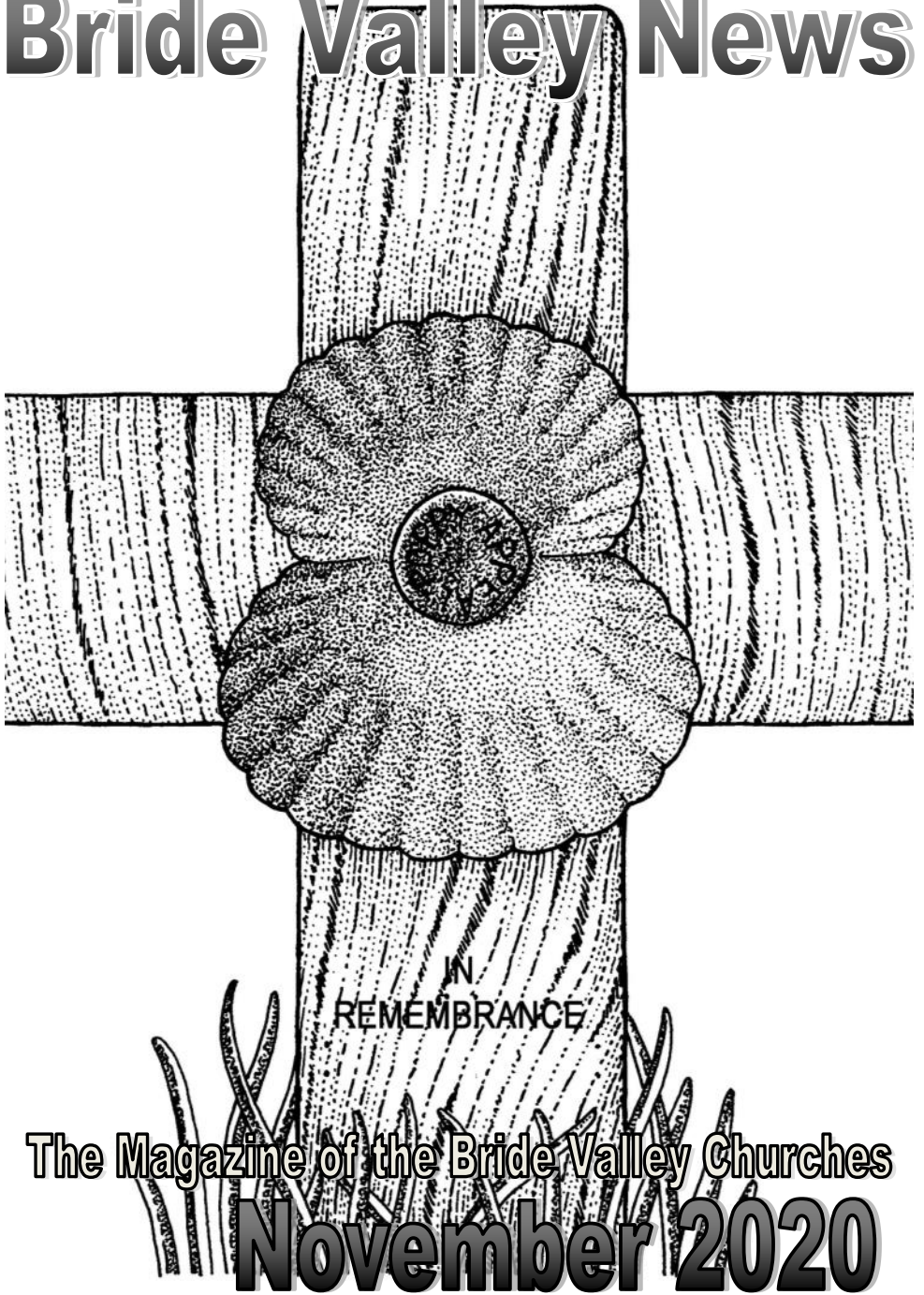


# Bride Valley News



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The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches

# November 2020

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- [www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)
- [www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)
- [www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)
- [www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)
- [www.littlebredy.com](http://www.littlebredy.com)
- [www.longbredy.org.uk](http://www.longbredy.org.uk)

# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock  
St Mary: Litton Cheney  
St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy  
St Peter: Long Bredy  
Chilcombe (dedication unknown)  
St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle  
St Martin: Shipton Gorge  
Holy Trinity: Swyre

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## 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

This morning I was sat in a coffee shop waiting for my sister to join me and it just struck me how different life is now. I had to sanitise my hands before entering and register my attendance with NHS track and trace. Next, I waited to be seated at a table before I was able to remove the mask from my face. When the waitress brought my drink, she placed a tray on my table and retreated backwards. She asked me to take my own drink from the tray and then took the tray away. Then my sister arrived and went through the whole process herself before asking me: “How long will we have to keep doing this?”

Of course, we both understood why this was all necessary and we're grateful for the steps being taken to keep everyone safe, but that's not my point. We also long for things to be 'normal' and for us not to have to worry about catching or transmitting Coronavirus.

It's the same with church, I'm not sure if you've noticed how much more nostalgic people have become at the moment, looking back longingly to a time when things were different and often the perception is that things were much better.

It reminds me of the people in the Old Testament who were being 'moved on' by God, some of them moaned and complained and were desperate to get back to how things were. Others looked ahead to the future:

**“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”** Isaiah 43 verses 18 and 19.

The book of Isaiah is commonly thought to have been written in three sections, pre exile, exile and post exile. Some of the people had been taken into exile in Babylon while others remained in the land, but both groups suffered to varying degrees the debilitating effects of being a conquered people. The verses above were written by someone exiled, looking back to their previous lives in order to focus on the future.

These current times are very different to what we're used to, we may even feel as if we are moving away from the life we once knew and into a different type of world, a new future. That doesn't mean we need to live in fear, or be afraid to embrace what's to come.

Throughout the Bible, people and nations, have been ‘exiled’ for many reasons. Even Jesus and his family had to leave their home for fear of their lives. The prophet writing in Isaiah tried to create an imaginative space in the minds of the people so that their conception of the past could transform their understanding of the present and, thus, the future. In a seemingly hopeless situation, the prophet calls on the people not to lose heart but to look with anticipation for the signs of God’s approaching redemption, for the “new thing” that is coming.

Listen to that same verse translated in The Message:

**“Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”**

I can’t help wondering what it is God wants to teach us through this ‘new time’ we find ourselves in together that will help us make sense of the future. How do we make the most of time and space to rethink our future as a Church of God across the Bride Valley? At this time when people are naturally tending towards eternal questions dare we go deeper in our own relationship with God, our Heavenly Father.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

#### Burial of Ashes

7 October 2020      Rita Steel                      St Mary’s Puncknowle

7 October 2020      Kenneth Mullins      St Mary’s Burton Bradstock

### Weddings

24 October 2020                      Jorge Wilson & Dora Tildesley  
St Mary’s Litton Cheney

## Advent Windows

We are hoping to encourage people to join some festive fun by decorating a window during December. The aim is to create our own Advent Calendar which will build up the story of Christmas in each village across the Bride Valley.

Each participating household will need to pick a date, decorate their window to be displayed by 4pm on that date and for the rest of Advent and Christmas. The earlier in the month you choose the longer your window will be on display. The display needs to be visible from the street so that people do not need to step onto your property to view it.

By Christmas Eve we should be able to walk around our village and see all the Advent displays regardless of any current Covid-19 restrictions.

If you would like to be involved in organising this for your village please be in touch with the Rector or one of your churchwardens.

If you are interested in joining in please contact Jane, the Rector who will put you in touch with the co-ordinator in your village.

Contact details: email: [bvrector@outlook.com](mailto:bvrector@outlook.com) or telephone on 01308 898799



Colour in the Advent Mice

# Dr. Roberts will see you now: Bridport Museum reopens this Autumn

**Bridport Museum was delighted to be reopening its doors on Tuesday 6 October.**

The team have been working hard behind the scenes: oiling the cogs on the rope making machine, dusting off the dinosaur's bottom, to get ready to share Bridport's stories again.

Come and discover more about other moments in history: explore how Dr Roberts helped combat disease 200 years ago? Learn about Bridport's famous footballing links, and discover how beautiful brittlestar fossils are.

The Museum has received the Visit England 'Good to Go' charter mark, and has made some important changes at the museum to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit.

The staff and volunteers are really excited to be welcoming everyone back at last. While they have temporarily removed some interactive activities like the dressing up, the museum is still packed to the rafters with things to see and do. If you're looking for something to keep the little ones busy, the 'Captain Codd' adventure trail is free for children. The ropemakers will be doing demonstrations throughout the week- details can be found on the website. The shop is open too – with a lovely selection of gifts for all the family and every purchase supports the Museum's work.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: 'Everyone has been working really hard behind the scenes, and it's been a tough 6 months. We are a charity and have survived this period with grant support, but we are facing an uncertain future and need your help. There are a number of ways that you can help us – when you visit, you could make a donation if you are able. If you live locally and have some spare time, we'd love to welcome new volunteers to help bring our stories to life. And don't forget you can also support us 'virtually' by following us on social media. *We look forward to seeing you soon*'.

For more information on opening hours and visiting information: [www.bridportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk), find them on Facebook or Twitter @bridportmuseum





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# LITTLEBREDY

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## St Michael and All Angels

The Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 11th October took place in a simply beautifully decorated Church: many thanks and congratulations indeed to everybody who shared in the necessary teamwork to produce such a spectacular and colourful result.

It was also memorable for having the organ played again for the first time in over six months. Singing was and is forbidden, but it seemed appropriate that the very first music heard was “Lead me, Lord...” and the first line of the first hymn tune played formed a similar invitation: “Come, ye thankful people, come...” A rousing performance of “Jerusalem” as the outgoing voluntary kept everyone in their (socially distanced) seats and was greeted with a round of well-deserved applause. Thank you, Sandra, very much indeed.

The first service after this edition appears will be on Sunday 8th November, which is Remembrance Sunday. We shall meet in Church a few minutes before 11.00 a.m., and we hope the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial will not be adversely affected if abiding by Covid precautions – nor the service itself, for that matter.

There has been periodic news of the family of swans on the lake in these pages through the summer, and we can now report that, sadly, they have left the village for their winter climes. One cygnet (nearly as big as the parents now) flew off before the rest, then on the 9th October all the family bar one followed suit. The last singleton now emulates Sibelius’ “Swan of Tuonela”, for the time being, floating forlornly in its solitary state. What does the future hold for him/her or any of the others next year, we wonder?

Finally, in today’s coronavirus-conscious days, here is a message received from the well-known personal injury solicitors Nowinn, Nofee and Co.:

***“Spectacles wearers: does your eyesight suffer if your glasses mist up when wearing a face mask? If so, you may be entitled to condensation...”***  
Sorry!

## Our Night Sky in November 2020

Jupiter and Saturn will have set by 2100 in the middle of the month, while Venus will be rising in the East about 0600 in the morning, but will be lost in the dawn sky by 0800. Meanwhile, all the winter constellations will be rising in the East after dark, with the Pleiades preceding Taurus, and followed by Orion, always a welcome sight for the lovers of winter constellations. While we can still see Venus in the morning you might be interested in some exciting news that Phosphine molecules have been detected in Venus' upper atmosphere, where temperatures and pressures are similar to those at sea level on Earth, although the sulphuric acid clouds are far from similar. Phosphine is a gas which disappears rapidly, and must be replaced. So far, astronomers have been unable to find a non-biological explanation for their presence. On Earth, Phosphine is taken as sign of life, being found, for instance, in swamp gas after being released by microbes. These are early days, and another explanation might yet be found, but I will keep you informed of progress.

I promised to tell you a little more about Black Holes. Black holes are some of the strangest and most fascinating objects in outer space. They're extremely dense, with such strong gravitational attraction that even light cannot escape their grasp if it comes near enough. Albert Einstein first predicted the existence of black holes in 1916, with his general theory of relativity. The term "black hole" was coined many years later in 1967 by American astronomer John Wheeler. After decades of black holes being known only as theoretical objects, the first physical black hole ever discovered was spotted in 1971.

Then, in 2019 the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) collaboration released the first image ever recorded of a black hole. The EHT saw the black hole in the centre of galaxy M87 while the telescope was examining the event horizon, or the area past which nothing can escape from a black hole. The image maps the sudden loss of photons (particles of light). It also opens up a whole new area of research in black holes, now that astronomers know what a black hole looks like.

So far, astronomers have identified three types of black holes: stellar black holes, supermassive black holes and intermediate black holes. When a normal size star burns through the last of its fuel, the object may collapse, or fall into itself. For smaller stars (those up to about three times the sun's mass), the new core will become a neutron star or a white dwarf. But when a larger star collapses, it continues to compress and creates a stellar black hole. Black holes formed by the collapse of individual stars are relatively small, but incredibly dense. One of these objects packs more than three times the mass of the sun into the diameter of a city.

This leads to a fantastic amount of gravitational force pulling on objects around the object. Stellar black holes then consume the dust and gas from their surrounding galaxies, which keeps them growing in size. According to the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics, "the Milky Way contains a few hundred million" stellar black holes.

Small black holes populate the universe, but their cousins, supermassive black holes, dominate. These enormous black holes are millions or even billions of times as massive as the sun, but are about the same size in diameter. Such black holes are thought to lie at the centre of pretty much every galaxy, including the Milky Way. Scientists aren't certain how such large black holes grow. Once these giants have formed, they gather mass from the dust and gas around them, material that is plentiful in the centre of galaxies, allowing them to grow to even more enormous sizes. Supermassive black holes may be the result of hundreds or thousands of tiny black holes that merge together. Large gas clouds could also be responsible, collapsing together and rapidly accreting mass. A third option is the collapse of a stellar cluster, a group of stars all falling together. Fourth, supermassive black holes could arise from large clusters of dark matter. This is a substance that we can observe through its gravitational effect on other objects; however, we don't know what dark matter is composed of because it does not emit light and cannot be directly observed.

Scientists once thought that black holes came in only small and large sizes, but recent research has revealed the possibility that midsize, or intermediate, black holes (IMBHs) could exist. Such bodies could form when stars in a cluster collide in a chain reaction. Several of these IMBHs forming in the same region could then eventually fall together in the center of a galaxy and create a supermassive black hole. In 2014, astronomers found what appeared to be an intermediate-mass black hole in the arm of a spiral galaxy. Newer research, from 2018, suggested that these IMBHs may exist in the heart of dwarf galaxies (or very small galaxies). Observations of 10 such galaxies (five of which were previously unknown to science before this latest survey) revealed X-ray activity – common in black holes – suggesting the presence of black holes of from 36,000 to 316,000 solar masses. . The information came from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, which examines about 1 million galaxies and can detect the kind of light often observed coming from black holes that are picking up nearby debris.

I have only covered the types of Black Holes in this issue, but will describe them in more detail in the December issue.

*Bill Turnill*



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



Although the days are shorter and winter is approaching there are still plenty of jobs to keep you busy in the garden during November. Here are a few of them:

This is a good time for planting tulip bulbs as they need the cold weather to develop strong roots.

Begin winter pruning, including fruit trees, climbing roses and hedge renovation.

Rejuvenate perennials by lifting and dividing them. Lift dahlia tubers to store them under cover.

Bring prepared bulbs, such as hyacinths, into a well-lit area for flowers at Christmas.

Brighten pots with winter bedding; cover hellebores with a cloche to encourage earlier flowering.

Slightly tender perennials can be protected from frost by using straw and, if you don't have a frost-free place to overwinter them, protect planted containers using bubble wrap and raise them on pot feet to help prevent waterlogging.

Remove any soggy leaves from the crowns of plants. Weed beds then mulch them to keep weeds at bay.

Garlic can still be planted to benefit from the cold weather. Stake tall stems of Brussels sprouts.

Plant new fruit bushes, trim cane fruit to 25cm to encourage new shoots from the base.

Check stored fruit regularly for signs of rot. Plant or divide rhubarb crowns.

Before lighting bonfires check they are clear of sheltering wildlife; clean out bird boxes; regularly clean bird feeders and bird baths.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

After detailed advice from WI Headquarters our hopes of meeting as a whole group have again been dashed!!! The committee met to discuss future plans which will include returning to our Zoom meetings but trying out a variety of different ideas including a virtual Christmas Craft evening and some extra walking sessions while the weather lasts. (In groups of 6, as instructed). The latest walk was to St Catherine's Chapel and the views were outstanding. Thanks to Meryl for leading the walk.



The WI is still endeavouring to keep going in these trying times and **if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email** [Bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB

These are not easy times to operate our Book Group at full strength. However we did manage eight members (we are a membership of ten as this is determined by the group sets of ten books which we loan from Dorset Library Service) on Wednesday October 6th at Puncknowle Village Hall. For various reasons we did not stay for a full meeting but it did allow us to exchange quick (socially distanced) greetings and distribute a new book "The Coffin Path" by Katherine Clements. As from next month we will wind the clock back to the choice of book which we should have read last April before Covid events overtook us and the Library Service temporarily closed.

We have decided to try meeting at lunchtimes during the dark winter months but have yet to finalise our plans for this. The group continue to read - probably more than ever - and exchange recommendations via zoom **and email.**

Liz Pinfield



## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



This month, the children have been exploring apples!

As part of our Harvest Festival, the new Reception children worked hard measuring ingredients and "rubbing in" to create some lovely pastry, whilst Chesil went "scrumping" in our Discovery Area and created an apple mountain for us all to cook with and press.

In the days that followed, an assembly line of washers, choppers and mashers used the old school apple press (referred to by the younger children as the 'mangler wangler') and turned this mountain into some lovely "pomace" - whilst the older children in Bredy and Eggardon put their muscles to good use pressing the juice for us all to enjoy.

As well as reciting harvest haikus and sharing their work on the harvest moon, our assembly at the end of all the apple pressing focussed on the wonderful collection of donated goods we amassed for the local food bank, how fortunate we are and how we must all remember to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all for your contributions.

As part of our work outside this term, the children have been finishing off their designs for our new garden area. The ideas generated and the work carried out on all the plans has been superb. In the end, it was simply not possible to separate the top two entries so we have decided to have two winners who will now work to bring together their separate plans (attached) into one overall design. Congratulations to Ben Pike and Oscar Barker!

Once the boys have settled on a final design then a working party will be set up to begin the work on getting the new garden area built. Thanks already to those parents that have expressed an interest in helping with the work.

In the current climate, we scarcely need reminding about how fortunate we are to live, work and grow up in such a beautiful corner of England. To celebrate this fact, we would like to add some new photos to our website and we thought all that wished to could get involved over half term. We are looking for pictures of the village/valley that show off what a wonderful setting the school is in. Please do email any photos to the office and chosen entries will be put on the school website.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Sitch, Headmaster







## Burton Bradstock CE School



Since returning to school in September, the children have been really focused and have a positive attitude towards their learning. Our new Reception pupils have settled in very well and have quickly picked up the routines and systems in school. The weather has also been kind to us so the children have been able to spend time outside as part of their learning.

Our Pre-school and Reception pupils have enjoyed their welly walks around the village and exploring Forest School. As part of their learning on 'Splendid Skies', our Key Stage 1 pupils have been studying the weather and identifying the different cloud formations.



Our oldest pupils have been enjoying their topics also, with Kingfisher Class finding out about Skara Brae and Owl Class learning about Space and Sir Isaac Newton and Galileo.

We have been able to keep up with the fantastic learning that is taking place with our weekly Good Work Assemblies which have now gone virtual! Please visit our school website to see examples of the children's achievements, both in school and out, and to watch the video presentations that the children have produced.

Due to the current restrictions that are in place we are having to modify our plans with regards to our Open Days for prospective parents this year. At this time of year, we are usually busy showcasing our school to prospective parents. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we are unable to do this and have had to make alternative arrangements in the form of a virtual tour that will be available for everyone to view on our school website. As a school we rely heavily on parental choice as two thirds of our intake usually come from outside our catchment area. With school funding based on pupil numbers it is so important that we do all that we can to attract potential pupils to our school. We are lucky to have so many wonderful opportunities on our doorstep within the village, such as the Church, beach, library and a supportive community, that sets us apart from other local schools. We would be grateful if you could help us to promote the school at this time.

One of the fundraising ventures organised by the Friends of Burton Bradstock School is our successful 100 club. Due to school closure, we have been unable to carry out our monthly draw. However, we caught up this term when the winning numbers were drawn at our Breakfast Club.

Congratulations to the winners:

March – Peter Tompkins, Mrs Varndell-Paulley, Beth Moore.

April – Gill Mayo, Howard Bongers, Nicola Herbert.

May – Gill Mayo, Danielle Lanning, David Jenkins.

June – Sian German, Michelle Sage, Barbara Fry.

July – Elaine Tame, Francesca Hitt, Andrew Fry, Peter Tompkins.

We will soon be organising the 100 club for this year, so if you are interested in supporting the school in this way please contact the school office by email:

[office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk) or

telephone: 01308 897369.

Claire Staple, Headteacher



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### St. Mary's Church

**Sunday 29th November** is a 5th Sunday so there will be no morning service at St. Mary's that day. Instead we shall be holding a special **United Valley Advent Service at 5.00 p.m.** to celebrate the Advent season and the start of the Church's year. There will be music – Paul Cheater will be playing “live” and there will be hymns and an anthem recorded by members of St. Mary's choir. Everyone from across the Bride Valley will be very welcome.

#### DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE & STRIDE – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Apologies to Elizabeth Kingston, Pauline Price and Sarah Nobes, who strode valiantly around churches in Swanage, Langton Matravers, Worth Matravers and Corfe but who were not mentioned as participants in last month's magazine – well done them and thank you.

This year was a bumper one for the village, the grand total raised was £1727, nearly three times more than the previous record; St Mary's Church benefits from half the amount which is returned by the Trust, a very welcome addition to church funds in a year without income from a Fete and much reduced income from service collections. The PCC is very grateful for this and a very big thank you to all who sponsored the Riders and Striders so generously.

#### Village Carol Singing

Sadly at the time of writing it does not seem possible given current restrictions for there to be the usual carol singing this year around the village. If that situation changes we shall ensure the word gets around.

Ron Davidson – Litton Cheney Social Committee.



## Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



Looking back to November last year, the hall was really busy – we had bookings for Scouts, dancing, table tennis, short mat bowls, Yoga, a film night, choir practices, a Wine Tasting evening, and an Artsreach show! It's hard to imagine now, isn't it? Hopefully we will be offering many of these things again by this time next year!

In the meantime, **Table Tennis** has started again – on Wednesdays from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. – if you would like to take part, contact Ron Davidson (01308 482661).

There is a **Yoga** class on Wednesday evenings from 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. – contact Anna Forrest if you would like to join (01308 485343).

Nadiya Wynn is holding two **Yoga** workshops on Sunday mornings 1st and 29th November - contact her on 07800 712998 for details.

### **Litton Cheney Parish Council – Next Meeting; Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the date above, commencing at 7.30 pm. Details of how to join the meeting will be published on the meeting's agenda closer to the date of the meeting.

At the time of writing the Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor to be co-opted onto the council. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the village by giving up a small amount of your time hopefully for the good of the community. Please contact either Clerk, Maggie Walsh or John Firrell whose contact details can be found on the village website and village notice boards.

### **In Case of Covid**

Whilst infections remain relatively low in Dorset, that situation could change over the coming weeks with possible local lockdowns in operation. If you suffer problems as a result of restrictions and require assistance please refer to the Parish Council's letter displayed on village notice boards and the village website where you can find contact details of those people who can provide that assistance.





## **BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Community Hall.**



Although we can seat 34 for a socially distanced viewing in Litton, Burton cannot achieve their break even numbers in their hall, screenings therefore are not viable at present.

With this in mind and the fact that some people may not be happy to attend indoor events in the near future, we have decided to delay any new dates until 2021; hopefully we may be able to resume then.

At such time we will try to ascertain whether everyone has seen all available films during lockdown etc. so we can confirm titles.

That's all folks! - for now.



### **The White Horse – The Centre of the Universe for Local Hospitality**

Don't forget **HAPPY HOUR** from Tuesday to Sunday 5.30 to 6.30. All real ales, lagers, ciders, Guinness and all medium sized (175ml) wines are just £3. This will hopefully run on into the new year as it is proving to be quite popular. Socially distanced of course!!

Our current opening hours are:

**Monday - Closed**

**Tuesday and Wednesday 5pm to 9pm.** Pub menu available 6pm to 8pm.

**Thursday 12 to 2.30pm and 5 to 9pm.** Pub menu available 12 to 2pm and 6 to 8pm.



**Friday 12 to 10pm.** Pub menu available 12 to 2pm. Fish and Chips eat in or takeaway 5.30 to 8pm.

**Saturday 12 to 10pm.** Pub menu available 12 to 2pm. Curries eat in or take-away 5.30 to 8pm.

**Sunday 12 to 8.30pm.** Pub menu and Roast dinners 12 to 2.30pm.  
Beef, Pork, Lamb, Chicken/Turkey on a 4-week rolling rota.

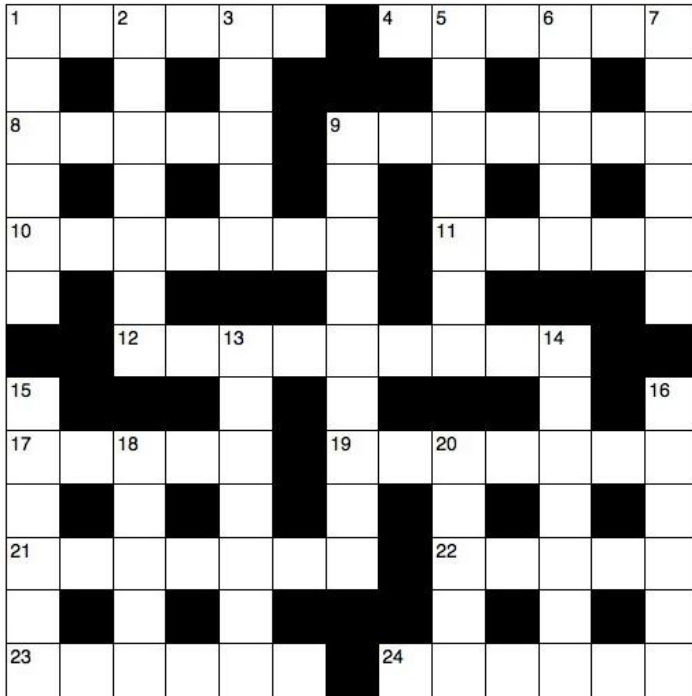
We are continually adapting to conform with ever-changing government rules to keep everyone safe. As it stands:

1. Face masks must be worn while stood up; can be removed when sat at a table.
2. Table service only.
3. Test and Trace obligatory. We can help if you don't have a smart phone.
4. We have removed some tables and chairs to accommodate social distancing. Tables strictly up to a maximum of 6.
5. We also have a 10pm curfew, which unfortunately does not mean last orders at 10, it sadly means everyone must be out by 10pm.

**We look forward to continuing to welcome you under these measures.**

**Next event we CAN join in is Halloween! If you're out with your children, there will be pumpkins, hand sanitiser and little treats on the wall from 6pm so come on down**





**CROSSWORD CLUES**

**Across**

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)

- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

**Down**

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### November 2020 Floodlight Sponsorship

It's been a good summer weather wise and now we look forward to the Autumn when the air is scented with wood smoke as folks enjoy cosy evenings in front of their fires. The floodlights appear brighter than ever during these dark nights, illuminating our beautiful church.

Our sponsors this month are:  
Doreen in loving memory of Frank

Janet Epplestone  
thinking of Bee & John Epplestone on their wedding anniversary (5<sup>th</sup>)

Anthony

Ed & Linda

Yvette & David

for Chris, Bob and Tracey in appreciation of all their help during lockdown.

Your support is very much appreciated.

It would be really good to have a few more sponsors for the winter months ahead, especially during these harsh times. . A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are passing push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

(Please check the cut-off date on the inside page of the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 11th November but it seems unlikely that it will be possible to have a face to face meeting. Please check on the village website for information on this nearer the time. [www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Our **Produce Stall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** was a fantastic success, raising over £500 from sales of produce and donations. Shipton residents did us proud with all the donations of jams, jellies, cakes, biscuits, savouries, plants, apples etc – not to mention the face masks and other non-edible items. So many thanks to everyone who made and donated items and of course those who came along to purchase them.

It was lovely to be able to hold an event in the hall after so many months and we were delighted that our virus protection measures enabled people to feel safe. We hope that other fund raising events can now be held safely even in these times. So thank you all for an amazing day and for giving such a great boost to our funds.

## THANK YOU

Yvette and David would like to give **A Huge Thank You** to 'BUDDYS' Chris, Bob and Tracey for their help and time during Lockdown, it is very much appreciated.

## SHIPTON GORGE 100 CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> £25 No 79 Jane King

2<sup>nd</sup> £10 No 139 Diane James

3<sup>rd</sup> £5 No 87 Peter Varney

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

# LONG BREDY

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## St Peter's Church

### Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Service in any way and with the refreshments in the sun in the churchyard afterwards. It was good to have a "coffee morning" albeit in a necessarily very different format. The Food Bank organisers were very delighted to receive the donations.

### Memorial Service for the Departed

Please contact Jackie if you wish to have a member of your family remembered at the Memorial Service for the Departed in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, on November 1st or would like more information about this service.

### Remembrance Day

The service will be held at Little Bredy, as usual. See the back page of the magazine for details.

### Christmas in the Bride Valley

Rev Jane would like to celebrate Christmas by each village having an Advent Calendar .

Those who wish to participate would decorate a window / garden / board etc for a given date ( a white card will be given with the date and a text from the Christmas story to display near the decoration.) The decoration will be revealed on the date given and be left till Christmas - so on Christmas Eve it would be obvious in the village that we have 24 decorations / texts .

It is **not** a competition and a house can do more than one if they would like to. It can be very simple - paper drawing , fluffy snowman, lights etc.



Rev. Jane will be getting the school children involved. She thought that this might be a way to celebrate Christmas in the valley as this year singing etc will probably not be allowed.

If you would like to be part of Long Bredy's Advent Calendar, please let Ruth or Jackie know.

## **Parish Council**

### **Parish Council Changes**

Colin Dyer has stood down as Chairman and as a councillor. Cllr. Charlotte Kinghorn has been elected as the new Chair of the Council.

Charlotte said " The Parish Council are very sad that Colin has stood down. Colin has been an active and committed councillor and an inclusive and dedicated chairman. His gentle courteous manner has ensured that meetings have been harmonious and a pleasure to attend. We are very grateful that he embraced technology and steered us through the introduction of Video meetings during these testing times."

She went onto say that she was delighted and honoured to take over as Chair. Cllr Giles Maltby has stepped up to the plate to take on the role of Vice- Chair.

The Council are delighted to announce that Doug Reeve has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill an existing vacancy. There is still one vacancy unfilled and residents are invited to consider joining the Parish Council as a co-opted councillor. For more information contact Steve Evans, the Parish Clerk on [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

### **Traffic Matters**

Concerns have been raised to the Parish Council about traffic driving fast through the villages. Some of the traffic is due to an increase in visitors to the area but sadly some of the inconsiderate driving is coming from residents. The roads through the villages are narrow and used by pedestrians and cyclists so please show consideration and care when driving.

Stephen J Evans  
Parish Clerk  
Long Bredy & Kingston Russell  
Tel: 01308 482647

## Internet / Fast Broadband Information

### Dear Resident

We are writing to let you know of a government-funded initiative to improve internet speeds in rural communities.

Askerswell is already on ultrafast broadband (fibre to home) but there are no plans at present to upgrade any of the Bride Valley or surrounding areas. Although recent upgrades have given us fibre from the exchange to cabinet (FTTC) many of us are still suffering from slow internet speed and the internet dropping out. Day by day the information being transmitted via the internet is becoming more and more detailed and space hungry so staying with our current speeds means we are being left behind.

Faster internet speeds bring many advantages such as improved home schooling, instant response times when opening pages, no lag when sending or receiving emails and you could even download a full HD film in seconds. Current local internet speeds are likely to be around 26Mbps (using current copper wire cables) whereas we should be getting Ultrafast speeds from 70 – 1000 Mbps, although nothing above 200-300 is likely to be necessary.

Fortunately government funding is available to homes and small businesses in rural areas to cover some of the costs of installing the faster 'fibre to home', but it would be unlikely to cover individual installation costs. We understand that Openreach will look favourably at a community installation scheme as it reduces their costs. So we need to put together a group of interested individuals and business.

**An important point is that there is no commitment or cost to anyone who just wishes to express their interest in this opportunity.**

We understand that faster speed will be available at no extra cost, although very fast speeds are tiered and paid for by the user. There are already a number of individuals and businesses in Long Bredy and Litton Cheney who are already very interested, so it would add weight to the cause if we could demonstrate a greater community interest.

**To explore our options we need to do the following:**

## **Stage 1**

We need to gather names, addresses and contact numbers of individuals or small businesses who would be interested. Openreach would then look at the addresses and give a ballpark figure of the costs involved so that we could establish whether they would be covered by a government grant.

## **Stage 2**

If we believed the costs were covered we would express a serious interest to Openreach who would then conduct a cost analysis and present the options and costs to us.

## **Stage 3**

This is the commitment stage where individuals state whether they want to proceed or not and decide on the speed they require.

As we continue to be disadvantaged by increasingly poor internet speeds these government grants present us with a great opportunity which we could take advantage of, but as we all know, grants are not available forever so we should get step forward and see if we can secure the funding.

If you are interested, please email, your name, address phone number to [bvfibre@yahoo.com](mailto:bvfibre@yahoo.com) or phone Angus Handoll 01308 482215

Alternatively Charlotte Kinghorn, Chair of the LBKR Parish Council via the Clerk on 01308 482647

## **BVN Advertising**

The BVN is in need of more advertising to remain solvent. At the moment it is run by volunteers from the Editor to the distributors.

It is supplied free to every house in the valley but this may have to stop if more advertising / donations are not forthcoming.

If your business is interested in advertising in the Bride Valley News please email [bvnc@outlook.com](mailto:bvnc@outlook.com) to speak to the advertising manager who will be happy to help with costing, design etc.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### St Mary's Church

#### Dorset Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride, 12<sup>th</sup> September

The magnificent sum of £879 was raised and thanks go to Jane, Clare, Liz, Linda and Julian for taking part, to all those who so generously sponsored them and to those who helped on the day to welcome visitors to St. Mary's.  
*Howard Bongers*

### Burton Bradstock Village Hall

#### Village Hall Activity

A few of the regular activities such as Pilates and Yoga held at the Hall have restarted, others await a more positive environment. The decision to restart is entirely with the organiser, so please contact them direct if you want to know if and when your interests restart. Some local groups have held committee meetings at the Hall in a safe manner and others are planning to do so. Should you wish to use the Hall, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.

#### Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until the start of 2021. We hope to start off with the films we planned to show this year.

#### Coffee Mornings

The Village Hall Trust is planning to hold the second of three coffee mornings for limited numbers of Village Residents (maximum 20 at any one time) on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am & 12:00 noon. These will be run by a dedicated team of volunteers working to a risk assessed plan based on current guidelines. The event will be repeated in December, providing restrictions at the time allow it. Prices will be similar to the old coffee stop prices.

The Hall currently has the equipment to sanitise and check temperatures on entry and clean all equipment to be used (the new coffee tables are plastic

topped for ease of cleaning). There will be table service by volunteers, and control of numbers in the Hall. There will be a maximum of 2 households and/or 4 people per table, no moving around the Hall, and face coverings must be worn (except when eating or drinking) to enable the event to proceed.

The Trust is keen to give Villagers the opportunity to attend and will be interested to see if people feel able to do so. For those with the Covid-19 app on their phone, the QR code for the Hall is displayed in several locations.

For more information look for posters that have been put up around the Village.

*Richard Ferre.*

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club” October 2020 Draw**

**Congratulations to the winners:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£35.60</b>	<b>No 115:</b>	<b>Miss Eurwen Hughes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£17.80</b>	<b>No 36:</b>	<b>Mrs Pauline Woodford</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£8.90</b>	<b>No 162:</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Parsons</b>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the Nov 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £2 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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## **Burton Bradstock Village Society**

A reminder that our **Village Society AGM** takes place on **Friday November 13th** at **7pm** in the **Village Hall**.

If you would like to attend the AGM either physically in person or virtually via Zoom, please contact our **Hon Sec Roger Ashman** on **01308 898442** or at **[roger.ashman30@gmail.com](mailto:roger.ashman30@gmail.com)**

Covid restrictions mean that rules on social distancing and wearing of masks must be observed in the Village Hall and we are unable to offer refreshments or entertainment this year.

## Move It or Lose It classes come to Burton Bradstock!

After having to stop exercise classes due to the lockdown, Natalie Swanson has now been able to re-start her over-50's fitness classes with the support of various Village Hall Committees around West Dorset.

She was looking for another hall to open up in and found Burton Bradstock. After doing a leaflet drop around the whole village (over 400 flyers and about 9 miles!), she started on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

“We had the most fantastic response from Burton, over half the allowed amount of people turned up for the first session to see what it was all about. Its great that in these strange new times people are keen to come out and get fit.” The hall & the classes are set up so that everyone can feel really safe.

She passionately feels that its so important for people to keep moving. It's a very sociable class (although socially distanced!) and the programme is full of easy to follow exercises which help with strength, balance, flexibility and general fitness.

One of the great things about the class is that you can be at any level of fitness to start – you can be seated, standing or standing with chair support. People who do the classes in other villages say that they have seen a real improvement in their lives, and not just in fitness. They have helped them to lose weight, improve their balance and even to sleep better at night.

The Burton hall committee has worked hard to make sure that everything is in place for activities to be able to return safely, but places are limited so call first to book a free trial class or have a chat with Natalie about what the classes involve 07897 684345.

If you can't get a place at Burton then don't worry, she also runs classes in Bridport, Bothenhampton & Loders among others.

The classes are supported by 'Help & Care' who are a registered charity that supports people and communities to live independent and fulfilling lives.

## Burton Bradstock Farm Shop and Post Office

As Christmas approaches please note the following:

- 1) Christmas stamps go on sale on 3rd November
- 2) last post dates for overseas Mail leaflet now available
- 3) last dates for UK 2nd class is the 18th December and 1st class 21st December
- 4) last order dates for Beef/lamb/pork/chicken on Monday the 14th December

Also please order your Bread/milk/veg/cheeses etc to avoid disappointment

We will also be doing our hampers please see our website:

[Maydownfarmshop.com](http://Maydownfarmshop.com)

### **Gill**

## Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

The Library continues to **OPEN** on Wednesday mornings for members to browse and take out books and jigsaws. You can also manage your account (or join if you are not already a member) on-line, to reserve books, and access e-books and e-magazines.




### **Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library:**

Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm to collect reservations and drop books off ONLY

### **Contact information:**

Email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

web: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

For the safety our volunteers the letterbox at the library closed, please address any correspondence

c/o Vine House, Shadrack, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QF

## The Library Christmas Card 2020

This year, because of coronavirus, and as a thank you for your continued support, there will be a draw on FBBL membership numbers to win the beautiful painting (illustrated on the right) which James Webster has donated to produce the Library Christmas Card. The original picture can be seen at the Library.



The cards, which are £1 each, will be for sale at the Farm Shop & Post Office and both pubs in the village, and you can also order for collection, or delivery to your home. You can leave your order at the Library during opening hours, at Vine House, Shadrack (opposite the Anchor Inn) or telephone Sandy on (01308) 898358.

Please offer the correct money (no change can be given) or pay by cheque made payable to "Friends of Burton Bradstock Library". Please leave your contact details on your order so we can contact you to arrange for collection or we can deliver to your home.

If you are not already a "Friend of Burton Bradstock Library", membership forms may be obtained from our website or are available at the Library. The annual subscription falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.

*Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)*

## Burton Bradstock Allotments / Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

This year the money raised from the sale of surplus vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants was donated to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The idea of selling excess vegetables started in 2013 due to the amount of runner beans we had grown, and a sign was put up saying "help yourself". We added to that sign all donations would go to Fortuneswell Cancer Trust in Dorchester and £200.00 was sent to them. Over the years the amount we have sent has increased and this year £870.00 has gone to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

We would like to thank all the allotment holders and others that donated to the stall, and indeed the customers that bought the produce.

*Geoff and Sandy Adderley*



Another month has gone by and nothing really to report. We did not have our committee meeting in October as planned because we felt that there is not much to discuss at the moment, not yet knowing when meetings can be resumed. Not a very happy prospect – and even the weather has turned gloomy!!

However, we mustn't be downhearted as that is not in the spirit of the WI!! The Activities group have boldly continued to meet and enjoyed crafting and chatting together over tea and biscuits.

Our Vice Presidents have been busy too! When it was our Centenary year in 2017 we decided to produce a Cookery Book with 100 of our favourite recipes. Well after many delays, for various reasons, we can now say that we are hopefully, at last, nearing the completion! Thanks to the lockdown we have had more time to devote to this project than we had beforehand during our normally busier lives. It has been a long job and certainly more time consuming than we anticipated – even collecting 100 recipes took twice as long as we thought (I think some members were loathe to give up their treasured secrets!).

Then there was the sorting into categories.....and the typing out of them all, checking for errors and sending them on to our patient printer, Colin at Vertiworks.

The results of our efforts are looking good and we are sure the books will be much appreciated. Everybody loves a new cookery book, especially of tried and tested favourites and there are some very inspiring recipes in this one – maybe something new for people to try out and keep us busy in the uncertain days ahead.

Hopefully by the time the next edition of the BVN comes out I shall be able to report that it is all done and ready for sale. Look out for details of how to obtain your copy. Fingers crossed!!

(We also bought a commemorative Centenary bench to be placed somewhere in the village.....but that's another story!!)

***Janet Pearson***

# BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Resignation

Mike Evans has resigned as Chairman and Councillor of BBPC. The Council wishes to extend its thanks to Mike for his contribution to the Parish. In particular his dedication to refurbishing the Play Area. Work that is nearing completion.

Councillors have agreed to rotate chairing of BBPC until May 2021 - Dave Dixon will chair Council meetings during October and November.

## Vacancies on the Council

We have 2 vacancies on the Council. The PC meet on the first Weds of every month currently via zoom. With the updated Parish Plan out for consultation new Councillors would be welcomed to help promote the community projects. Please contact the Clerk for further information or sign in at the next meeting.

## Funding for full fibre broadband connections

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

Please follow the link

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/superfast-dorset/funding-for-full-fibre-broadband-connections.aspx>

Or email: [customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

or call Dorset Council tel: 01305 251010 for more information

## Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm via zoom. Unless the guidance changes the PC will continue with Zoom meetings. See the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings is available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings [burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/](http://burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/) we will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Weds of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email:

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Tel: 07814 016971. Website: [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

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

Burton Bradstock are now on Twitter follow the link below take a look and follow us....

<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

## Children's Society

I really hope that all of you are managing as best as possible this year, it's been very hard for all. It is that time of year for me to collect any boxes for The Children's Society so that I can pay them in. If any one who has one, please could they drop them at one of the following places:

The Old Coach House, Shipton Lane, (you can just open the gate and put it on the floor)

At the Church following any service,

Or, last choice, at Pauline and David's house.

Or, I can collect it from you if you let me have your address.

Counting the coins is rather a dirty affair, so, unless requested, I will not give you the amount you have collected. The bank has a wonderful machine where I throw the whole lot in, it is counted and prints out a slip of the entire total which I just pay into the Society. Thank you so much.

*Allegra Martin (898108)*

## Friends Of The Post Office Farm Shop

Thank you to all who are supporting our local Post Office Farm Shop!

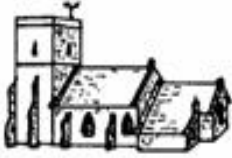
Many of us have continued to receive our weekly food box deliveries, a service much valued (to join in, phone 897243 on Monday, delivery Thursday - minimum £10.)

This is a good time to show our support, as – with Christmas looming – Christmas cards are now available and the special Christmas stamps are from 3<sup>rd</sup> November – details on the website at <http://maydownfarmshop.com/>

Gill, Pete and Laura are also gearing up for strong demand for Christmas hampers this year, saving us from hunting for Christmas presents, and of course they can wrap and dispatch them so easily for us..

Keep well, thank you for the continuing support. And well done to the Post Office team for having battled on so well to support us.

*John Grantham on behalf of the Friends of The Post Office Farm Shop*



# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

### WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR SERVICES IN CHURCH

First Sunday	Holy Communion	9.30am
Second Sunday	Evening Prayer	5pm
Third Sunday	All Age Holy Communion	11.30am
Fourth Sunday	Family Service	9.30am

The Church is kept closed all week to ensure that it is completely clear of any contamination by casual visitors.

All are very welcome though you will be asked to observe social distancing and to wear a facial covering.

### OPEN AT LAST

### PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON HALL

After weeks of refurbishment, redecoration and hours of hard work by dedicated workers, the hall has now been transformed into a haven for recreation for any who would like to use it. Sadly at the moment strict anti Covid restrictions have to be followed – cleaning before and after use for instance – but the hall is completely Covid free and materials for cleaning are in place with sanitisers in the lobby and hall itself.

The Book Club and Table Tennis users have already booked in so if any group would like to consider booking the hall please contact Jill Neill (897479) or Liz Slater (897751) Also if any family 'bubble' would like a change of scenery for an hour or two do please consider using the hall.

# **PUNCKNOWLE PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

## **INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY**

Tenders are invited for the contract to maintain the grassed areas of Puncknowle Playing Field. The contract will run for 3 years commencing 1 April 2021. Puncknowle Playing Field was established in 1987 at the bottom of Clay Lane, Puncknowle, and is owned and operated by Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council. Full details of the contract responsibilities and administration can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Please submit your tender in writing by **11th January 2021** to:

**The Clerk,  
Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council  
Swyre Cross, Swyre, DT2 9DA  
Email: [puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)      Tel 01308  
897987**

### **Farewell to Madeline**

Sid and Madeline Marshall moved to Swyre in 1987 just as the houses at Green Barton were being completed. Together they made a huge contribution to our community. They led the team who renegotiated the village hall lease; renaming it The Punknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall. Subsequently they took part in the Holy Trinity and POPP project to set up a community lunch club there. This has been an outstanding success for many years, until the Covid restrictions came into force.

Among other things Sid took on the role of Santa at Christmas time, and was always unfailingly generous with financial and computer advice. Madeline became chairwoman of the parish council; and was a faithful member of Holy Trinity Church.

After Sid died; and with much thought and careful consideration; Madeline made the decision to move closer to her daughter Kathryn.

We wish Madeline every happiness for the future and offer grateful thanks for all her support and encouragement over the years.

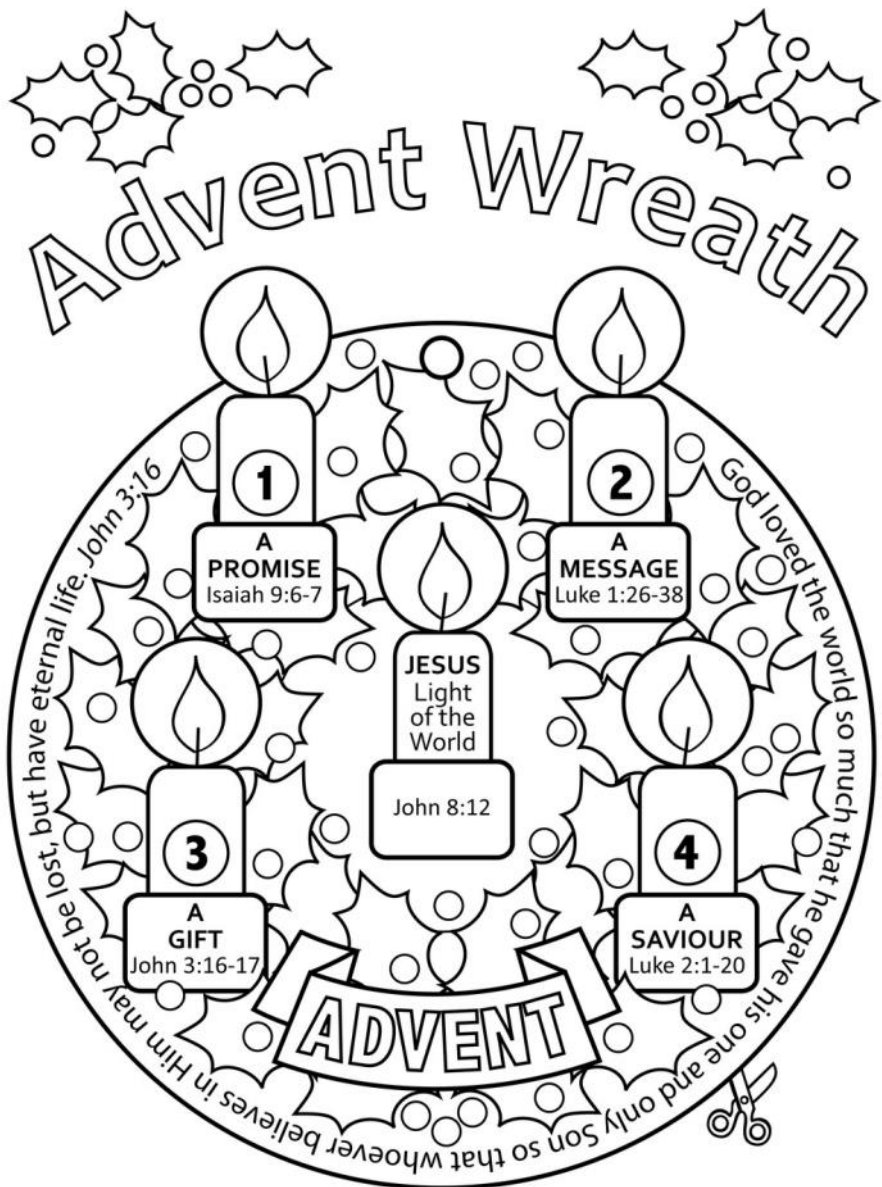
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Colour in the green leaves and berries. Cut out and hang up on ribbon.

Each Sunday in Advent colour in a candle and read the Bible verses.

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## DIARY, NOVEMBER 2020

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed	4th	19.30	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Internet–Zoom
Sun	8th	11.00	Remembrance Service	Little Bredy
Tues	10th	19.30	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	Internet–Zoom
Fri	13th	19.00	Burton Bradstock Village Society AGM	Burton Village Hall or Internet–Zoom
Sun	29th	17.00	United Valley Advent Service	St Mary's Church Litton Cheney



**SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES NOVEMBER 2020**  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 3PM IN BURTON BRADSTOCK**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1 November All Saints Day</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 22 November Christ the King</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 29 November Advent Sunday</b>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 3pm Annual Memorial Service	10.45 Remembrance Service 6.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service  6.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Remembrance Service	3.00pm Pets Service		11.00 United Holy Communion
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	10.50 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm Evening Holy Communion	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	No service	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm Darkness to Light
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		10.50 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	