

Bride Valley News



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www.burtonbradstockvillage.org

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

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

On 21st March we will be asked to take part in a national census, this happens every ten years and it's a unique way of finding out about us all and the community we live in. It's got me wondering what it is exactly that marks a community out. This also stems from the way I've witnessed how people have supported one another and been there for each other during the last twelve months, since the beginning of the pandemic. Of course, this won't be the sort of information that's captured through the census.

We cannot choose our neighbours, those we live alongside and in the recent past we have not always needed to get to know them anyway. We may have chosen to live as independently as possible.

Up until recently, this country and other so-called developed parts of the world, have been accused of living with an individualistic mind-set, needing to appear better than everyone else, judging others by the values of one's family and society at large. So many people in our society seemed to find themselves in a perpetual battle to succeed, to get a good job, to get promotion, to receive honours and recognition.

We live in a competitive world. There are other people though who, because of health problems, education, their family or social background, do not succeed to the same degree. They feel humiliated, are often considered inferior, and harbour in their hearts a great deal of anguish. Constantly focussing on ourselves or on our own group puts a strain on our relationships with other people and often leads to fear, violence hatred and other forms of division.

This clearly needs to change and over the last year I think we have been living through the start of that change. Throughout the Bride Valley I have seen communities coming together, some have told me that they've never seen this level of neighbourly support before. Others say it reminds them of wartime, when people worked together for the common good, in support of everyone and in particular the most vulnerable. Nationally we have also been hearing stories of communities pulling together at this uncertain time.

We are certainly getting better at being interdependent. And of course, this works both ways, we have to be willing to help others, but also willing to be helped and for some that is the hardest thing. As we move towards Easter, a time when we remember how Jesus came into the world for each and every one of us, laying down his life to save us. as Christians we often have to go against the ways of the world, to be counter cultural. This year more than ever, as we emerge from Lockdown and the effects of the pandemic, let's think together how we can continue forwards in the neighbourly way we've learned afresh together. Jesus is our example.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: abide in my love. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:9,12-13)

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

Sunday Services across the Bride Valley Churches during March.

At the time of going to press it has not been decided whether we will be able to hold communal worship in our church buildings through March.

If we do not hold communal services in person in our churches we will continue to meet online at 9.30 am every Sunday and the link to join us is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240

Passcode: 180461

Everyone is welcome to join us even if you have not been to church before or you stopped coming a while ago! If you are unsure about joining Zoom, please contact our Rector Jane and she will be happy to help you.

If we are able to hold communal worship in our churches again during March we will put the details in our weekly Source to Sea and in our church porches. Please take care and stay safe everyone.



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Our most recent get together was via Zoom on January 27th. There were seven of us which is a record so far! Some of us had started the current book - “Further Accidental Adventures of the 100 Year Old Man” by Jonas Jonasson - translated from Swedish. We now understand it is a sequel to an earlier successful book. One of our group had finished it - declaring it very different to anything we had read before. Some of us had made a start but not been persuaded - others were hoping to return to it at some point. We all agreed that if you were keenly involved in other books it was difficult to switch to something with less appeal!

One observation was that the novel was reminiscent of the film “Forrest Gump” and possibly a Woody Allen film - “Zelig” - where an innocent but totally unknown character keeps witnessing great events in the 20thC - to great comic effect.

Towards the end of the meeting we returned to discussing the Michele Obama autobiography (from the previous month) and reflected how her account of the White House years was such a marked counterpoint to all things Trump!

Our current book is “Americanah” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie which we will be discussing in our next Zoom meeting towards the end of February.

We always try to exchange recommendations based on our current reading. These informal suggestions are not usually included in BVN reports but I will offer them up on this occasion.

“Hamnet” by Maggie O Farrell - Shakespeare’s wife’s perspective on the death of her son.

“Midnight in Peking” by Paul French - reportage on a real murder case in 1937 China

“Breath” by James Nestor - how we do not breathe effectively

“Joseph Banks” (biography) by Patrick O Brien

“Picasso” (biography) by the same author

“The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett - her most recent novel

“Ma’am Darling” - by Craig Brown (gossipy but entertaining on Princess Margaret)

“One, Two, Three, Four “ - by the same author but this time about The Beatles.

Liz Pinfield

Our Night Sky in March 2021

Mars remains prominent in the southern sky during the night, and is close to the bright red star Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus the Bull. However, it continues to fade from its earlier brilliance, but will still be easy to see.

You might just be able to see Saturn and Jupiter as they become morning planets, but they are soon lost in the dawn glare. Orion remains the Constellation of the night, and is always worth viewing through binoculars.

Japan’s mission to bring asteroid dust back to Earth has succeeded. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) confirmed on 14 December that a capsule from spacecraft Hayabusa2, which landed in an Australian desert last week, contained black grains from asteroid Ryugu.

Hayabusa2 collected the samples over a year and a half on Ryugu — a small asteroid shaped like a squashed sphere, covered with giant boulders. Ryugu is a C-type, or carbon-rich, asteroid, which scientists think contains organic and hydrated minerals preserved from as far back as 4.6 billion years ago. The samples could help to explain how Earth became covered with water. Scientists think it came on asteroids or similar planetary bodies from the outer regions of the Solar System.

Hayabusa2 has now begun its 11-year journey to its next destination - a fast-rotating asteroid. To reach it, the spacecraft will fly by another asteroid and swing past Earth another two times, a further example of the extraordinary capabilities of the space engineers and navigators who have to work in both time and space within minute tolerances.

Bill Turnill

Superfast Broadband

FULL OPTICAL FIBRE UPDATE

Hello everyone. We thought you may be interested in getting an update on our progress, which it has to be said, has been rather slow.

Dealing with BTO (BTOOPENREACH) has not been easy, with ongoing difficulties communicating with them (ironic for sure), unanswered correspondence and obstructions. Initially they wanted the organisers (us) to have a Legal Entity and to be responsible for any shortfall in the cost over the vouchers. Not surprisingly we said no. Fortunately BTO have now changed their mind and said we can now individually sign in to an online page pledging our vouchers to BTO. At the time of writing this has yet to be set up. One can speculate as to how long this will take.

How much will full fibre cost? As far as we understand it there are two answers! First the cost of installing the cables down the street and into your home. If we can sign up enough people then there will be enough vouchers to fund the scheme for FREE.

The second cost is the ISP's (internet service provider) monthly fee which everyone pays for their internet. You will be able to choose which ISP you'd like (from a limited list which may not include your current one); you will also be able to opt for a higher internet speed up to 1,000 mbps. I currently get between 16-26 but would like 300. Higher speeds will cost more, but the level will be your choice.

We initially had 57 addresses register their interest from Long Bredy, Litton Cheney and Kingston Russell. BTO have now identified over 350 properties that could be included.

Puncknowle, Swyre and Burton Bradstock are also busily catching up (courtesy of Jackie & Louis) and they have also submitted their initial numbers to BTO.

We understand there is an option of radio broadband. We have investigated this but we prefer a system that is permanently hard wired with fibre directly to our homes without the reported vagaries of weather or interference and with the option of choice of different ISPs.

Lastly the current voucher scheme ends in March, but apparently another starts in April although there's no info about it at present. Hang on in there and get talking to people as the more on our list the more BTO will want to connect us.

A phone meeting next week has finally been suggested by Openreach, so hopefully there will be more clarity after that.

Angus Handoll. [bvfire@yahoo.com](mailto:bvfibre@yahoo.com)



Bride Valley Gardening Club



If these were 'normal' times this article would be inviting members and visitors to our first meeting of the year in March and we would be preparing for our AGM in April. Sadly we can't do either this year but being gardeners, we will be positive about the coming months!

Over 70% of our members paid their subs in 2020 for which we were most grateful, but of course we were unable to hold meetings. This income allowed us to cover annual expenses including membership of the Gold Club (which covers discount cards, talks and shopping visits) and the RHS, newsletters and other incidentals. However we did not receive the usual income from our Flower & Produce Show, raffles, etc. and our Treasurer, Chris Clarke, will present accounts for 2019 & 2020 when we eventually meet and hold an AGM.

The Committee has agreed that those who paid subs last year will not be charged for 2021 and membership cards will be distributed to these members in mid-March along with plug plants (Geranium, New Century Orange) from the Gold Club for entry into our Show, all dependant on Covid regulations, but virtually if it cannot take place as usual. If anyone does not want a plant can they please let us or their rep know.

Can we also ask those who did not pay in 2020 but want to remain members to let their rep have a £6 cheque (made payable to Bride Valley Gardening Club, in an envelope marked with name, address & phone no.) and they will receive a membership card and plug plant. Don't forget that the membership card entitles you to 10% discount at Groves Nurseries.

If you are unsure as to whether you have paid or not, please ring Sue Brown or Cilla Jones. Also if you have not been receiving lockdown newsletters but can be contacted by email, please send your address to brideval-leygc@gmail.com

In the meantime

Jobs to Do in March

Prune hardy fuchsias, bush and shrub roses, buddleia and late-flowering clematis.

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and herbs.

Take stem cuttings from new growth on pelargoniums, salvias and fuchsias.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs.

Start off your sunflowers in plugs indoors and begonia tubers in pots or trays of compost.

Sow hardy annual seeds.

In the vegetable garden sow short rows of beetroot, broad beans, carrots, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes; plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes if the conditions are good enough.

Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

Clear weeds from the base of fruit trees and add mulch to lightly feed and preserve moisture.

Sue Brown (Chair) 897421

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Still Zooming!!!! It's great that our members are still joining our monthly meetings via Zoom. This month we are taking part in the WI annual project to spread the message about climate crisis and we are making green hearts which will be displayed in the window of Puncknowle Village Hall..(Look out for them while you are taking your daily exercise!!!) Some of our ladies knitted, some crocheted and macramé made heart wall hangings were attempted. A lot of fun but with a serious message **that the time is now to protect what we love from climate crisis. A few pictures below.**



We are all hoping that Match will bring better weather and also some more freedom to get things moving again. Hopefully our WI walks can start again in some way according to guidelines. Perhaps by Easter we will be able to meet together in a socially distanced way and see our members in person instead of on a screen!!! Who knows! Watch this space.

Plans for future Zoom meetings include a presentation/practical from Keri, a Soap coach from Poundbury and a cookery session making Scotch Eggs under the expert tuition of one of our members.

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**



THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



As the lockdown continues, we remain open for the children of keyworker parents, and our pre-school 'Fledglings' is also open in accordance with the present government guidance. It is a real tonic to see the pre-school children rush in every morning, happily oblivious to what is unfolding in the wide world. There may be more hand-washing and the layout of the rooms a little different, but they seem as excited as ever about the chance to hear stories, play outside on the diggers and run around in our wildlife area. Staff have been excellent in managing the guidelines from government, whilst still ensuring that our very youngest children get a wonderful introduction to pre-school. Their 'trips' out (around the village) are a big hit with the children, especially when they are able to have a quick chat with passers-by or residents of Litton. As they come tumbling back into school (usually a mass of wet wellies, hats and high-vis jackets) it is lovely to hear their enthusiasm for all that they have seen out and about. Many have told me of horses they have seen, chickens they have met and one young boy assures me he saw a dragon in the woods, but it was quite shy and may have flown away now.

As we broke up for half-term, we sent each of our families a little 'thank you' bag for all their efforts over the last few weeks in keeping their children engaged and focused on their Zoom lessons and other activities throughout the day. Like all schools, we really do appreciate how incredibly difficult it is for families to juggle work and home life, whilst simultaneously acting as tutors to support their children with what staff are offering online. Hopefully, this state of affairs won't be for too much longer and we can look forward to the children returning in the spring/summer.

Further thanks must also go to Ryan Hobby of Colfox for organising a wonderful set of virtual school athletics competitions. Of course, the children cannot compete next to one another in a real event but through his excellent organisation, hard work and scrupulous timekeeping, our children did manage to 'compete' with other pupils across local schools by measuring and timing their running, throwing and jumping in a mini-pentathlon event. Well done to both Lyra Webb and Arlo Toms for winning medals in the boys' and girls' individual events!

As we go to print, details will likely be announced soon about how we are set to return for the spring. All we can hope for is a clear plan, as much notice as possible and some warm weather. We look forward to running our Forest School Fortnight when the children do return as it will enable us all to work outside for much of the day, as safely as possible with one another, and away from a Zoom screen for at least a fortnight. Perhaps we'll go and hunt for that dragon!!!!



Burton Bradstock CE School



As I write this report, we are on the final day of the first half of the Spring term. At the end of the Christmas holidays, it was announced that schools would only be open for children of key workers and vulnerable families and the vast majority of our pupils found themselves learning remotely via their online platforms. At the start of the term, pupil attendance in school varied from 9% to 20%, depending on the needs of parents on different days of the week. As we end the half term this has risen to 20% on some days and up to 32% on others. As a school we understand how challenging this time has been for parents who are facilitating the learning at home as well as juggling other things such as work and younger siblings. Yet, despite this, we are utterly delighted with the way that our families are engaging with the online learning and how amazing our children are.

Staff have been providing the same learning for pupils who are learning at home as the ones attending school. New learning has been taught through recorded videos, either produced by the staff or uploaded from the website, and children are given follow-up, independent tasks to complete online or in the work packs that were sent home at the start of the term to consolidate their learning. The children have been able to share their work with their teachers by completing the tasks online or submitting a photo or video. All activities that are completed and submitted are responded to by the staff each day – far exceeding the Government’s recommendation of once a week. We are extremely fortunate that all of our pupils who are at home are able to access their remote learning online.

The children have been receiving daily Maths and English lessons as well as lessons on a range of foundation subjects through topic work. Staff have also been uploading daily videos of themselves reading books for the children to listen to and Collective Worship videos and Good Work Assemblies are shared each week, in order for staff and children to be able to connect during this time.

Children's Mental Health Week took place this half term and as a school we promoted this by setting various tasks throughout the week for the children to take part in. The theme this year was 'Express Yourself' and the children were able to express themselves in lots of creative ways. Owl Class (Year 5 and 6) have put together a video to showcase this, which you can view at

<https://vimeo.com/508393685/5869cb444e>

We also had a 'NO SCREEN DAY' in the last week of the half term. For the day, none of the activities involved the children logging on to their devices – a welcome break after all the online learning! They had so much fun and learnt new skills through playing board games, building dens, baking, building small world playsets, creating models...the list goes on!

Stay safe.

Claire Staple
Headteacher



Portesham Surgery News

Our staff feel very privileged to be part of the momentous effort to turn the seemingly relentless tide of bad news in the last year into a more positive future. It is really starting to feel that the traditional spring “opening up” of daffodil buds, windows, blue skies, flinging off the hats and scarves, open smiling faces (albeit behind masks!) is now within reach.

It is hard to believe that this time last month we were just starting our first vaccination clinic at the Atrium Health Centre in Dorchester. We have combined with eight mid-Dorset practices to run the clinics, and have already vaccinated over 10,000 patients in just four weeks. By the end of the current week (19th February) we will have vaccinated around 1,000 of our own patients.

Many of our staff have worked at the clinics and it has been a really positive and sometimes emotional experience for staff and patients alike. The local community has been very supportive with so many volunteer marshals working in freezing conditions to greet you in the car park, and individuals and businesses bringing in contributions of cakes, coffee and cuppa soups to keep us going. Thank you to the army of volunteers and staff who have so far made these clinics run very smoothly and allowed us to provide the first vaccine dose to a huge proportion of our population in such a short space of time.

We are currently inviting our Group 5 patients aged 65 - 69 and, depending on vaccine deliveries, hope to have completed those vaccinations by the end of next week.

"Spare doses?"

Some of our nine mid-Dorset practices have seen posts on social media encouraging people to attend the vaccination clinic without an appointment towards the end of the day, to chance getting a “spare” dose. Whilst we occasionally do have doses “spare”, these are usually because people have not attended for their booked appointment and so are very limited in numbers.

We ask that patients DO NOT attend the clinic without a booked appointment as you will be turned away. To ensure all doses are used, we have a list of patients who were due to be invited in the next wave of invitations. They will receive a call from a member of the vaccination team to invite them in at the end of the day for these additional doses.

Arrival Times

We are asking that patients who have booked appointments do **not** arrive before their provided time slot. This slot is 10 minutes in length, meaning you are free to arrive at any point within the 10 minute window. Our clinics have been planned to allow for social distancing and efficient crowd management, and attending without an appointment or earlier than your booked slot risks an increase in queues and risks social distancing being difficult to maintain.

Invitations

All GP surgeries are sending their invitations by text message to your mobile phone, but there are a number of **scams** in circulation. The invitation text message will be followed by a second message confirming your appointment as soon as your booking is confirmed. The invitation now includes our telephone number to help identify it as genuine, and does not ask for any personal information other than confirmation of your date of birth. Note that if you don't have a mobile, or don't respond to the text, **we are telephoning every patient** on the list and making sure every eligible patient has been given the chance to book an appointment before we move on to the next group of invitations.

Letters offering appointments at mass vaccination centres have been sent out by NHS England to patients living within 45 minutes travel of the new centres in Bournemouth and Yeovil. If you have not yet had your invitation from us, the mass vaccination centre is an alternative you can consider, or you can wait for your invitation from us to have it locally – keep checking our website www.porteshamsurgery for updates on when this is likely to be.

Like everyone, we are longing for the restrictions to be lifted and life to return to normal, but in the meantime it is important that we all keep following the guidelines to keep each other safe. And keep smiling, because every day the news is a little better and we are closer to the spring we all deserve.



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

At the time of writing, with restrictions still in place, no services are being held in Church, but it remains open for private prayer. We are very hopeful that there may be some easing in time for Easter (4th April) and with that in mind the Choir will be recording some Easter hymns and an anthem. In the meantime Zoom services continue on a Sunday morning at 9.30, with time for a chat afterwards, as well as the telephone service. The Rector will announce any plans she is able to put in place for Mothering Sunday (14th March) and Palm Sunday (28th March).

Litton Cheney Parish Council – Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th March 2021

The Parish Council will once again be meeting virtually and local residents are invited to attend should they so wish. Details on how you can join the meeting will be indicated on the meeting agenda shown on the village website around seven days before the meeting. The council is fully complemented. Details of who your parish councillors are can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk

The Litton Cheney Trust

The Litton Cheney Trust was formed in 1992, combining several historic charities in the Parish. While its formal purpose is to relieve *“either generally or individually persons resident in the Parish of Litton Cheney who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money”*, the trustees have more recently also made grants towards projects which benefit the village generally.

In 2020, grants were made to young people in higher and further education, and as Christmas gifts to older residents on limited means or who live alone. Grants were also made for the renewal of the turnstiles and gates in The Rocks, and to Thorner's School and the White Horse to support them during Covid-19 restrictions. The accounts for 2020 can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk

The current trustees are Freddie Spicer (Secretary - 482617), Richard Jones (Treasurer), Penny Dewar and Lyn Lacey. The trustees welcome enquiries and grant applications, which should be made to the Secretary.

Census 2021

On Sunday 21st March a census will be held in England and Wales. Census 2021 will be the first digital-only census. It's easy to do and can be done on any device. You'll get an access code from the Office for National Statistics. Simply go online and enter the code into the secure website to get started. You will be contacted nearer the time to let you know what you need to do. You will also receive guidance as to what to do if you cannot go online.

Litton Cheney Social Committee – Duck Race Plans

It does seem as if we will not be able to have our annual Easter Sunday Duck Race, and the DUCKS are fretting, even moulting, that they will not have an outing this year. They have indicated they will try to keep their distance apart and may even wear beak covers - Amazon stock such things apparently – if some sort of arrangement can be put in place.

Do not despair as we hope to have a video special from (King) Kieran Mulhall on the Village website...please keep checking the website for more news and detail.

Keep safe and Happy Easter everyone – when its gets here.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall – March 2021



At the time of writing no restrictions have been lifted, so the hall remains closed. One thing we do know, however, is that the meeting room will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May when the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset will take place – there's something to look forward to!

Once restrictions are eased we very much hope that events at LATCH will resume, probably with Yoga classes being the first to return. We'll keep you posted.

Portesham Surgery Vaccination News

To keep up with news on vaccinations, the latest update can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk and on page 15 of this BVN.

Superfast Broadband – for an update on superfast fibre please see **Valley Notes** Page 8 of this issue of BVN.

The White Horse rides to the rescue!

As we move into March we unfortunately don't see any sign of lockdown easing, especially for the pub industry. We do however, in March, still have **Joy and Steve** coming every other Friday from 9am to midday with their **fantastic fruit and veg stall** with superb quality and great prices. Put these dates in your diary so as not to miss it. **26th Feb, 12th and 26th March.**

We're still doing takeaways every Friday (Fish 'n Chips) and Saturday 5.30 to 8pm (Saturday Special). Booking is essential so that we can give you a collection time

The Saturday Special changes every week. The menu is normally posted on a Tuesday or Wednesday on The White Horse Facebook page and in the local Facebook village groups and is written up on the Blackboard on the pub sign.

Your prescriptions can be collected on Saturday mornings between 10am and midday. It is lovely to catch up with people albeit rather briefly so keep coming, it helps keep us sane!

There is light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccines rolling out so quickly and here's a great piece of news - by the time the next issue of BVN comes out the clocks will have gone forward, there will be more sunshine and we'll be well into Spring! Stay safe everyone.

Andy & Liz

Scam Alert

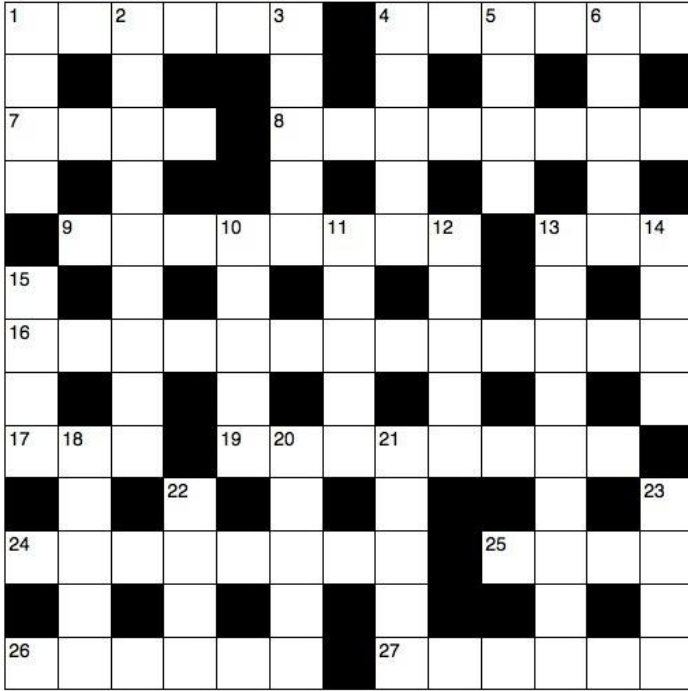
Several local residents have reported scam calls purporting to be from Amazon Prime and using the telephone number 01323 657901.

Beware – several scams have even used 01308 as a calling from exchange.

Village Kiosk – Our Very Own Civic Building

As we hopefully emerge from our winter lockdown, and we begin to see evidence that Spring is on the way, expect to see signs that the village kiosk is taking on a new identity as and when restriction relaxation allows, courtesy of Beverly Dennis and Liz Pinfield.

Covid19 Lastly, please continue to take care. Even when everyone who wishes to be has been vaccinated, Covid will still be with us, so the need to continue to take care, stay safe and stay well remains imperative. If you have a need please contact a neighbour, friend, family or community organisation whose details you will find on the village website or notice boards. We are all here to help – you are not alone.



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (4)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 268 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha'srequest (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times thatyou know me' (Luke22:34) (4)
- 15Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22Does (anag.) (4)
- 23The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this(Genesis 41:19) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

I'm writing this for the March edition, halfway through February, and trying to think of something that has happened in Church or is about to. I suppose I could offer some fake news, as at the moment St Martin's remains closed for communal worship and there is so little to report but I can't even think of any to make up!

For sure, there's nothing fake about Phil climbing up the tower in these freezing months and raising the flag for each special occasion in the ecclesiastical year. He does a splendid job along with other members of the team who still tend important tasks in and around the church building. They have sorted the floodlight time switch too and will be ready for BST.

The weeks ahead are generally looking more promising with the vaccine programme progressing rapidly. How wonderful it would be if St Martin's was given the go ahead to open for Palm Sunday and Easter. **The floodlights will still shine, no matter what.**

Floodlight Sponsors for March

Janet Epplestone in Memory of John Epp (birthday 4th) and Bee Epp (birthday 9th)

In Memory of Nesta Symes on her birthday

Ann & Tony Jones for grandchildren, Ollie and Lucy's February birthdays and Ellie for her 16th birthday on 6th March

James & Phyl in loving memory of our son Chris' birthday on 23rd

Myra & Colin Gardiner

Ann & Larry for Frank Scott

We would very much welcome more sponsors to light up the church during the months ahead. The income is very much appreciated as no communal services have taken place for some time now. If you would like to light up St Martin's for any occasion, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. (suggested donation of £5 per entry) Please check the cut-off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.

SG 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

1st £25 No 44 Paul Crisp

2nd £10 No 67 Lena Williams

3rd £5 No 28 Steph Prickett

Congratulations to all the winners.

Please note that for all winners in the Jan, Feb and March draws, payouts will occur once we are out of lockdown.

So do not worry that you have not received your winnings. Waiting all this time will make receiving them all the sweeter.

Graham Garner

Smile lines

Bend



I got a package envelope in the mail the other day that had written on the front, 'Photographs: Do Not Bend.

Underneath the postman had written: "**Oh yes they do.**"



Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.



LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

January 2021 Draw

£30	no.41	B Lee
£15	no.120	H Larcombe
£5	no.44	D Peretz

Drawn on 31/01/2021 at Manor Cottage by Andrew, Eve and Ruth while social distancing.

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The Annual Spring Clean for the parishes of Long Bredy and Kingston will be a little different this year. It will be run in compliance with Social Distancing and within the current Government Coronavirus Guidelines. The target date is Saturday 27th March 2021 but there is some flexibility in this date due to the way it is being managed. Areas will be allocated to individuals so that they can carry out a litter pick as part of their daily exercise.

Anyone interested in taking part please email the Parish Clerk on krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or call 01308482647. The Clerk will agree an area with you based on your address and availability. Long Bredy and Kingston Russell cover a large geographical area so it would be good to have as many volunteers as possible.

Sadly, there will be no social gathering after the event this year but we will all benefit from tidier villages and an improved environment.

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

With absolutely nothing in the past in village life to reflect on this month, we can at least look to the future – though there are no concrete events to look forward to there either.

However, the days are lengthening, the clocks will soon go forward, spring is in the air and the snowdrops, aconites, daffodils and primroses are already doing their best. Birdsong is in the air. Easter is not too far away, even if we may not celebrate it in quite the usual way.

Just as important, the national vaccination process seems to be going well as I write, and there is talk of how, not just when, the lockdown provisions may be lessened or lifted as time goes on. Despite the present difficulties, there are things to be thankful for as well.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Churches in the Bride valley are all still closed during lockdown but perhaps by the time this issue of the Bride Valley News is circulated some better news will have been announced and this decision may well be revised.

Meanwhile the Sunday service can be accessed via the telephone or Zoom technology. For further information please contact Geoff on 898068 or Liz On 897751.

Wi “show the love”

Look out when you go past Puncknowle village hall, the Bride Valley WI have been busy crafting to highlight the national campaign “ show the love”. This is a campaign supported by the national WI to get people talking about climate change and the small things we can do to make a difference. The campaign is symbolised by green hearts, so have a look and “ show the love”

Easter windows for Puncknowle and Swyre

How about an Easter/ spring window treasure hunt? The one at Christmas was so lovely and such a talking point and I doubt there will be much in the way of Easter egg hunts this year. Dress your window with anything that can link to Easter or spring ready for Good Friday morning and leave up for 2 weeks .

We can do a treasure map as before. So if you’re interested in decorating one of your windows (or doing a display board in your front garden) let me know and I can make sure you are on the map

Jill Neill



THE CROWN INN – There for the village and proudly supporting Puncknowle through lock-down with delicious take-away food –

Wednesdays to Saturdays 5 – 8pm.

Pre-orders for Sunday Roast Lunch collection 12–3pm

For details please phone 01308 897711. or 07737728766

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St Mary's Church

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

At time of submitting this report the Hall has been closed to all activity due to current Government restrictions. It is not expected to reopen until either the area is returned to Tier 2, or restrictions are changed. Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings at least until after Easter in 2021, keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we planned to show this year.

Coffee Mornings

As with other activities, the Covid-19 secure Coffee mornings we hoped to hold have had to be cancelled until such time as restrictions allow, when they will resume.

Annual General Meeting

The Trust Committee has set the date of Thursday 29th April at 7pm for our AGM. This is the latest we can hold it and still comply with our Charitable Trust rules. The format will depend on restrictions that apply at the time. We have the capability to have a total Zoom meeting, a mixed Zoom and attendance meeting or a total attendance meeting. You will be given at least 3 weeks' notice of the agenda and format via posted notices around the Village and emails where possible. If timing allows, details will also be in April's BVN. Current committee members have agreed to stay in post until then to cover the extended period.

For your information' our 2020 accounts have been finalised, inspected and declared satisfactory by Robert Froy, to whom we owe a debt of thanks for his many years of inspections. A full update will be given at our AGM.

Defibrillator

The Hall maintains the Defibrillator mounted on the sheds outside the Hall for general Village use. The fund raised to purchase and maintain the defibrillator is now nearly exhausted. **The Hall Trust will be running a large Raffle to be drawn of Whitsun Monday 24th May.** All funds raised will go into the defibrillator fund. Look in future BVN's and on posters from mid-March onwards to see how you can support this raffle.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

February 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.40	No 109	Mrs Karen Venn
2nd	£18.20	No 35	Mr Rob Bryan
3rd	£9.10	No 17	Mrs Annie Grantham

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £10 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Burton Bradstock Village Society

Many of you will know that the Village Society lost our President, **Peter Colbert**, a few short weeks ago.

Peter gave long service to this village, having been Parish Clerk for 14 years. He was Chairman of the Village Society from 1995 to 2006 and President from 2015 to the present day.

He will be sadly missed by us all and our thoughts are with Elaine and his family.

Michele Harding – Clerk to Burton Bradstock Parish Council Seven years of Professional and Dedicated Service to the benefit of our community

Unfortunately, Michele Harding decided to tender her notice as Clerk of the Parish Council. She completed her final month at the end of January. We have been very privileged to retain the services of Michele who is widely recognised as one of the best, if not The Best in her profession in Dorset. She is always willing to help: a talent that can be rare in public service. Michele has made a significant contribution to the administration and governance of the Council for well over seven years. She will be sadly missed, especially by the councillors, but also by the residents and other members of our community. She will continue to act as the clerk for several other parish councils in West Dorset.



Photo of Michele, having accepted a gift from the community of Burton Bradstock recognising her dedication to our village.

It's possible that the role of clerk is not well understood. The clerk is the engine of an effective parish council. Michele was its principal executive and advisor for the Burton Bradstock Parish Council. She was also responsible for the administration of its financial affairs. As such, Michele was the Financial Officer of the Council and responsible for the careful administration of its finances.

Michele was the Council's only employee. Her role was to ensure that the Council as a whole conducts its business properly and to provide independent, objective and professional advice and support. The Clerk advises the Council on, and assists with, the formation of overall policies, producing information required for making effective decisions and their constructive implementation. The role demands extensive knowledge of the local authority regulations and the Council's Standing Orders.

All Council meetings are open to the public. They are led by the Council's chairman and advised by the Clerk, who is there to ensure that the business is conducted within the law. The Clerk is required to give clear guidance to the councillors, including the chair, even when the guidance may be unpalatable. The clerk has a key role advising the council, and the councillors, on governance, ethical and procedural matters.

The clerk is not an elected officer and can only make decisions which the council's elected or co-opted members delegate to her.

We are so sorry to say goodbye to Michele. It's unlikely that she will lose touch with our community. She is a true professional, and continues work for several other local councils.

We welcome Lesley Windsor as our new Clerk, and wish her well.

Members of the Community of Burton Bradstock – January 2021

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

There is currently no facility to browse the library shelves, but the catalogue is open to order books and DVDs on-line from the [Libraries West Catalogue](#). Please select copies of books that are available from Dorset Libraries if possible, as some other libraries within the Libraries West area remain closed. We will call you when your order is here, and arrange a time for collection from the library porch. All items will be quarantined before delivery. If you would like assistance in ordering from the Library catalogue please call Rose 898049 or Keith on 898008, or email; info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk using the subject "Help".

Jigsaws are always popular

There are over 100 Jigsaws in the "Friends Collection", with something for everyone. While the library is closed, if you would like to borrow one please contact Rose 898049.

We are always pleased to receive new jigsaws to the collection. If you have any you would like to donate, please leave them at the library porch when it is open.



Looking forward, when the National Lockdown restrictions are lifted, we plan to resume OPENING the Library to browse on Wednesday mornings, and continue with the arrangement to collect pre-ordered items on Saturday afternoon.

Libraries are continuing to offer on-line services to access e-resources, manage your account, and make reservations. In addition, “Libraries from Home” provides useful resources for both children and adults, from Story times, Rhyme times & code clubs to book discussion groups, and e-Festivals. Links to all activities and events can be found on the [Libraries West](#) home page.

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library:

During this National Lockdown:

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and return books and jigsaws

Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30pm

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

After this National Lockdown:


The Library will be **OPEN** to browse and take-out books, jigsaws, DVDs and obtain photocopying on

Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and drop off books **ONLY**

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact information:

Email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

web: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

For our volunteer’s safety the letterbox at the library is closed, please address any correspondence; c/o Vine House, Shadrack, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QF

Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Peter Colbert

Burton Bradstock Parish Council would like to express their condolences to Elaine and family following the sad death of Peter in early February. Peter worked as the Parish Clerk from 1989 until 2001, serving under four successive Chairmen, where he modernised the Parish records. Peter brought a new approach to the Parish Council following Len Hope who had served for the previous 42 years.

Cllr. Darren Batten

Councillor Vacancies to be filled by Co-option

There are 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. The PC meets on the first Weds of every month except August, currently via Zoom, new Councillors would be welcomed to help promote the community projects that the Parish Council supports. Please contact the Clerk for further information or join the next meeting via Zoom.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Council is here to support our Parishioners. We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters. You can contact the Parish Council by email or post. Details below.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 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 day 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/ 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.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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

Well, at last some good news – our lovely bench that we bought to commemorate the Centenary of the WI has finally found a resting place! It has been a long, and very testing, time to reach the conclusion of this project and has demanded a lot of patience!

Our original plan was for it to be placed somewhere in the region of Hive Beach, potentially in the corner of the field just past Bindbarrow so that people could sit and admire the view or have a rest after walking up the hill from the beach. Unfortunately the style of bench we wanted did not fit in with NT stipulations and to purchase one of their preferred benches was far too expensive for us. (We did learn something interesting, however, whilst meeting with the NT representative namely that there are commemorative plaques underneath some of their benches! Have a look, or a feel, next time you sit on one - we never knew that!!)

Our next idea was to have it installed at the bus stop opposite the end of Beach Road as, all too often, we see people sitting on the ground whilst waiting for the good old Jurassic Coaster to come along! Once again our hopes were dashed. The council's estimate to have it properly installed was, again, far too expensive, costing more than the price of the bench and involving carriageway closures, barriers, traffic lights..... not quite what we had expected! We even tried to find some other more competitive quotes but came up against a brick wall each time regarding the cost.

Unexpectedly we were suddenly approached by the Parish Council who needed a new bench for the Playground area. "Yes!" we said enthusiastically, especially as they also offered to pay to have it properly installed for us. There did follow some further discussion between the committee, the PC and WI members as to whether it could go in the new shelter or keep to the original plan but eventually, as you may have seen, two matching benches have been moved from the play area to under the shelter and our bench now sits proudly opposite the new gate.....





'You Don't Know Me But...' ***Artsreach reaches out with new Telephone Theatre Play***

Dorset's rural touring arts charity, Artsreach, is pleased to present Stute Theatre's *'You Don't Know Me But...'*, a new show written and performed by winning theatre maker Sophia Hatfield and directed by Olivier Award Winning Theatre and BBC Radio Director Gwenda Hughes.

Performed live over the telephone, this innovative piece allows audience members



the opportunity to experience a real live theatre performance from the comfort of their own home, at a time when live face-to-face theatre is not possible.

Meet Vick. Care giver, Mother, Partner and Daughter. You've almost certainly walked past her in the street, stood behind her in a queue or driven past her in your car. Now take the time to delve a little deeper and experience a day in her life.

"Beautifully presented. The atmosphere of theatre, with a lovely individual experience" Audience Member, July 2020



But today, something is different. The day's encounters gradually uncover a deeply hidden memory and Vick finds herself transported back to her childhood, where a traumatic incident changes her outlook forever...

Inspired by real memories and interviews from a care home, this innovative and intimate 20-minute audio play highlights unsung stories of everyday care across generations and celebrates the dedication and spirit of workers and residents in care homes across the UK.

Expect live music, beautiful writing and immersive sound effects in this unique approach to socially distanced theatre.

Writer/performer Sophia of Stute Theatre said: *"It's a privilege to perform such a relevant play and highlight the often hidden stories of care and the wonderful contribution care workers make to society."*

There are just 30 telephone performances slots available for ***You Don't Know Me But***, between 3pm and 7pm on the 15, 16, 27, and 28 March.

Booking is essential and this play is suitable for ages 16+. Find out more and secure one of these limited tickets by visiting the Artsreach website www.artsreach.co.uk or by calling 01305 269512.

For more information contact Kerry Bartlett: 01305 269512;
email kerry@artsreach.co.uk



SUCCESS IN THE DORSET TOURISM AWARDS



We are delighted to share news that West Bay Discovery Centre has won a **silver** award at the Dorset Tourism Awards 2020 Finals in the **Accessible and Inclusive Tourism** category. The Accessibility and Inclusive category focusses on how well attractions and tourism providers respond to the needs of visitors with disabilities and other impairments.

Trustee at the Centre, John West said “We are delighted to have gained this prestigious award, We make every effort to cater for the needs of all our visitors. The Centre is designed to be visitor friendly for those with mobility problems and we have an accessibility guide and a large print guide will be introduced in the coming season to help visitors with sight impairments fully enjoy what the Centre has to offer. We are always working to improve further what we do and an audio guide is in development. This award recognises the progress we have already made in this area. We were also delighted that the West Bay Play Area also won an award. The Play Area is a fantastic facility for all ages and we are within a few minutes walking distance of each other.”

John added : “For the Discovery Centre, like other tourist and visitor attractions, 2020 was a challenging year and our success in opening the Centre for four months and winning this award is a massive achievement by our manager and volunteers.”

The award means that that the Centre will also be automatically considered for the South West Tourism Excellence Awards. The Discovery Centre was also commended in the Small Visitor Attraction of the Year category.

The **Accessible and Inclusive Tourism** category was sponsored by Yellow Buses.

More details contact John West, Trustee on 01308 423758 or at info@westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY DURING MARCH 2021



At the time of going to press it has not been decided whether we will be able to hold communal worship in our church buildings through March.

If we do not hold communal services in person in our churches we will continue to meet online at 9.30 am every Sunday and the link to join us is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

Burton
Bradstock

Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240

Passcode: 180461

Shipton Gorge

Everyone is welcome to join us even if you have not been to church before or you stopped coming a while ago! If you are unsure about joining Zoom, please contact our Rector Jane and she will be happy to help you.

Swyre

If we are able to hold communal worship in our churches again during February we will put the details in our weekly Source to Sea and in our church porches. Please take care and stay safe everyone.

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