

# Bride Valley News

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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock  
St Mary: Litton Cheney  
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St Peter: Long Bredy  
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St Martin: Shipton Gorge  
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## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible - we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.



To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

## FROM THE RECTORY

### **Was it an Empty Promise?**

Have you ever put your trust in someone only to be let down so completely and unexpectedly that it shakes your whole existence?

Almost 2000 years ago, the shock discovery by women of an empty tomb where they fully expected to find a dead body to anoint and mourn over, threw them into chaos. Instead of a sealed and guarded tomb, they find it open and empty. It was bad enough that Jesus, their teacher and Lord was dead. Now it seemed someone had taken the body.

**Why that tomb was empty is of vital importance.** If it was empty because someone actually did come and steal the corpse of Jesus – if that is really all that took place, a criminal's death and an ordinary burial - then hope died with him on the cross. Trust in all that he had said was destroyed – it was nothing more than an epic and life-shattering let-down. And that, at first, is what the devastated followers of Jesus thought had happened.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Christians across the world and in this community will greet the Easter Dawn with the shout of 'He is Risen!'. Many of us, Christian or not, will give Easter Eggs to those we love. The hollow egg is traditionally a symbol of that empty tomb.

We shout 'He is risen!' because beyond all expectation, hope did not stay dead. The impossible happened on that first Easter day. It blows our western, rational minds to even think it – despite some very compelling (and rational) evidence that supports it! It blew the minds of the first disciples too. They took some convincing - Jesus appeared to them several times, but had to let them touch him and had to eat in front of them to bring the point home.

The reality of the resurrection of Jesus kick-started the growth of Christianity. Now over 2 billion people in the world today hold the hope that stems from that first shock discovery of the empty tomb. God's not dead. He is alive – and because of Jesus any human being on this planet can know what it is to be loved by God. Some of the first followers and friends of Jesus even went to their deaths for that incredible claim, but they wouldn't retract it.

Join us this Easter if you can – service times are in this magazine and you'd be very welcome. The tomb is empty, but if you really are seeking the risen

Jesus, you will find him and discover a hope that is death-proof. Find that and life will never be the same.

With every blessing  
Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2020

Wednesday	1	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	2	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	6	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Tuesday	7	9.00	Prayers – Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	8	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	13	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	13	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	14	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	15	10.00	NO MIDWEEK SERVICE at Burton Bradstock
Thursday	16	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	20	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Tuesday	21	9.00	Prayers – Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	22	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	27	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	27	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	28	9.00	Prayers – Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	29	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Funerals

18 February 2020	Vera Margaret Mitchell	St Martin's Shipton Gorge
24 February 2020	Brian Frank Neale	Weymouth Crematorium
27 February 2020	John Russell Edward Bennett	Weymouth Crematorium
6 March 2020	Elizabeth Jacquelyn Aspberry Baker	St Mary's Litton Cheney
20 March 2020	Michael David Ebdon	Holy Trinity Swyre

**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 456967**



## **LICENSING SERVICE FOR THE REVEREND LIZ HOWLETT**

The Reverend Liz Howlett will be Licensed as Associate Priest to the Bride Valley Benefice at a special service on Palm Sunday (5 April) led by The Bishop of Sherborne, The Right Reverend Karen Gorham, at St Mary's Church in Litton Cheney at 6.00pm. Refreshments will be served following the service. All most welcome to attend and show support to Liz.

## **SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK 2020 Monday 6 April to Saturday 11 April**

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Compline led by LLM Yvonne Buckland at St Mary's Litton Cheney, 7.00pm

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Final week of the Lent Course at Othona, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock, 7.00pm

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Compline led by Reverend Sue Linford at Holy Trinity, Swyre, 7.00pm

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Maunder Thursday Service, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar**, led by the Rector at St Mary's Burton Bradstock, 7.00pm

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Litany on Good Friday** led by LWLs Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas at St Martin's Shipton Gorge, 10.00am

**Litany on Good Friday** led by LLM James Webster at St Michael & All Angels, Littlebredy, 10.00am

**Good Friday Three Hour Service** led by the Ministry Team at St Mary's Burton Bradstock, 12 noon. The Three Hours will be divided into six parts, each half hour ending with a hymn. Come and go quietly during a hymn if you wish, or stay for the whole three hours.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Eve Vigil** led by Reverend Sue Linford at Chilcombe Church, 7.00pm-8.00pm

## **Norman at Ninety**

You are invited to an exhibition of art work created over a sixty year period by the artist Norman Saunders-White, which is at The Gallery, Symondsburry from 28<sup>th</sup> March until 8th April, open daily from 10.00am until 4.30pm. Many will know Norman, who until recently has lived at The Retreat, Burton Bradstock, from his many and varied roles over the last almost 60 years in Dorset – librarian, teacher of art and drama, actor, director of Youth Theatre, a long serving member of Burton's Village Hall committee and the organiser of Artsreach events in the village. The exhibition is a selection of his art work ranging from naturalistic to abstract, many influenced by Magritte.

## **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update from Portesham Surgery**

The situation is changing daily and we expect further changes to be announced by the government in the next few days so our best advice is:

**If you have access to the internet, check our website**

**([www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk)) for updates about arrangements at the Surgery (see also below);**

Check reputable sites such as NHS England's coronavirus page. **Search for "NHS England coronavirus" or type into the address bar: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>**

If you don't have access to the internet, keep listening to reputable news broadcasts on television and radio.

**If you have symptoms of a new cough or fever, you should check these with NHS 111. If it is hard to get through on the phone, there is a very easy symptom checker online at <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> This takes you through the same questions as you would be asked by NHS 111 on the phone.**

If your symptoms suggest Coronavirus, NHS 111 will advise you to stay at home and self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days. **Check the NHS England website for advice on how to self-isolate.** If you feel seriously unwell at home or your condition worsens, call NHS 111 or speak to us for advice if you can't get through. **Do not come to the surgery!**

**Arrangements at Portesham Surgery:**

**We are moving all doctors' appointments to telephone consultations wherever possible.** If you have an appointment booked please contact us to confirm if we can telephone you at the appointed time to save you coming to the surgery.

**We are moving all appointments (doctors and nurse/HCA) to the mornings.**

If patients have respiratory symptoms, we will ask you to check those symptoms on the NHS 111 online site given above. We can do this with you on the phone if you don't have internet access. If your symptoms do not suggest Coronavirus, call us for advice or an appointment. **We will see all respiratory patients in special afternoon clinics.** In this way we can protect vulnerable patients who still need to be seen by a GP or nurse.

**For the same reason we ask you to collect your prescriptions from the dispensary in the mornings before 1pm.**

Nurse and blood-clinics continue as normal at the moment, but in the mornings, again to protect you.

If you prefer to cancel a non-urgent appointment, please remember to rebook it in due course.

**Contacting Portesham Surgery:**

At this very busy time, please try to telephone us only with **urgent** medical queries. We only have 4 phone lines and if we are doing telephone consultations it will be harder to get through to us on the phone. In these difficult times we need to help each other. For example could you help a vulnerable neighbour by collecting their medication so they don't have to come to the Surgery? If anyone has difficulty or worries, let us know and we will do our best to help. Thank you



## VALLEY LUNCHES 2020



I have never seen quite such a varied range of dishes at our Valley Lunch. We were so spoilt for choice especially in deserts - maybe because it was St David's day everyone made a special effort. Nigel made some very delicious Welsh cakes, and Susan brought colour to the tables with vases of daffodils.

If you missed the opportunity to buy your Meaningful Easter Eggs at Liz Orza's FairTrade stall, the next opportunity will be at the Spring Forward event on March 29th at LATCH (if this issue of the BVN arrives at your home by then) Otherwise contact Liz on 897451.

Please come to the next Valley Lunch on May 3rd and bring family members, neighbours and friends at 12.30pm in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The lunch is free with filter coffee and tea provided (with de-caff options), however please bring some contribution, sweet or savoury or both, to this free shared meal.

**Future dates are July 5th, September 6th, November 1st.**

For more details please contact Cilla (898443) or Heather (897780)

### Tiny Tots

Please note that because the second Friday in April will be Good Friday, Tiny Tots will be held on the **FIRST FRIDAY, April 3rd**, this year. Then in May, because of rearranged Bank Holidays, Tiny Tots will be held on the **FIRST Friday, May 1st**.



We are having a fresh look at how we run Tiny Tots and would value everyone's input. If you have ideas and suggestions please contact Audrey (897227), Heather (897780), or our rector Revd Jane Williams (898799) as we want the very best for our little people.

In the meantime we look forward to our regulars and new Tots in the Valley coming and joining us (all pre-school children, babies, and bumps with parents and carers in the Valley are always welcome)

**For more details contact Audrey (897227) or Heather (897780)**



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



**The Gardening Club will begin the meeting, to be held on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm, with a short A.G.M.** This year we are hoping to recruit new members to the committee to take up the roles of Vice-Chair and Programme Organiser.

This will be followed by a talk on ‘The Art of Dishevelment’ by Charles Cheshire, from the garden centre at Symondsburry.

All visitors are welcome to join us at the Village Hall in Puncknowle, entrance £2, annual membership £6.

On **May 18th** Mike Burkes will be speaking on ‘Gardening for Climate Change’

### **Jobs to do in April**

If your shrubs or perennials didn’t flower well last year this is the time to perk them up with a dose of granular or liquid fertilizer.

### **Deadhead tulips to ensure they flower next year.**

Plant summer-flowering bulbs.

### **Set up supports for taller plants ready to train in early growth.**

Keep container displays watered.

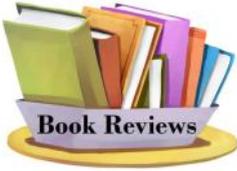
### **Keep sowing hardy annuals for colourful summer displays.**

Plant out Mediterranean herbs e.g. rosemary and oregano in free-draining soil; sow annual herbs indoors.

### **Remember when potting on tomato seedlings, plant them deeper than they were to encourage new roots from the stems.**

Sow beetroot, cabbages, carrots, chard, leeks, peas, radishes, spinach and lettuces outdoors; sow celery, melons, sweetcorn, runner and French beans under cover.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



## The Bride Valley Book Club Review

In March we had quite a wide ranging discussion on “**Wilding**” by **Isabella Tree**. I think we all agreed that this was a dense work of non fiction with a great deal of integrated research and scholarship. Most of us found it heavy going in places - it was not a quick read!

Not knowing about the Knepp Estate project - I had not realised that Knepp Castle is a stately home in Sussex and that the author is married to a Baronet! Tree gives us an incredibly detailed description of the transition from unprofitable farm to rewilded land over a number of years and the accompanying explosion of nature in many forms.

Some of us - who had more in depth knowledge and experience of working in farming and conservation - found issues on which they disagreed with Tree. It was felt that she was especially critical of the farming community and failed to acknowledge the very good conservation efforts already established. Her tendency to assert ideas and statistics as “facts” was especially irksome. For those of us less knowledgeable - this passed us by.

Others in our group felt they had learned a great deal beyond the account of Knepp itself - about farming, its history since WW2, the way in which we manage food production and its subsidies, and the re- introduction/re-emergence of threatened species. It seems that around one third of the Knepp Estate income now comes from eco tourism. Irrespective of whether you think the Knepp approach might be replicable elsewhere - it is certainly now turning a profit. We went on to be appreciative of our local farms and their produce and also to remind each other that West Dorset is still a landscape where we can hear and see wildlife which has been harried out of existence elsewhere.

**Liz Pinfield**

### **From the Editor**

### **To all BVN readers**

This has not been an easy month putting together the various news items sent in. Printing this magazine is costly and we try to keep the number of pages to no more than 68 but this month there were several items which arrived at the last minute and were very important to our community so had to be fitted in.

As a consequence several items have had to be printed in a slightly smaller font than usual and our hope is that it will still be readable. The usual monthly **SKY at Night** article, which I know quite a few people follow, has had to be left out but will appear on your village websites copy so make sure you check that out.

At our February meeting we had a very interesting talk from “Purple Nanny” aka Tina Raymond who is based in Abbotsbury where she has a shop. She makes it her mission to source stock which has not been tested on animals. She is also striving to protect our Planet and make efforts to find eco-friendly alternatives to every-day products. She brought along some of her alternative products for us to look at and discuss. All agreed it had been a very enlightening look at alternative products and a shop we might all visit.

After our talk we held our AGM, beginning with a report of the Year’s activities and a look forward at the programme for the coming year. The President and Vice President were both retiring from those offices after some considerable years service and votes of thanks and gifts were given to both Debbie and Nick for ensuring that the Bride Valley WI members have a varied programme providing friendship, education and fun!!

If you would like to find out more about the Bride Valley WI come along and meet us. Our programme is quite diverse with, we hope, something to appeal to everyone. Our March meeting is a talk from Baboo Gelato, a local ice-cream company complete with tasting!!!

The first meeting is free and after that if you want to join there is an annual membership fee of £43 which covers the cost of every activity. Good value and well worth every penny.

We have a Skittles team which plays in the County League and also get together with Burton WI ladies fortnightly to play indoor Kurling. There is a walking group during the lighter evenings led by one of our members.

Do come along and give us a try..... we usually meet in Puncknowle Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

If you would like further information the email address is

[Bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

# Congratulations

Jayne's Hair Salon  
High Street  
Burton Bradstock

## Celebrating 50 years 1970-2020

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all clients who have supported the salon over the last 50 years.

There have been many changes in the village, two shops have closed but the village has expanded, even Charles road opposite the salon was just a field back then. By 1970 the salon itself had already been converted from a village shop to a hair salon albeit very run down and in desperate need of refurbishment and redecoration, this was undertaken by Alan, my husband (then fiancé) and his brother. This transformation took 6 weeks and the salon opened on 22nd April 1970.

We didn't start with a very busy day but here we are 50 years later when every day is busy and with new staff we now have appointments available.

As a special thankyou a 25% discount will be given to customers at their next appointment if they mention they have read about it in the BVN.

We welcome anyone to join us on our  
Celebration Day  
Monday 20th April 2020  
11am - 5pm



### Films in the Valley



#### Dates for your Diary

2nd April	Litton	Judy	7.30pm	LATCH
24th April	Burton	Knives Out	7.30pm	Burton Village Hall
30th April	Litton	Knives Out	7.30pm	Latch

#### Advance Notice

22nd May	Burton	Downton Abbey	7.30pm	Burton Village Hall
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Full details on the Litton and Burton pages



## Burton Bradstock CE School



As I sit and write this month's report, dressed as Madame Dragon the teacher from the picture book 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson, I am struck by the thought of how each day is so very different in the life of a primary school!



Today is World Book Day and we have an array of wonderful costumes that depict favourite characters from well-known books, ranging from superheroes to princesses, and with so many characters from the Harry Potter books that it almost feels as if we are at Hogwarts!

This year we are also supporting World Book Day's 'Share A Million Stories' campaign, championing the importance of sharing stories. Each child is encouraged to complete their 'Share A Million Stories Reading Record', showing how many stories they're sharing at home and at school, which we then add to our school total, which feeds into the live national total. Sadly, reading for pleasure is in decline: only 29% of 0-13s read for pleasure daily (*Children's Reading for Pleasure: Trends and Challenges, Egmont, 2019*), so taking part in this challenge is reminding children just how enjoyable it is to read for pleasure.



Last half term, the school enjoyed taking part in the 'Loving Relationships' service in the church as part of the Wedding Festival across the Bride Valley.

Many thanks to Reverend Jane for supporting us with this and to everyone who created such a wonderful display in the church.

With the start of a new half term, we have also embarked on new projects as part of our creative curriculum. Our Reception class are thinking about 'What happens when I fall asleep?' where they will be learning about space and enjoying bedtime stories and nursery rhymes.

Our Key Stage 1 class have the project 'The Scented Garden' and a visit from Groves Garden Centre has started their creative thinking.

Both of our Key Stage 2 classes have a history focus this half term, with Lower Key Stage 2 studying 1066 and Upper Key Stage 2 travelling back to the Tudor period. A visit to Corfe Castle for our Key Stage 2 pupils has helped to transport them back in time and supported them with their enquiry skills.

Again this year we have taken on the 40acts generosity challenge. This is a twist on the traditional 'giving something up for Lent' and involves the pupils carrying out a daily act of kindness for the 40 days of lent. Their challenge is to carry out all the acts of kindness on their grid, which range from paying someone a compliment to donating to a local food bank.



The Friends of the School's Annual Duck Race will be taking place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April this year on the village playing field. Although the weather is very wet at the moment, and supposedly good for ducks, we are hoping for a dry, sunny day so that we can enjoy all the activities and refreshments that will be on offer. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Burton Bradstock Primary School are seeking a Co-opted Governor to join the school governing body. If you are interested or would like some more information, please email [clerk@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk).

**Claire Staple Headteacher**



## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



We had a lovely **wedding themed service**, as part of the Bride Valley week of celebrations. Many children had come in wedding outfits. The hall was decorated with love and wedding themes – a wedding dress, cake and hearts – which we then sent to decorate St Mary's Church.



Each class celebrated their learning through **class assemblies**.

Eggardon performed a version of 'Romeo and Juliet', alongside a 'Westside Story' theme.

Bredy performed an excellent play and song to display their learning on Romans and Celts. Litton recited poems and songs about dinosaurs.

Chesil displayed their learning about the Great Fire of London and about Weather. The children are so hugely confident and put in so much effort – we are all proud of them.

To coincide with **World Book Day**, the children enjoyed reading and watching movies based on popular children's books. A book fair and dressing up day are also planned.

Bredy had an excellent visit to the **Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre**. It can be a bit scary to start with but the children end up hugely confident, having crawled through tunnels and climbed walls and rocks. The children learned about their bodies and feelings in the classroom provided by **Life Education Wessex**.

We had a **house pancake race**. Ellen MacArthur House (blue) won, followed closely by Edmund Hillary (yellow), Edward Shackleton (red) and Mary Kingsley (green). Great flipping fun was had by all, including the Fledglings children!



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

### HOW LOVE CAME TO PUNCKNOWLE!

The Bride Valley Churches held a joyful celebration of loving and caring - a Wedding festival - over the Valentine weekend.

All Churches were beautifully decorated - and Puncknowle was no exception with three wedding dresses, photographs of past ceremonies and a wonderful show of decorative flower displays. This being a Leap Year, tradition has it that the ladies are free to propose to the gentleman of their choice - the penalty of refusal is payment of a fine pair of leather gloves. Sadly, as yet, no weddings have been announced or fine new gloves seen throughout the village!!



Each Church presented a different theme on the subject, giving much food for thought to the numerous visitors on the many blessings that relationships can bring. It was good to know that all the hard work had been well worthwhile so

very many thanks to all those who helped to make it a success.

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

For a new and novel experience we had a morning using iridescent paint. It is a water based medium which behaves in it's own way and is unlike watercolour to use and control.

On April 17th we will be in the hall.

Christine Molony <https://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.com>.

	<p><b><u>April Menu - 21st April 2020</u></b></p> <p>Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, or Butternut squash and sage risotto</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Apple and cinnamon pie and custard or Key Lime Pie and cream</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cheese and biscuits Tea/Coffee</p>
<p><b>PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND</b></p> <p><b>Puncknowle Village Hall</b></p>	<p><b>£5.00 for home-cooked three-course lunch.</b></p>
<p><b>12.30 for 1.00pm</b></p> <p><b>(Raffle)</b></p> <p>Please contact David Buckland, Tel No 01308 898492 for further details</p>	<p><b><u>2020 Lunch dates:</u></b></p> <p><b>12 May</b></p> <p><b>16 June</b></p> <p><b>21 July</b></p>

### Michael David Ebdon- our Mayor of Swyre

It is with great sadness that I write of the passing of Michael, he died peacefully on 27<sup>th</sup> of February aged 81.

Michael was born and lived his whole life in Swyre, working for many years for the council and in later life becoming the unofficial mayor of Swyre, a role he loved.

A true gentleman who will be greatly missed

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

On **Sunday 5th** (Palm Sunday) Reverend Liz Howlett will be licensed as Associate Priest by Bishop Karen at **6.00pm in St Mary's Church**. All are welcome at this special service and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Reverend Liz Howlett will be joining the Ministry Team once she is Licensed and will regularly take services on the 2nd Sunday of the month around the Benefice, with the occasional midweek service at Burton Bradstock, as well as continuing her work at Othona.

In Holy Week there will be a service of Compline at 7.00 p.m. on **Monday 6th** and on **Easter Sunday (12th)** our Holy Communion service at 9.30 a.m. will be taken by Revd Ryder Rogers.

### **Litton Cheney Parish Council – Annual Village Assembly – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May but will be preceded by the Annual Village Assembly commencing at 7 pm. Please consult noticeboards and the village website for more details. May's BVN will also offer up more enticements to come and take part.

### **The Great British Litter Pick – Clean Up for April**

We did it last year and it was such a success we are giving it another go this year. Sponsored by Keep Britain Tidy and Dorset Waste Partnership we are hoping to give the village a little facelift for Spring and we hope you will join us. Leaflets will be delivered through your letterboxes giving you details of how it will be organised.

All you have to do is turn up and pick up – protective clothing and “tools” will be provided.

### **VE Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

A Special Day commemorating the day 75 years ago that the war in Europe came to an end in 1945. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May this year has been declared a public holiday so that due acknowledgement can be given to this commemoration.

Please look in May's BVN, village website, Litton Cheney Observer Facebook and notice boards for more details of what events are happening in Litton.



## Events at LATCH in April



- Tuesdays: 4.00 pm Short Mat Bowls  
6.15 pm Ballroom & Latin dance classes
- Wednesdays: 4.00 pm Table Tennis  
7.00 - 8.30 pm Iyengar Yoga
- Thursdays: 10.00 – 11.30 am First Steps Toddlers (2nd, 23rd and 30th)
- Thursday 2nd:** Film Night 7.30 pm “Judy”
- Sunday 26th:** Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn

### Coming up in May:

- Thursday 7th:** Polling Day for the Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset.
- Friday 8th:** Village events for VE Day Holiday (look out for further details)
- Tuesday 12th:** Village Assembly and Parish Council Annual Meeting

## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH)

Come and join us for a good film, drink and a friendly gathering. Remember the earlier starting time of 7.30p.m.



**Thurs. 2 April. Judy** *“Featuring some of her best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love, and the sheer pizzazz of ‘the world’s greatest entertainer’.”*



Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in Swinging London to perform a five-week sold-out run at The Talk of the Town. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. Led by a deeply committed performance by Renée Zellweger **Judy** captures the waning days of a beloved performer with clear-eyed compassion. Cert. PG-13. 1hr 58mins.



## Thursday 30 April Knives Out

A witty, stylish, star-spangled whodunit film. A mystery masterpiece well worth watching. Knives Out is a whole lot of fun, intended to keep the audience off-balance right up until the finish. It's a razor-sharp throwback from writer-director Rian Johnson. With an all-star ensemble cast including Daniel Craig, Christopher Plummer, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Don Johnson and Michael Shannon. Cert. PG-13. 2hr 10mins.



**Doors Open at 7.00p.m. & Films Start at 7.30p.m.**

**TICKETS: £5.00** (to include a glass of wine or soft drink).

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door (all nos. 01308).

**We are sharing the licence for the film with Burton Bradstock (who will show it on the previous Friday).**

## The White Horse – Happened in March - Happening in April

Many thanks to everyone who came to St Patrick's Night on 17<sup>th</sup> March, especially the wonderful Nina Garcia! A great time was had by all. Thank you too, to all the lovely Mums that came for roast dinner on Mother's Day – we hope you enjoyed it and were thoroughly spoiled all day – you deserve it!

**Lots going on in April .....**

**Thursday 9th** - Locals Lunch Club at 12.30 pm - £10 for two courses. Please call or call in to pre-book choice of:- Homemade Cottage Pie, Chicken Korma or Pesto, Red Pepper and Goat's Cheese Tart (V) Followed by Vanilla Ice-Cream or Hot Salted Caramel Roulade

**Good Friday, 10th** – Grand Easter Meat Draw (with cheese and chocolate!)

**Easter Sunday, 12th** – The Great Litton Cheney Duck Race. Our first! Will be open from 11am for coffees, drinks, burgers, pulled pork rolls and chips

**Thursday 23rd** – **St George's Day** – Details to be confirmed

**FYI**, and apologies for any inconvenience, we will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> of April. This will allow the rest of us to cover Andy's recovery from hand surgery (providing it doesn't get cancelled!). We wish him good luck and hope he is soon on the mend.

**Oh, and don't forget, we do an amazing Sunday Roast and every Wednesday night is Pie and a Pint Night. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of the above.**



## THE GREAT LITTON CHENEY DUCK RACE



The eagerly awaited 2020 race of the season takes place on Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 Noon

Be at Fry's Yard in Main Street early (from 11.30 am) to choose your winning duck

The ducks leave at 12.00noon and with all the rain a fast time can be anticipated, with much turbulence along the way!

**The finish** – the safe haven of  
**THE WHITE HORSE INN**  
where refreshments will be served

**Ducks £1.00 each**

Winning duck £25.00    Second duck £15.00    Third duck £10.00  
Last duck            £5.00

All proceeds to village projects and local charities

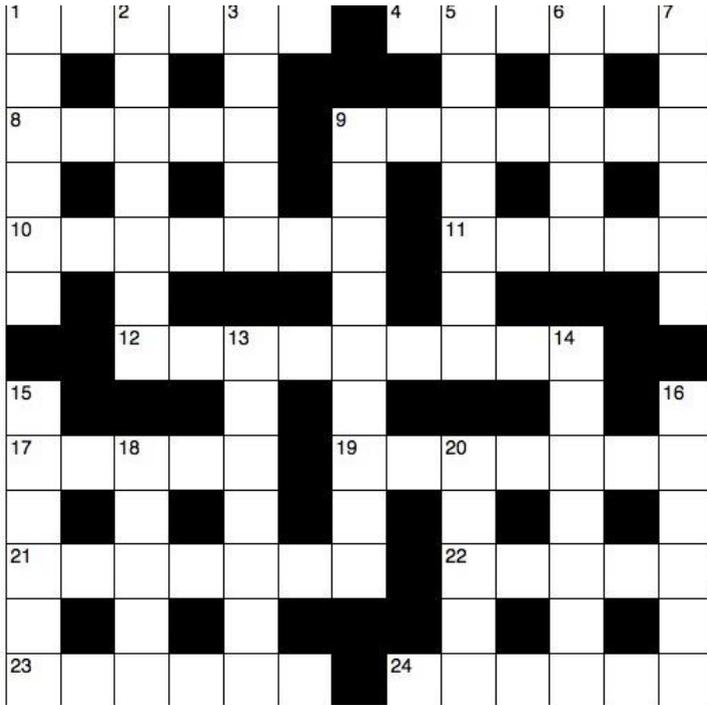
### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**LITTON CHENEY  
FUN DOG SHOW AND FETE**

**SPRING HOLIDAY MONDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**12 NOON TO 4PM AT LATCH**

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION PAGE 26

**CROSSWORD CLUES**

**Across**

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

**Down**

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### Floodlight Sponsors for April

Sheena for her sister Lynn's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

Mary George in memory of her neighbour  
Maureen Morgan

For Maureen and David Jenkins who both have birthdays this month (26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)

Brian & Janet Dingley in memory of their faithful feline friend "Floss" aged 19 1/2 years

Thank you to our generous sponsors for accepting my invitation to light up St Martin's during April for their special occasions. Your response is very much appreciated. Thank you also to those who wished to remain anonymous. If anyone would like to light up the church for the future months, please contact me on 01308 898657 or put a note through my post box.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 6.00 P.M.  
IN SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.**

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is setting up a network of people in the village who will be willing to arrange to collect shopping or prescriptions for anyone who has to self-isolate due to the **Coronavirus** in the coming weeks. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information and contact details.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April is our **Annual Litter Pick** and General Tidy Up in the village. Please come along and help if you can. We meet at 11am at the New Inn where there will be coffee and cakes afterwards, courtesy of Jodie and Elliott.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, and of course everyone is welcome to attend.

This year the **Annual Parish Assembly** is being held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This will be the usual informal evening with wine and nibbles.

### **SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE**

Make a note in your diary to come along to our

**Breakfast Café** on bank holiday Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Did you know that Shipton Gorge has two **marquees** that can be hired by villagers, by village organisations in the Bride Valley or within a ten mile radius of Shipton? The two marquees are sized 8 x 4 metres and are available from May to September. They are ideal for private venues, village fetes or any small event that requires cover from the weather. We have a dedicated team that will erect and dismantle to fit in with your event. If you think this is something that will enhance your event, why not contact me, **Graham Garner 01308 897357**, to discuss availability and any other requirements.

The cost of hire is £70 per marquee including erection and dismantling.

### **NEW INN SUPPORT LTD**

#### **Auction of Promises**

Don't miss this event, some great pledges to bid for. Please put it on your calendar

**7.30 pm Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the New Inn Shipton Gorge**

***Auctioneer: Mr Jim Rowe Lord of the Manor of Axminster.***

Funds raised at this event will go towards essential upgrades and maintenance, ensuring the continuing success of our community pub.

Come along and join in the fun. **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL**

#### **100 Club March Draw Results**

**£25 No 30 Doris Benselin**

**£10 No 26 Geoff Adderley**

**£5 No 133 Geoff Wyrill**

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## St Peter's Church

### 100 Club

February 2020 draw

£30.00 No 15 John Cain

£15.00 No 148 Iris Way

£5.00 No 30 B. Holmes

Drawn on 27.02 2020 at 11, The Gardens, by Ruth, Dave, Charlotte

### Wedding Event Weekend.

Despite the appalling weather, a number of visitors came to enjoy the two different displays which St Peter's Church offered for the event.

### Bells

There was a large and very interesting display featuring articles and photographs of the history of ringing in the church, an opportunity to ring hand-bells, muffle a clapper, and see all the individual parts of both a bell and the bell-wheel. The exhibition had been put together with considerable thought, care, and a great amount of effort.

#### **Thank you, Gwen and helpers.**

There is now a web cam and screen set up in church permanently so that the bells can be seen ringing in the tower - well worth looking at.

In addition to the exhibition, a number of ringing teams from churches in the area visited and rang as follows:

15/2/2020 Ringers from Dorchester

15/2/2020 Ringers from Sherborne Abbey - 1260 Doubles in 41mins 60 Stedman, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 260 Grandsire.

15/2/2020 All Saints, Wyke Regis tower band general ringing. First ring outside of Wyke Regis for Carolyn LePage

16/2/2020 West Dorset Ringers 1320 Doubles (11methods) in 46 mins

120 each of St Nicholas; Winchester; St Remigeus; Huntley; Reverse Canterbury; Plain Bob; St Simons; St Martin; St Osmond; Eynesbury; Grandsire

16/2/20 Puddletown ringers and friends 1260 changes Plain Bob Doubles.  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter for William Bishop inside.

The home team of St Peter's Church rang for the service on Sunday.

### **Hats**

Over 50 hats and some photographs were displayed in different ways, giving great colour and a wedding atmosphere; photographs are on display in the church. There was a chance to make an ingenious paper hat (and wear it); Snooks in Bridport very kindly lent both stands and a range of hats to support the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to support the weekend.

There are two unclaimed hats..please contact Jackie

## **Parish Council**

### ***Village Spring Clean***

Long Bredy & Kingston Parish Council will be holding the annual Village Spring Clean on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. We will meet at the Village Hall at 10am. Not only does this help keep our village looking lovely but it is also a great fun event and a good chance to meet up with neighbours and make new acquaintances. Wear stout shoes, warn clothing and if possible bring strong gardening gloves and if you have one a high visibility jacket or vest. Children are very welcome, and indeed encouraged, but due to the nature of the event they must be supervised by a responsible adult. If plenty of people turn up it will only take a couple of hours and it will be followed by complimentary light refreshments in the warm and welcoming Village Hall.  
Parish Council: [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

### **Phone Box Cull Possible**

It is rumoured that BT is minded to disconnect the telephone connection to the phone by the junction in the village. This has already happened to phone boxes in other villages due to lack of use, and it is likely to happen in Long Bredy unless the village takes collective action to demonstrate that the phone is a valued amenity.

The agreement is that Long Bredy lies in an area with a poor mobile signal which cannot be relied on in an emergency.

We are more likely to be able to keep the phone box functioning if as many people as possible make a brief call regularly: please try to help with this.

### **Future Council dates :**

Monday 18th May    Annual Parish Council meeting

Thursday May 21st    Annual Village meeting

## **Village Coffee Breaks 2019**

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee breaks in Long Bredy last year. The intention was to open the hall for a regular coffee break for anyone to come to and enjoy, for a small donation to cover costs.

After all expenses for supplies, hall hire etc, the remaining money is being shared out among the following organisations:

Prostate Cancer Research

Dorset Air Ambulance

Dorset Blind Association

Age UK Hub, Bridport

Long Bredy Village hall, Playing field and Church

**Thank you to everyone from Long Bredy and other areas who comes and enjoys the coffee break.**

The **April Coffee Break** will be on **April 11th, from 10.30 to 12.00**, in the Village Hall. There will be the usual range of home-made refreshments served with a warm welcome. Come and join us.

## **Come Along Inn**

Our next pop-up pub will open on **April 17th from 5.30 till 9.00pm**, in the Village Hall. We offer a selection of bottled beer, wine and soft drinks, an excellent meat raffle and the chance to enjoy a home - cooked supper for a very modest price.

## **LONG BREDY SUMMER EVENT**

Over the weekend of the **20<sup>TH</sup> and 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE** Long Bredy is holding a **BIG SUMMER EVENT**, starting with the 'Come Along Inn' open on the **Friday** evening.

**Saturday** will see some beautiful gardens opening their gates, some for the first time. Alongside, will be boat building and racing, an exhibition of machinery and bygones, an art gallery and an exhibition unearthing our village's secrets! There will be stalls, games, raffle and Long Bredy hospitality with lunches, BBQ and teas. To bring the day to a fitting close the 'Come Along Inn' will again be open in the evening.

**Sunday** we will be holding a Dog Show on the playing field. If you won at Litton Cheney Show see if you can repeat your success with us; or if you didn't win come and have another go! Again there will be stalls, games, raffle and plenty of fine food and drink.

**PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW FOR A SPECIAL WEEKEND AND KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at 7.00pm**

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our Songs of Praise service this month is on 5th April, Palm Sunday and it will be led by the Rector, the Reverend Jane Williams. As with all these monthly informal Songs of Praise services, it's at the convenient time of 10.30 am and lasts around one hour. There are several readings, six hymns associated with Palm Sunday, including one that is new to us 'There's a man riding in on a donkey' and some short homilies from the Rector.

Palm crosses will be distributed.

The next Songs of Praise service will be on 3rd May. It will be led by the Reverend Alastair Wheeler and the theme will be 'Angels'.



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

### Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

*For Hall bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)*

#### 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 meeting dates are as follows:

Date.	Organised by
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bowls Club
Wed 20th May	Bride Valley Drivers.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS



On Friday 24 April 2020 **KNIVES OUT** comes to the screen in the Village Hall.



Starring Daniel Craig as Detective Benoit Blanc who is enlisted to investigate the murder of Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) who has been found dead at his estate just after his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Harlan’s family are dysfunctional, his staff devoted and Benoit has to sift through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to get at the truth.

**KNIVES OUT** is a stylish, fun, murder mystery. It is guaranteed to keep audiences guessing until the very end. A delightful whodunnit with an all-star cast.

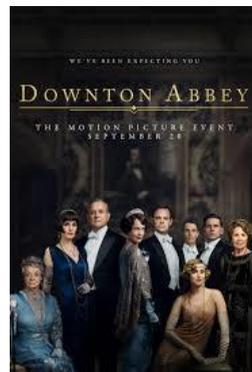
Doors open at 7.00 pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be purchased beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or at the door on the night, if available.

**This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Date for Your Diary - Friday 22 May 2020 - DOWNTON ABBEY** - All the old faces from the television series are back for this extravaganza when the King and Queen visit Downton.

This film will only be shown by Burton Bradstock Films and is our last before the summer break and is timed to coincide with the Bank Holiday weekend and the Village Fayre on the Bank Holiday Monday.



### **Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”**

#### **MARCH 2020 DRAW**

**Congratulations to the winners:**

1st	£35.60	No 61	Mrs Irene Piper
2nd	£17.80	No 47	Mrs Gill Robertson
3rd	£8.90	No 17	Mr Stephen Beardshall

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

**WDDC Licence no: SL0080**

## Fish & Chip Quiz

This year's spring quiz, including a fish and chip supper from Longs, will be on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall**. Quiz set and run by Susan Moores with assistance from David Edwards. **Price for the evening will be £11 per person**. The price includes entry to quiz and a fish and chip supper during the interval.

There are prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last place, a sensibly priced bar and raffle. The Hall quizzes are extremely popular and normally sell out, so please look at the information below.

Due to unprecedented demand at the last quiz, the process for booking team tables and purchasing tickets has been changed slightly to prevent disappointment and ensure Hall safety limits are not breached.

Team tables can be booked on a first come first served basis from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March onwards** by calling or emailing Richard Ferre. All calls and emails received will be confirmed.

If you book a team table, you will have your tickets reserved for 1 week from when they go on sale at the Post Office and you should get all your team tickets in one visit. If not collected within one week they may be sold to individuals. Two tables will be reserved for individuals or small groups who wish to come along, tickets for these can be purchased ad-hoc from the Post Office as soon as they go on sale.

**Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at £11 per person. The Post Office will have a list of reserved tables and who reserved them.**

Richard Ferre contact details, 01308897648  
or email [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com)

Call to book a team table, request a place in a team or request something other than fish & chips.

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm** in **Burton Bradstock Village Hall** we have our final talk of the 2019/2020 season. **Steve Etches, MBE** will tell us about **'The Etches Collection'** at **The Museum of Jurassic Marine Life, Kimmeridge**.

From an early age **Steve** began to find, collect and restore the fossils he found on the Jurassic Coast. His collection, which now contains about 2300 specimens, many of which are scientifically significant, is now housed in a museum which was purpose-built, both to house the collection and to replace the deteriorating local village hall. **Steve** has won many prizes for his palaeontology and was made an **MBE** in **2014**. He was also awarded an **Honorary Doctorate** by the **University of Southampton** in **2017**.

Living in the Bride Valley you may think you know the odd dinosaur or two - here's a chance to learn about a few more. Come and hear some prehistoric adventures from under the sea. Members pay just **£1** on the door and non-members/guests **£4**.



## Burton Bradstock WI



Our speaker in February gave us an interesting insight into Recycling. Kirsten Juniper, the Recycling Officer for the Dorset Waste Partnership not only explained exactly what can be recycled but also what happens to it. Very informative. A display made by some committee members reminded everyone how we can cut down on the use of plastic which also gave everyone food for thought. Hopefully we have all been inspired to do our bit for the sake of the environment!

April is going to be another busy month. A trip has been arranged on 8<sup>th</sup> April to Kings Garden Centre and Darts farm so we shall probably all be coming back with lots of lovely goodies.

Everyone is looking forward to our annual Spring Lunch on 29<sup>th</sup> April when we will be joined by representatives from other local WI's. This is always a very special occasion for us where the good food and good company combine to make it most enjoyable.

The walking group are planning walk the Rodwell Trail in Weymouth, which follows the former route of the Weymouth and Portland railway and is part of the South West Coastpath. Hopefully the weather on 7<sup>th</sup> April won't let them down!

At our monthly meeting we shall be taking "A Cruise along the Jurassic Coast" with our speaker Steve Balasco". I am sure his illustrated talk will inspire us to have a few more days out in this beautiful area.

We have recently welcomed some new members to our WI but are always

keen to encourage more.

If you think you would like to come along and join us then do give it a try. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm (2.15pm in the Winter).

Your first meeting is free and you will be made most welcome. For further information please contact Janet Pearson on 01308 898346

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



### **LEGO @ the Library on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

A FREE LEGO session in the Library will start at 10.30am for a maximum of 1½ hours. Everyone is welcome, children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We have received generous donations of Lego for the Library, but we still rely on our Librarian for those extra interesting bits that make the difference. If you can spare the odd accessory, a bit of vegetation, sea creature etc., to make us self-sufficient it would be very welcome.

### **A Guided Walk and Talk in the Village on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

For approximately two hours relaxed walking, Rod Jones will explore the history of Burton Bradstock village. The cost is £4 per adult. Meet, ready to start, at 2.00pm, by the Children's Play Area. Please be aware of the weather on the day and bring appropriate clothing and refreshments. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information please contact 07551 502887. All proceeds in aid of Burton Bradstock Community Library with documentation supplied courtesy of Burton Bradstock online [www.burtonbradstockvillage.org](http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org)

### **Digital Champion - drop in session - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? Would you like to know what an App is, how to email, access the internet or understand the cloud? Carol will be in the library between 3 and 4pm to answer your questions and, if necessary, arrange friendly, FREE one to one tuition at a speed you can keep up with.



VE Day 75 (8 -10 May 2020)

During May, a small exhibition in the Library will celebrate and commemorate the peace won in 1945 and pay tribute to the contributions made to the war effort by servicemen and people on the home front. Copies of interviews with men and women from the village who served in our armed forces will be on display along with information and photos of the village at the time.

### **The Thursday Morning Discussion on 28<sup>th</sup> May**

For the May discussion we will look at the fascinating area of record album art, from fairly boring pictures of the artist to the excess of Sgt Pepper and beyond. Where else can you buy an Andy Warhol print for a few pounds? Will you volunteer to lead a session? What will be the topic? Please let me know.

### **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;

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**Friends of Burton Bradstock Library**

**[WWW.BURTONBRADSTOCKLIBRARY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BURTONBRADSTOCKLIBRARY.ORG.UK)**

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

## **Burton Bradstock Supper Club**

The Burton Bradstock Supper Club date for April is the 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there

If you would like any information on the supper club please ring Mags Chue on 01308 897543 or Hazel Dalgleish on 01308 897894

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **News and Updates:**

#### **BT Phone Box**

The Parish Council have now adopted the BT phone box, it will no longer be a working phone box but the Parish Council did not want to lose this historical feature in the village. The PC would now like your ideas for its future use please let us know your thoughts.....

**Play Area Project** - The play area group will be at the Duck Race on 5<sup>th</sup> April promoting the final stage of the play area project. As part of the day there will be a bottle tombola, so if you have any full bottles that you can spare we would like to hear from you, wine, bath bubbles, lemonade, any type of bottle we can use on the tombola, please contact PC below or email [BBPlay-groundproject@gmail.com](mailto:BBPlay-groundproject@gmail.com).

**Parish Plan Review** - The Parish Council will be holding a public event to consider housing and the village on the 25<sup>th</sup> April .

**Community Speed Watch** - the Parish Council are supporting the Community Speed Watch Scheme who are out in force in the village. The volunteers are keen to keep this scheme going to educate drivers of the issues of speeding in the villages.

**The next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, 7.30 pm** in the Reading Room.

All welcome!

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## **New Housing and Burton Bradstock - Where Next?**

### **An Open Public Session**

**10.00 - 14.00**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

Burton Bradstock Parish Council and Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust have come together for this open community event aimed at updating local people on a range of housing issues.

### **Come along and find out:**

- What progress Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust has made over the past year and what plans there are for 2020.
- What housing policies are being drafted for the Burton Bradstock Parish Plan 2020-2025

- What is happening with the new Dorset Council Joint Local Plan and how national policies are affecting the provision of affordable housing

Help will be available for those wishing to register for local needs housing and if you want to get more involved with the Community Land Trust you will be able to join on the day with a £1 Share.

Refreshments will be available too.

**Dave Dixon**

### **Dick Whittington**

**Burton Bradstock Players'** latest production, Dick Whittington, proved to be very popular and judging by the amount of laughter and applause was very much appreciated by the audience at all four performances.

Cilla Jones has to be commended for all the weeks of hard work she put into this production. Not only was she Director but also Chief Seamstress and both she and Maria Harvey worked many long hours sewing costumes and making props. The backcloths, painted by John Worsley, were superb and received so many excellent comments from everyone.

Everyone performed very well and received very favourable comments from the audience. The small chorus of children from Burton Bradstock C of E Primary School were a pleasure to have on stage and behaved impeccably backstage.

A very big thank you to the "Make Up Ladies", who transformed people into characters perfectly and many thanks also to those who willingly helped front of house etc. Nick Good and his crew did a sterling job with the lighting and sound effects and also helped backstage.

Some of the comments received from members of the audience:

*"A very enjoyable show, very well cast, although, maybe next time the Dame could be played by a man as is tradition?"*

*"Mr Check and Mr Mate were a very good double act. When they met up with Hona and Lulu, they made a 'formidable foursome'!"*

*"You could hear a pin drop when the fairy started singing. She was fantastic!"*

*"The fairy fumbled her way through the show with her L Plates on but, once she had earned her wings, SHE JUST FLEW! Amazing!"*

*"Another excellent show! We all enjoyed it!"*

## Dates for your Diaries:

**Burton Bradstock Players'** next production will be Two One-Act Plays:

“**A Cut in the Rates**” by Alan Ayckbourn and “**The Rats**” by Agatha Christie. These will be performed at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> July, Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July and Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August.

There will be a **Read Through** of both plays on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** and **Auditions** on **30<sup>th</sup> April** at Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. Anyone interested in taking part in one or both plays will be most welcome. (You don't have to live in Burton Bradstock to become a member of the Players.)

For more information, please contact Janet Tolputt on 01308 898041 or email [janet@Tolputt1.co.uk](mailto:janet@Tolputt1.co.uk)

## Good Progress at Burton Bradstock Post Office Village Shop

Following the circular letter in early January to all Burton residents there was a hugely positive response, confirming the residents' desire to help build this central community asset. Many mentioned, in addition to the supply of fresh foods, the free cash withdrawal service, depositing of cheques and repeat prescription service as being most helpful, especially for those who do not – or no longer - drive a car.

We understand there has been a rise in business too, enabling the Residents' Steering Support Group to move to the next stage – the launch of a 'Friends' scheme. By the time this edition of the BVN reaches readers, Steering Support Group members will have leafletted every home in the village outlining the scheme. There is no joining fee. Benefits are obtained in return for purchasing part of residents' overall weekly household shopping in the Post Office Village Shop.

Most other homes in the Bride Valley have also been leafletted, particularly emphasizing the Postal Services element. The Post Office Village Shop warmly welcomes residents from outside Burton Bradstock, and they are very welcome to become 'Friends' too.

Congratulations to Gill and Pete Mayo also on enhancements they are making in the shop, and for weathering the very testing weather conditions!

*If you have any questions about the work of the Support Group please contact the coordinator, John Grantham, at [john.grantham4@btinternet.com](mailto:john.grantham4@btinternet.com)*

## **The 2020 Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art is coming**

Well it seems like it was only a month ago that the 2019 Festival ended with a great bang. Everyone involved felt that it was a great success although there is always room for improvement and no room for complacency!

The committee have just held the first meeting of the year and I know that the Art Committee and Catering Team will also have met to set out their plan before this copy of the BVN hits the streets. These things don't organise themselves and there are always new challenges to overcome.

David is busily collecting his thoughts for the Festival Performers. He likes to work to themes and this year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dave Brubeck so expect some Jazz with Brubeck leanings. The ideas are swirling and are very exciting indeed.

It will not be long before the brochure appears and you will have the full story. Our website has been redesigned and it looks great. If you haven't paid a visit yet please find it at [www.burtonbradstockfestival.com](http://www.burtonbradstockfestival.com)

It will gradually gather information and momentum as we make our way towards ticket sales events.

This is the Fortieth such Festival week since its humble beginnings. I'm sure that Mary Ryan, the festival founder and its first chair would be most proud of where her small Festival finds itself today.

Much of our brochure will be online this year but we will still only have tickets available through personal, postal or telephone contact.

We hope to see you at the Spring Festival and certainly during the Summer Festival week.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Festival and receive three newsletters each year , discounts and free entry to the Friends event then please email Bill Cain , [william\\_cain@mac.com](mailto:william_cain@mac.com) and we will make that happen.

## Dates for 2020

Spring Concert : June 5th 2020 at the Burton Bradstock Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

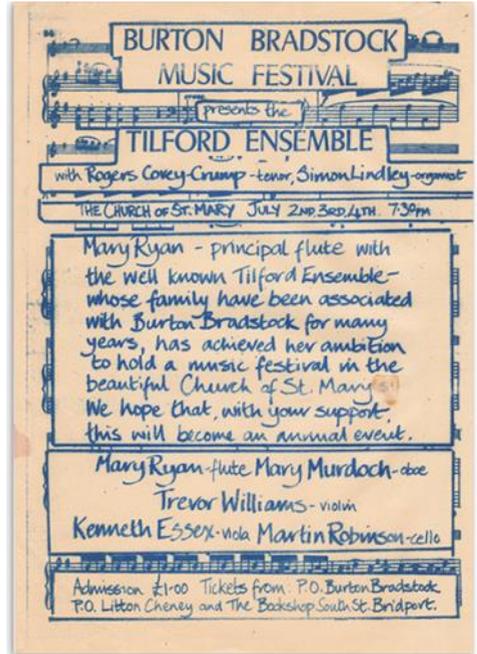
Spring Concert tickets on sale from May 4th 2020 at the Post Office and from Gill Redford.

Summer Festival Ticket day in the Village Hall : 23rd May 2020

Summer Festival of Music and Art : August 15th - 23rd 2020.

AGM : November 12th 2020 starting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

On the right are the first programme notes for this coming summer:



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## St Michael and All Angels

Many thanks to everyone who lent photographs or memorabilia or contributed in any way to our Relationships and Weddings Exhibition over the St. Valentine weekend. With pictures featuring camels, wheelchairs, wellies, seascapes and exotic venues as well as Church porches, plus bubbly, canapés and wedding music also available in the Church we hope we created an appropriate atmosphere of celebration. Congratulations to all.

Storm Dennis certainly affected the parking arrangements at Bridehead for the Artsreach concert given by the BSO Trio of viola, clarinet and harp that same Sunday afternoon, but not the music itself, which was marvellous and much appreciated by a sell-out audience, who mainly reached the village, despite the local floods.

The other main effect of the two storms Ciara and Dennis was the collapse of

the lime tree just north of the Church. Remarkably, it missed the churchyard wall, the oil supply line, all gravestones and – most importantly – the newly-repaired Church roof. Tim Laycock is hoping to create a timeline out of a slice of the trunk, once we discover how old the tree was. Its fall received national publicity, and elicited one e-mail in sympathy all the way from New Brunswick in Canada.

Many of us will by now already have heard of the passing in Portesham at the beginning of February of **Fred Prideaux**, who had lived for so long previously at Middle Lodge. At his request there has been no funeral or memorial gathering of any kind, but we send all condolences and sympathy to Sheila and the family, and we hope she will allow us to invite them and others of his old friends to raise a glass in Fred's memory in the Village Hall before too long. He was a great character, and will be fondly remembered in very many ways. R.I.P.

On Good Friday (April 10th) there will be the traditional short Litany Service in Church at 10.00 a.m., followed by Church decorations for Easter, for which volunteers will be being sought in the meanwhile. **Our Easter Day service will be Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.**, to be led by a visiting priest, the Revd. Jackie Birdseye, to whom we shall extend a warm and grateful welcome.

## Our Night Sky in April 2020

Venus will continue to delight us after Sunset until she sets in the west at about 11pm in the middle of the month. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars will be rising in the South East at about 4am, but will soon be lost in the early dawn sky. Meanwhile, Orion and the faithful Sirius will be going to bed about 9pm, and I find it always sad to see them disappear until next winter.

Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) were first discovered in 2007, and remain a mystery to this day. Normally they last only about a thousandth of a second, but release huge amounts of energy, enough to fuel the Earth for 300 years. Until now, FRBs lasted milliseconds and were completely unpredictable. However, a new FRB has been detected which changes all that. It emits vast pulses of energy, each lasting 2 thousandths of a second, about once an hour for 4 days. It then is silent for twelve days before going through the same cycle.

This is the first FRB that has been discovered which repeats itself predictably, and in astronomical terms, is relatively close. The objects that produce FRBs are only about 200 miles across, and there have been a number of theories as to what causes them, most of which involve a Black

hole or a neutron star, or even a magnetar, a kind of neutron star with a magnetic field hundreds of times greater than others. If it was in orbit round another star, the gravitational interplay could result in blasts of energy periodically being directed towards Earth.

Astronomers at the beginning of the last century used to say that the Universe was pretty boring, and that everything that there was to know had already been discovered; “just dot the ‘i’s and cross the ‘t’s.” How wrong they were and how fortunate we now are to be challenged with how mysterious it really is.

**Bill Turnill**

***Message from Bride Valley News Editor***

***Unfortunately since we went to press with this copy of BVN almost all of the planned activities mentioned throughout this issue have had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.***

***We are hoping to put into place an electronic version of the BVN which could be published on the village websites if the crisis continues over the foreseeable future.***

***The village websites will continue to be a valuable resource for information etc so keep checking them.***

***Stay safe and well and keep cheerful.***

**Anne Gillson**



# DIARY, APRIL 2020

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed	1	19.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary's Church, Burton
		19.30	Burton Parish Council meeting	Burton Reading Room
Fri	3	19.30	Village Society, 'The Etches Collection'	Burton Village Hall
Sat	4	10.00	Long Bredy Village Spring Clean	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sun	5	10.30	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church, Burton
Wed	8	10.30	Lego at the Library	Burton Library
Sat	11	10.30	Village Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
Thurs	16	14.00	Village History Walk	Children's Play area Burton Bradstock
Fri	17	10.00	Art Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
		15.00	Digital Champion drop-in	Burton Library
		17.00—21.00	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	18	19.30	Fish & Chip Quiz	Burton Village Hall
Mon	20	19.30	Bride Valley Gardening Club, 'The Art of Dishevelment'	Puncknowle Village Hall
Thurs	21	19.00	Play read through	Burton Village Hall
Wed	22	10.00 – 12.00	Coffee Stop	Burton Village Hall
Fri	24	19.30	Film: Knives Out	Burton Village Hall
Sat	25	10.00-14.00	Parish Housing event	Burton Village Hall

## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES APRIL 2020



	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 5 April Palm Sunday	Maundy Thurs- day 9 April	Good Friday 10 April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12 April Easter Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 26 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion  10.30 Songs of Praise	7.00pm Holy Communion	12 noon Three Hour Service	6.00am Sunrise Service at Hive Beach  11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion  9.30 Family Service	11.00am Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe					6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion		10.00 Litany	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion by ext	5.30 Evensong
Swyre	No service			11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion			5.00pm Holy Communion	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	6.00pm Licensing Service			9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion			9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy			10.00 Litany	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion