist film with excellent actors'

Oscar winners **Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine** and **Alan Arkin** team up as lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Al, who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a corporate

casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money. Cert. 12 1.5hrs.

Thurs. 29 March GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN 'a charming bittersweet tale' Cert. TBA 1.5hrs.



The film gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. Along with his mother Daphne, and his nanny Olive (Kelly Macdonald), Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books; the enchanting tales bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to the family?

(For all films) 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: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the license for these films with Burton Bradstock (who will show it the previous Friday).

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : Look out for further details on posters

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

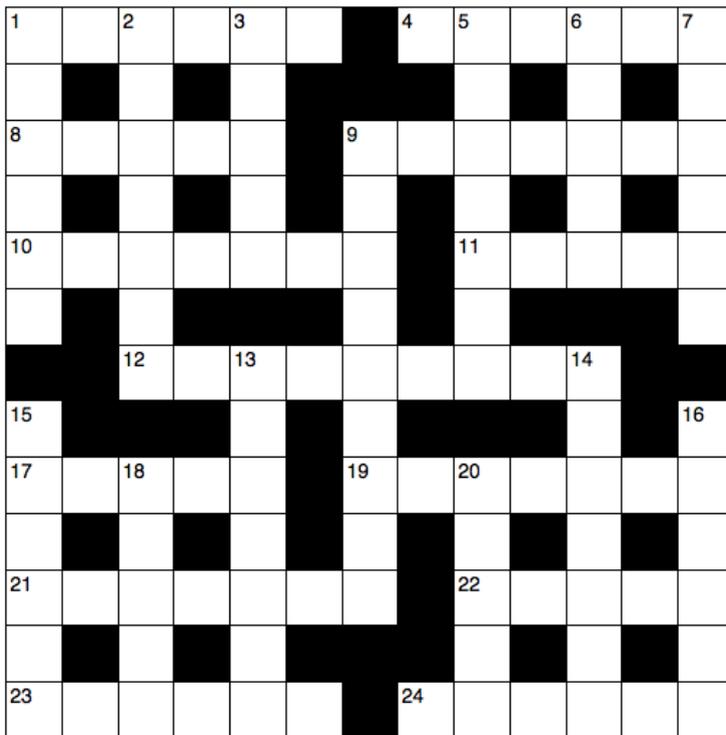
Free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the 3rd day of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact Diana Wright 01308 456 967



<p>BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE</p> <p>DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING TO YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?</p> <p>IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, A B.V.C.S VOLUNTEER DRIVER CAN GET YOU THERE</p> <p>For more information, please ring 01308 897695</p> 	<p>Rotary Club of Bridport</p> <p>DORSET POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND LOCAL SOLOISTS</p> <p>7.30P.M. 3rd MARCH 2018</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH, EAST STREET BRIDPORT</p> <p>TICKETS £10.50</p> <p>FROM BRIDPORT TOURIST CENTRE</p> <p>IN AID OF ROTARY CHARITIES</p> <p>(01308 459039)</p>
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Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — — ,” you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

All in the month of MARCH

It was:

200 years ago, on 11th March 1818 that Mary Shelley's novel 'Frankenstein, or, The Modern Prometheus', was published.

150 years ago, on 28th March 1868 that James Brudenell, 7th Earl of Cardigan, British General, died. As Commander of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War, he led the disastrous Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava. Noted for his arrogance, extravagance, incompetence, generosity and bravery.

125 years ago, on 18th March 1893 that Wilfred Owen, British poet and soldier, was born. One of the leading poets of WW1. Noted for his shocking, realistic poetry about the horrors of trench warfare. (Killed in action one week before the war ended, aged 25.)

75 years ago, on 13th March 1943 that there was the first of two failed attempts to assassinate Hitler in this month. On 13th he flew to Smolensk, Soviet Union, to inspect troops on the Eastern Front. German Army officers had planted a bomb on board his plane, but it failed to explode, probably because the extreme cold froze the detonator. There was another attempt on his life in Smolensk.

65 years ago, on 24th March 1953 that Queen Mary died. She was mother of King Edward VIII and also of King George VI. She was grandmother of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

40 years ago, on 8th March 1978 that the first episode of Douglas Adam's science fiction comedy series 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' was broadcast on BB Radio 4.

Also 40 years ago, on 16th March 1978 that the Amoco Cadiz oil spill off Brittany occurred. The Liberian-registered super-tanker ran aground on rocks during a storm, split into three, and sank. Its entire cargo of 219,797 tons of light crude and 4,000 tons of fuel oil spilled into the sea, eventually contaminating around 200 miles of coastline, including 76 beaches. There was a massive loss of life – the largest ever recorded at that time.

Also 40 years ago, on 30th March 1978 that Britain's Conservative Party recruited the (then unknown) advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi to revamp its image and win votes ahead of the General Election in May 1979. They produced the famous slogan and advertising campaign 'Labour isn't Working', which contributed to the Conservatives' election win and Margaret Thatcher becoming Prime Minister.

30 years ago, on 19th March 1988 that the Corporals killings in Belfast took place. Dozens of mourners attending an IRA funeral dragged two off-duty British soldiers from a car and beat them, then drove them to a wasteground where they were stripped and shot dead. The incident was filmed by TV cameras, and became some of the most harrowing images of the Troubles.

15 years ago, on 31st March 2003 that the world's first commercial nuclear power station at Calder Hall, Cumbria, closed down after nearly 47 years of service.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH SONGS OF PRAISE DURING LENT

On Sunday **March 4th** St.Mary's will be having a Songs of Praise service with readings and hymns for the season of

Lent. This month **Rev'd Stephen Batty** will be joined by **Yvonne Buckland** and as usual there will be refreshments afterwards. 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.



The next Songs of Praise service will be on **Sunday 8th April** at 10.30 am. It will be led by **Rev'd Sue Linford** when the theme will be 'Spring, a time of renewal'.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!

FRUGAL LENT LUNCH

Our Frugal Lent Lunch this year is kindly being hosted by **Pat** and **Peter Broomhead** on **Friday 16th March**, 12 - 2, at their home Casterbridge, Annings Lane. Updates from our two charities, the **South Sudan Medical Link**, and the **Church Mission Society** will be available. Your support at this key event will be very much appreciated.

Liz Orza 897451

JIM HARDING

We would like to thank our many kind friends who attended Jim's Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church on 7th February. Jim would have been amazed to see so many dear faces. Also for the lovely, thoughtful cards and letters which have supported us at this sad time.

Margaret, Susanne and Linda.

A THANK YOU

Noreen and Alison Short would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the service of Celebration of Ken's life as well as for all the cards and donations that we received. Also thank you for all the wonderful support and love shown during this difficult time.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our next talk will tell us more about a country which Winston Churchill described in 1939 as '... a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.' On Friday 16th March at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, **Emily Malyon-Roberts** will talk about '**My Years in Russia**'.

Emily is an Exeter University Russian Language Graduate and a teacher of English as a Foreign Language. She will be talking about her time spent living and working in Russia, focusing particularly on her travels around Southern and Central Russia.

Please come along to what should be a fascinating evening. Members pay just £1 on the door and Non-Members/Guests £4.

And here's a date for the diary - our 2018 Burton Bradstock Village Society Flower and Produce Show will take place on **Saturday 14th July**. Budding photographers need to know that this year's photographic categories are '**Nature in the Garden**' and '**Beach Sculptures**'. And the poets amongst you need to start work on limericks titled '**The Hive Beach**'. Good luck!

FUND RAISING FOR RALEIGH PROJECT IN NICARAGUA

I just wanted to thank everybody who bought my cakes and contributed to my fund raising in the past few months. I was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and have now reached my fund raising target.

I am excited to be leaving for Nicaragua on 12th February on a three month volunteering project.

Many thanks, Evie Dixon

IMPROVED VILLAGE WEB SITE

The village web site was created originally as a millennium project to capture village life and history. It has recently been reworked, with a more user-friendly Home Page and links to commonly accessed pages. Why not have a look at the new site at www.burtonbradstock.org.uk and its new features – especially the calendar.

The calendar is accessible from the home page and holds details of events happening within the village. It provides a handy way for you to find out what is going on. However, for this to be really useful, it requires those organising events to add them to this calendar. A number of groups have already agreed to do this.

If you want to add events to the calendar, contact **Tim Linford** (897363), **Chris Sundt** (898531) or **Roger Ashman** (898442). They can either add events on your behalf, or arrange for your group to update the calendar directly.

The web site is a superb village resource. The calendar adds a new, practical feature that can help remind you of events happening in this village.

Chris Sundt (898531 or sundtc@hotmail.com)

A CELEBRATION IN MUSIC FOR THE LIFE OF KEITH DELVES....

On **Friday 13th April 2018** there will be a Concert in the village hall as a Celebration of Keith Delves contribution to the Burton Bradstock Music Festival. As a tribute to Keith, **David Juritz** and the festival musicians are giving a special concert of popular classics by Rossini and Schubert which will include Mozart's much-loved Clarinet Quintet featuring **Anna Hashimoto**.

Proceeds of the evening will go to the Dorset County Hospital Charity Appeal, (Radiotherapy department)

The tickets will go on sale for £10 at the **Burton Bradstock Post Office** on **Monday 5th March** and will also be available from **Gill Redford** from that date (01308 897203).

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

“**200 CLUB**” February 2018 Draw
WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st £36.80 No 48: Mr Bernard Chennells
- 2nd £18.40 No 184: Mrs Bobbie Sinclair-Brown
- 3rd £9.20 No 65: Mr Anthony Hook



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2018 draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £10 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

SPRING FISH & CHIP QUIZ.

This popular quiz, which will include a fish & chip supper, will be held on Sat 21st April with quiz arranged by **Humphrey Walwyn**.

The quiz runs in teams of 8, but all are welcome, from individuals to small groups and not just Villagers. Smaller numbers will be put together into teams either beforehand or on the night.



There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and last teams, a sensibly priced bar and raffle. Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office **Mon 2nd April** at £9 per person. This includes the cost of your fish and chip meal, which regrettably goes up each year. To book a team table, request a place in a team or request something other than cod & chips as a meal, contact **Richard Ferré** on 897648 or email rwferre99@gmail.com.

This is a ticket only event and last year sold out, so get yours early.

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.



Date.	Organiser
Wed 21 st Mar	W.I.
Wed 18 th Apr	Bowls Club

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing **Goodbye Christopher Robin** on **Friday 23 March 2018**. The story gives a rare insight into the relationship of the children’s author A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the world of Winnie the Pooh. The family were carried along on the international tide of success of the books not long after the First World War ended, but for Christopher Robin and the family all the success eventually became a shadow that hung over them.



Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office from 1 March or, if available, on the door on the night.

To be shown by Bride Valley Films Thursday 29 March 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Burton Bradstock Films’s next showing will be on **Friday 27 April 2018**. Film yet to be decided, look in next month’s BVN for details.

Burton Bradstock Films only will be showing **Paddington 2** on **Friday 25 May 2018**

ANTIQUÉ VALUATIONS

Michael Vaughn, a local antique dealer will be holding a valuation session in the Committee Room at the rear of the hall on **Tuesday 6th March** between 13:30 & 16:00. Follow his signs to the side entrance to find the committee room.



AGENT OF INFLUENCE: THE SECRET LIFE OF PAMELA MORE

at Burton Bradstock Village Hall, **Saturday 10th March** at 7.30pm.

Everyone loves a good spy story, and this one will have you completely enthralled! Lady Pamela, fashion columnist and socialite, is recruited by MI5 to keep notes on Wallis Simpson and Edward VIII, suspected to be colluding with the German Embassy. Pamela discovers that what began as an adventure has become a deadly struggle for power in a world in the shadow of war.

This is a date to put in your diary and tickets (adults £9, under 18s £6, and family groups £25), are available in Burton Bradstock Post Office, and you can also order online at artsreach.co.uk or just ring the box office on (01308) 897421.

Artsreach

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INSPIRING WOMEN

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Evening meetings resume this month, and at 7.30 pm on **13th March**, our speaker will be **Amanda Smith** from **AMUSE chocolate**. AMUSE produce a variety of handmade chocolates in their shop on Symondsburry Estate. They use 100% natural ingredients in all their products and source them locally where possible. They are always trying out new flavours; some tasting may be involved!

A coach party is going to the Octagon to see “**Top Hat**”, the stage musical which recreates the tap-dancing magic of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, with Irving Berlin’s classic hits such as “Cheek to Cheek”.

WI members will host the **Coffee Stop** in the Village Hall on **21st March**, from 10 – 12, so everyone is warmly invited to drop in for coffee, a chat and maybe some cake.

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)

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library AGM is on Thursday evening **15th March 2018** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a short review of the past year and a look ahead to the next 12 months.

The FBBL is a registered charity committed to:

- Organising volunteers to run the library.
- Raise sufficient funds to
 - pay for the annual running costs associated with the Library.
 - and manage and maintain the fabric of the library building.
- Promote and develop services the library offers to the local community.
- Organise community activities and events outside of library hours.

Our constitution requires that we elect up to seven Trustees for the coming year. Nominations for trustees should be submitted to the Secretary, **Andrea Wilkinson**, The White House, Chapel Street, Burton Bradstock by **Thursday 8th March 2018**. Nomination forms are available in the library. Please come to the AGM meeting if you can and join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles. All “Friends” are entitled to vote.



If you are interested in becoming a “library volunteer”, please leave your name at the library desk, or call 01308 898049 for more information. Our volunteers will typically have two duties a month of approx. 2½ hours each but this may be tailored to suit individual availability.

POLICE SURGERIES

The Police Surgeries have been re-instated and **PCSO Alex Bishop** will next visit the library on **Tuesday 6th March** at 10.30am. All surgery dates can be found at:

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/bridport/beaminster/>,

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;

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Village Shop and Post Office



The Village Post Office and Village Shop is there to serve your everyday postal and banking needs.

The PO can return your parcels serving Parcel Force,
(but not Click and Collect).

The PO is the only pay station outlet now for electric and gas top ups.
The PO also do all major phone top ups

The Parish Council is actively supporting the Village Post Office and Shop
we hope that many in the community will support this valuable
community asset as well!

Our Local Village Shop and PO would like assistance with its presence
on social media, Facebook/Twitter etc.; if anyone has experience
with the development of small rural shops with this issue then
we would like to hear from you?

Remember 'USE IT OR LOSE IT'!

Councillor Vacancy

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

**The next Parish Council meeting will be
on Wednesday 7th March 2018**

7.30 pm in the Reading Room.

All welcome!

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email: burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk
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<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

LITTLEBREDY

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In last month's edition, we were looking back to Christmas; now we are already looking forward to Easter (which falls on **Sunday 1st April**).

For the first time in immemorial years – possibly ever – there will be no service here on Easter Day. Just as our Longbredy neighbours forewent their Christmas Day service because of clergy resources, now it is our turn to reciprocate. We shall be joining the Longbredy congregation in St. Peter's at 11.00 on Easter morning. **The Ven. Paul Taylor**, the soon to retire Archdeacon of Sherborne, will lead the service.

Our Church will not be empty all day, however. **At 3.00 p.m. on Easter afternoon, Tim Laycock and Sonia Ritter will be performing an informal concert of poems, prose and folksongs to celebrate spring and Easter Day. Entitled "THE COUNTRY HABIT HAS ME BY THE HEART", the vocal repertoire accompanied on guitar, concertina and flute will encompass Shakespeare and William Barnes, Christina Rossetti and Kenneth Grahame. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the Church roof fund. It should be a treat.**

Earlier in Lent, **Ben and Charlie** have again offered to host the village's **Frugal Lunch, in The Old Parsonage at 1.00 p.m. on Friday March 23rd**. Many thanks in advance to them, and we hope for a good turnout for a convivial occasion. Our customary short and simple said **Litany service will take place in Church at 10.00 a.m. on Good Friday, March 30th**.

Arrangements for the Church's Easter decorations will be formulated among the team during March.



Tom Foot's "Open Air Dairy" at Longlands Farm continues to garner wide publicity. Not surprising, perhaps, that this innovative enterprise caught the attention of "Farmer's Weekly" in an article last Autumn, but a captioned photograph over a third of a page in the "Daily Telegraph"

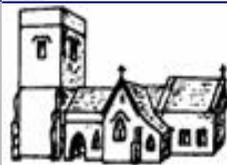
just into the new year will have introduced a whole new readership to what is going on here.

LONG BREDY

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LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

January Draw

£25.00	No. 12	Jo Milne
£15.00	No. 3	D and R Cullingford
£5.00	No. 40	Brian Lee

Drawn on 31.1.2018 at 11, The Gardens, by Kate, Ruth, and Dave

VILLAGE 'SPRING CLEAN'

A reminder that this will start at 10.00 a.m. at the village hall on **Saturday, March 3rd**, with refreshments in the hall when you have finished your stint! For the past few years it has been a sunny morning with lots of community spirit among all ages. Children are welcome if accompanied and supervised by an adult. Come and lend a hand if possible, bringing a high visibility vest if you have one, and protective gloves.



CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

There will be a tidy-up of the churchyard on **MARCH 24th** at 10.00 a.m. and any help with this will be greatly appreciated ...however little or much time anyone has to give. The churchyard is looking beautiful with snowdrops at the moment, in some part because of the careful maintenance last year which has allowed them to flourish even more.

It's not all work; there will be refreshments and it is a beautiful, peaceful area to spend half an hour tidying up.

ADVANCED AND VERY ADVANCED NOTICES!

Easter Day is on **April 1st**. We have a joint service with Littlebredy, taken by Archdeacon Paul. Anyone wishing to make an Easter garden on a tray (adult or child) is very welcome to do so. Please leave it in the church with your name; there will be a prize for the best one.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

There will a **Spring Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall on **April 21st**, starting at 10.30 a.m., with a plant stall, which has proved very popular over the

last three years. If you are sowing seeds, taking cuttings or dividing plants in the next few weeks, and wish to include a few extra for the stall, that would be very much appreciated.

and finally.....

St Peter's Church is having a Harvest **Festival Week**-end on **September 15th** and **16th**, with stalls, refreshments, food competitions and corn dolly making. The harvest festival service will be held on the Sunday.

More details will follow much nearer the time.

A BUS SERVICE HAS ARRIVED IN LONG BREDY!

Just in case you missed it, Dorset Community Transport have now introduced a PlusBus service from Long Bredy to Bridport every **WEDNESDAY**.

- The **Bridport C service** will start from **Long Bredy** at **approx 9.30am** the travel the former route of Service 210 (previously operated by Damory)
- The **return journey** will depart **Bridport** at **12.30pm**
- The fare is a **fixed rate of £5.00 return** (adult or child)

Currently they are unable to accept the National Bus pass.

- **To book, call 01258 287980** (between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday) or email dorset@ectcharity.co.uk. Once registered, trips can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but no later than 2.30pm the previous working day.

For further information on the Dorset PlusBus service go to www.ectcharity.co.uk or contact Charlotte Kinghorn, 1 The Rookery, 01308 482264.

ADVERTISE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The BRIDE VALLEY NEWS Parish Magazine is delivered monthly free of charge to homes in the Bride Valley



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.

For further details please email the advertising manager at bvctc@outlook.com

NOTE EARLY DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE - 23RD FEBRUARY



GOING IN STYLE
 Thursday 1st March 7.30
 for 8.00pm LATCH
 See Valley Notes Section
 page 14 for further details



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LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

CHORAL EVENSONG - The Sunday before Lent saw a wonderful Choral Evensong service led by Paul Cheater and a very in-voice church choir, in the presence of the Bishop of Sherborne. During the service Bishop Karen also licensed Rev Sue Linford as a Chaplain to Portland Prison, and re-affirmed the Valley's three Licensed Lay Ministers Yvonne Buckland, Mike Read and James Webster.

A note of sadness was introduced with news of the death of **Brian Prentice** after a short illness. Brian served as PCC Treasurer for many years until he stepped down this year; he will be sorely missed, and our sympathy and love go out to Jennie and the family. Brian's funeral will take place on **Thursday 1st March** at 2pm in St Mary's Litton Cheney.

MARCH WORKING PARTY

Our March working party will be on **Thursday 8th March** with jobs both indoors and outside, weather permitting. Please come and help if you possibly can.

FRUGAL LUNCH

There will be a **Frugal Lunch on Thursday 8th March** hosted by Diana and Paul Cheater at Myrtle Cottage. All are very welcome from 12.30 p.m until 2 p.m. Donations will go to the Weldmar Hospicecare.

THANKS

Our thanks this month are due to **Madeleine Hickling** for her skilful repair of the St George's flag damaged in the gales over Christmas and to **David Hearn** for producing a very professional update of the list of the Rectors and Vicars displayed in the church, which you can also find on the village website.

LEARN TO BELL RING AT ST. MARY'S

We are looking for people who wish to learn Bell ringing with the eventual purpose of their ringing at Sunday services, Weddings and other special National and Local occasions. We will start training sessions towards the end of March. It takes approximately 6 months to learn.

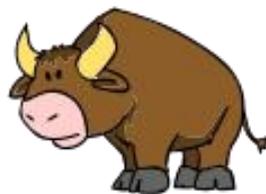
Some of the bells in Litton Cheney date back to the 15th century. These bells have been kept ringing by our villagers for six hundred years now and it is important that we have a sufficiently large team of ringers to continue this practice. So, step forward, and take your place in history.

Please contact **Harry** on 01308 482312 to register your interest.

LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE FETE AND DOG SHOW – MONDAY 28TH MAY



This year's Litton Village Fete in aid of the upkeep of St Mary's Church will return to its traditional date of Spring Holiday Monday, 28th May. Come and enjoy a BBQ lunch, Fun Dog Show, Rodeo Bull rides, bouncy castle, games, stalls and teas.



28th May - 12 noon to 4pm at LATCH. Admission £1.50, children under 16 FREE

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on the date shown above at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.. This is your parish council so why not come along and find out what the pressing issues of the day are in Litton Cheney. Sadly **Dr Hugh Lantos** has stepped down from the Parish Council after many years of dedicated service. Measures have been put in place to find his successor. If you would like to serve on the Parish Council please make your intentions known to Clerk Maggie Walsh whose contact details can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk
Your village needs you.

Brian Prentice whose sad death is mentioned above served for many years on the Parish Council. Brian was clearly someone who contributed considerably to the well-being of the village and its residents. The Parish Council sends its sincere condolences to Brian's wife, Jennie and their family. Thank you, Brian.

EVENTS AT LATCH for March

Mondays:	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - evenings
Tuesdays:	Toddler Group 1.45 - 3.15 Short Mat Bowls 4.00 Keep Fit 5.30 - 6.30
Wednesdays:	Table Tennis 4.00 p.m
Fridays:	Yoga 10.00



Thursday 1st : Film Night “**Going In Style**”
Starts 8.00 (see page 12 -
Valley Notes)

Friday 9th: Bingo Night

Saturday 24th: (morning) Village Café

Tuesday 13th : Parish Council Meeting 7.30

Thursday 29th: Film Night “Goodbye
Christopher Robin”



Bingo! On **Friday March 9th** at LATCH (7pm start) three youngsters (see below) are organising an Easter bingo and already have some fabulous prizes to offer, which will include food hampers and, of course, some Easter chocolate! It should be a fun evening for the whole family. Do come along.

Three youngsters from the Valley - Archie Dunbar and Brooke Gull from Litton Cheney and **May Smith** from Long Bredy - are fundraising to support their ambition to do voluntary work in Tanzania in the summer holiday of 2019. They will be travelling with other students from Colfox under the auspices of Camps International, following in the footsteps of others from the Valley in recent years who have also been well supported by our villages. Archie and May are hoping to refresh you before the Duck Race on **Sunday 1st April** by providing soup, hot drinks and cake from a stall near the starting point, so please bring your appetites and help them a little further towards their targets of £4,000 each.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

April 1st has a triple heading this year. Easter Sunday , All Fools Day, and **DUCK RACE DAY**.

Once again the yellow tide of ducks will plunge into the racing stream eager, we hope, to start their journey down the torrent to the pub, AND anticipating that YOU will be there to watch whilst cheering on your special one. Not that special one!

Noon is the start time, but do come down early to get your ducks. This year there is a special attraction in the form of a soup kitchen and coffee shop to provide warming beverages and cake. This is in aid of three local youngsters who are fund raising for their voluntary work trip to Tanzania next year.



Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Philippa's workshop on Modern Impressionism was much enjoyed by members at a well attended morning. We continued with our paintings at a follow up meeting. March 2nd will be Speed Figure Drawing and 16th will be a workshop with Tracy Linwood on Abstract Art.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.

The lunch club is for all people over 50 who live or have lived in our 3 villages. It is a great social time with a beautiful meal as well. It is not just for our older residents and it would be good to see you join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please get in touch if you would like to join us. Our next meal will be on **20th March**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone David Buckland on 898492.

The meal is 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 for a great social get together. Hope to see you soon.

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 especially in great need of people to assist in the kitchen especially clearing after the meal. 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

B I N G O

FAMILY BINGO

Friday 23rd March
Doors Open at 7pm

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL

All proceeds raised from this fundraising event will help towards essential restoration work required at the Holy Trinity Church, Swyre

B I N G O

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

Do join us for this service on **11th March at 9.30** led by **Mike Read**. We will have posies for adults or children to give that special person who has mothered them.



ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Spring is almost sprung – A big relief to all, after what has seemed a very long winter. The floodlights of St Martin's will still light up the village even though the nights are drawing out at last. Grateful thanks, to our generous sponsors:

Barbara Willy in loving memory of David Willy,
Janet Epplestone for John Epplestone's birthday on 4th, and
for Bee Epplestone's birthday on 9th,
Karen Jones of Fir Tree Cottage, and Anthony Kilroy.

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 Tel. No. 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.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY PICKLED ONION & CHUTNEY COMPETITION 2018

A big thanks to **Jason** and **Simone** for allowing The New Inn to be taken over by a bunch of Vinegar Heads. In total there were 23 Pickled Onion and 20 Chutneys Entries with a variety of secret recipes, sousing liquors and potions. **Sarah Andrews** spent an hour in the Judge's Chamber after which she declared **Billy Hallett** and **Caroline Taylor** as the Pickled Onion and Chutney Champions respectively. Once all the points were added up **Caroline and Elise Ripley** were Crowned as overall Joint Champions on the night! Well Done to all the winners and thank you to all the Entrants. Special thanks also to **Sally Parker** (Organiser in Chief), **Jason** (Fabulous Cheddar Cheese), **Nic Andrews** (Spreadsheet for marking Pickles – honest!), **Steve Larcombe** and **Simon Cleveland** (Organising the Raffle), **Cathryn Johnson** for being the Best Sport ever!

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on **Wednesday 4th April** and be followed by a management committee meeting. All are welcome to attend, with refreshments beforehand from 7pm.

Tony Mallett

THANKS

Thank you to everyone in the Bride Valley who gave me warm clothes and more to pass on to the **YouTrust** charity working with local homeless people. The recipients have been overwhelmed and very touched by people's generosity. No more is needed at the moment, but many grateful thanks to everyone.

Chris Hewlett

CAROLS ROUND THE VILLAGE - BELATED THANKS!

I have recently received a thank you note from the treasurer of Save the Children West Dorset. Our efforts raised a magnificent **£183**, so many congratulations everyone, and thank you so much for your support every year.

Janet Lane

HUNDRED CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW

£20	No 109	Jane Mallett
£10	No 113	Mags G Hardman
£5	No 69	Karen Jones (Donated to St Martins)

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MARCH



	4 MARCH 3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11 MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY	18 MARCH 5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT	25 MARCH PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY 29 MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY 30 MARCH
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion RR 10.30 Songs of Praise SB/YB	11.00 Holy Communion PR 18.30 Evening Prayer JW	9.30 Family Service RR 18.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion SL 18.30 Evening Prayer RR	7.00 Holy Communion SL	12 – 3.00 Three hour service SB/SL
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion SL	9.30 Morning Prayer MR	9.30 Holy Communion ET	17.30 Evensong vt		10.00 Litany vt,JL
Swyre	18.30 Evening Prayer YB	11.00 Holy Communion SBUW	11.00 Morning Worship MR	9.30 Holy Communion RR		
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion SL	17.00 Evening Prayer YB	11.00 All age Holy Communion ET	9.30 Family Service JW		
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship MR	9.30 Holy Communion Archdeacon	9.30 Morning Prayer YB	9.30 Holy Communion SL		
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion PR		9.30 Morning Worship JW			
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion Archdeacon		11.00 Holy Communion SB/JW		10.00 Litany JW