

# Bride Valley News

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches

## December 2021

*Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Day services in the  
Bride Valley*

### **Burton Bradstock**

Crib Service 4pm, Christmas Eve  
Christmas Communion 11am, Christmas Day

### **Litton Cheney**

Crib Service 4pm, Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion 11.30pm, Christmas Eve

### **Shipton Gorge**

Holy Communion 9.30am, Christmas Day

### **Swyre**

Early Christmas Communion, 9.30pm, Christmas Eve

### **Puncknowle**

Christmas Communion, 11am, Christmas Day

### **Littlebredy**

Christmas Communion 11am, Christmas Day





**We wish all our friends & neighbours  
A Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022**

Geoff & Sandy Adderley  
Alan, Rosemary & Ruby  
Roger & Linda Ashman  
Andrew & Eve Bailey  
Chrissie & Andrew Bailey  
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Pat & Peter Broomhead  
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Veda Bull  
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Tony & Mo Williams  
David & Pauline Woodford  
Keith & Pat Lewis Badgett  
John & Christine Lewis  
Joyce and Gill Roberts



# Carol Services in the Bride Valley

At the heart  
of Christmas



12TH DECEMBER

Punccknowle

5pm

19th December

Shipton Gorge

5pm

Litton Cheney

5pm

Burton Bradstock

6.30pm

20th December

Littlebredy

5pm



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[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.

The pandemic has brought challenges to many people and organisations, and the Bride Valley Car Service is no exception. From July 2020 we were able to resume operations and a huge thank you should go to the handful of drivers, who valiantly continued to take clients to their medical appointments.

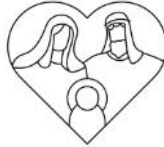
We are very busy once again and we are pleased that more of our drivers are happy to return. It is a wonderful service for the Bride Valley and we are extremely grateful to our volunteers.

We wish all of our drivers and clients a Happy Christmas!

# FROM THE RECTORY

At the Heart of Christmas is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2021.

**At the heart  
of Christmas**



Some of us are excited at the prospect of 'opening' our Advent Windows throughout December across the Bride Valley and of course the theme this year 'At the heart of Christmas' is open to interpretation so I'm looking forward to seeing them revealed. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to take part in this scheme either for the first or second time. Christmas means different things to different people and for some this year we're probably looking forward to a family get-together which was denied last year, but hopefully will be possible in 2021. For some that will, of course, not be possible and for others it will be a time of remembering those we miss who are no longer with us, we all have our own story.

What's at the 'heart' of your Christmas? Is it turkey and tinsel, mistletoe and wine? Perhaps it's new matching pyjamas all round, ready to wear snuggling in front of the fire on Christmas Eve? Pigs in blankets and sprouts maybe? Or is it scrambled eggs, smoked salmon and buck's fizz for breakfast? Mince pies and especially the tradition of leaving one out for Father Christmas on his epic Christmas Eve journey? And I'm sure that if your Christmas is often chaotic and disorganised you're not the only one who doesn't end up with the perfect Christmas we see in the TV adverts.

Is it about choosing just the right present for someone ... or receiving the most perfect gift?

Carol services and crib services and Christmas morning together in church maybe?

All traditional ways of celebrating the most wonderful time of the year.

All rather lovely, but so much in contrast with the reality of that first Christmas.

**“They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus lying in a manger. They told everyone what the angels had said and all were amazed. But Mary pondered these things in her heart.” Luke 2. 16-19**

**News Alert:** Two teenagers, an unplanned pregnancy, the timing of a census, she gives birth in a filthy stable, they become unintentionally homeless, refugees, escaping their country in the darkness of night, for the safety of their child, fearing for his life ... where will this story end?

It’s not the cosy imagery we long for, is it. Life for them is very uncertain, but ultimately through it all, God’s love for this messy world is revealed in hope and joy and peace.

**Truly, Jesus is at the heart of Christmas 2021.**

Christmas is an invitation to everyone to explore the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also an opportunity for each of us to ponder in our hearts, as Mary did, what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean in our lives now and in the years ahead. You are most welcome to join us at any of our Christmas services in church or on the telephone and ponder with us ‘the heart of Christmas 2021’.

With every blessing,

**Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)**

**May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas 2021 and a wonderful New Year. Jane, Nigel and all the family Xx**

<p><b>FROM THE REGISTERS</b></p> <p><b>Baptism</b> Ted Wheeler.      Litton Cheney.      7th November</p>
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## **Services In the Bride Valley Churches December 2021**

Telephone services available weekly 01308 293062

Link for zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09)

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Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240    Passcode: 180461



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



This month's book was *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths - a suitably Gothic whodunnit with supernatural elements for this time of year.

Clare Cassidy teaches English at a school in West Sussex. She is hoping to write a biography of RM Holland, a Victorian writer of Gothic tales who used to live in the school.

When a colleague is found murdered with a quote from Holland's most famous story *The Stranger* by the body and Clare finds someone has written in her personal diary, she realises the event has direct links to her.

At first the police view Clare as a suspect but as the violence mounts, her position becomes much more precarious. The story is told by three narrators, Clare, her teenage daughter and the police officer leading the murder investigation.

Most of the group found this a compelling page turner and a good choice for Halloween.

We enjoyed the intercutting of *The Stranger* (a macabre story in the style of MR James) with the present day events. The novel's pacing was good until the end, which some of us found rather rushed and unsatisfactory.

Despite some misgivings among the sceptics, the majority of the group found it enjoyable and are possibly up for reading some more Elly Griffiths.

**Michelle Vassar**







# Bride Valley Gardening Club



We did it! We managed to have our Gardening Club meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October in LATCH. This was our first evening meeting since we closed our sessions for the winter 2 years ago. Chris Lovell gave us an enthusiastic talk about species bulbs, with a whistle-stop tour of the Mediterranean showing us the bulbs growing in their natural habitat.

That was our first and last meeting for 2021, details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2022, will be published in the BVN next year.

## **Jobs to do during December and January**

Deadhead winter flowering pansies to prolong flowering; mulch around hellebores with bark chips to help keep leaves clean. Finish clearing beds and cover bare soil with a layer of well-rotted compost or manure. Clear leaves away from woody stems and perennials to prevent a build-up of moisture.

Clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Keep checking stored fruit and vegetables for signs of decay.

In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrot varieties, leeks, onions and summer cauliflowers under cover.

Sow some of the slowest growing annuals (e.g. petunias, impatiens, begonias and salvias) in modules and place them somewhere warm to germinate.

Continue to winter prune apples and pears.

At the end of the month begin chitting potatoes (encouraging them to sprout) by standing them upright in an egg box in a cool, light place. They will be ready to plant out in about six weeks.

Use cloches to warm the soil for early seed sowing.

Continue to ensure that birds have food and water, especially in frozen conditions.

We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2022.

***Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473***

At the November meeting we had a talk and tasting from Baboo Gelato who are local producers of Gelato and sell their products locally. They came to the area in 2015 and started up their business after much experimentation. Why the name Baboo? After Annie's Russian grandmother.

Only real ingredients are used in the process, fruits in season and all their milk is sourced from a farm in North Perrott where the cows are robot milked which ensures a steady milk supply. Gelato differs from ice-cream in that it has more milk and less cream in the mix. As the process uses seasonal local fruits where possible for their flavouring it means that the supply of particular flavours vary over the year. They also make ice-cream especially for dogs which is very popular. All packaging, pots and spoons, are compostable and their use of anything plastic is kept to a minimum.

We were then invited to try out the latest flavours which will be sold over the next few months— Pear sorbet, Ginger, Humbug and Brandy— all very tasty and members had a variety of opinions as to which flavour was their favourite. To finish off the evening we were all invited to try the chocolates that they also make. Filled with different flavours of gelato and sorbet and covered in chocolate these were definitely a treat for a special occasion.

An excellent evening where we all learnt a lot about the processes involved in the making of Gelato from Sam and Annie who are so enthusiastic about their products.

We welcomed some new members to our meeting and we hope they enjoyed their first taste of WI!!!!!! Our December meeting is our Christmas get-together with music, games, a quiz and festive food.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email

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

# **Burton Bradstock Community Library**

## **Serving the Bride Valley**

**The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton  
Bradstock, DT6 4QR**

**The Library is OPEN on Monday & Saturday afternoons 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

**Please note that over Christmas and the New Year the Library will be open  
on Wednesday 22nd and 29th December, then re-opening on Wednesday  
5th January.**

**Please make sure you order your Christmas reading material and collect  
your jigsaws for the holidays in good time!**

In the Library you can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up  
reservations, & return items, obtain photocopies and DVDs. You can manage  
your account and order books from the Libraries West Catalogue online from  
home (or on your phone using the Libraries West App) and we will notify you  
when they become available.

**Free Wi-Fi may be accessed outside the library, and we now have one public  
PC available on a 'first come, first served basis'.**

E-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-comics & e-newspapers, are free to  
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All information can be found on our website:  
[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk).

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future of libraries, just search online for Dorset Library Consultation or go to  
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/let-s-talk-libraries-consultation>. The  
survey closes on the 7 January 2022**

## Our Night Sky in December 2021

Venus will be setting in the south west by 1700 in the middle of the month, followed by Saturn at 1900 and Jupiter at 2100, so make the most of these lovely planets while you can. To compensate, all the winter constellations will be up by 1900, with Orion being the last to rise in the east. For the early risers, Mars can be seen in the south east about 0700, but will soon be lost in the dawn sky.

Scientists have found evidence that a region of northern Mars called Arabia Terra experienced thousands of "super eruptions," the biggest volcanic eruptions known, over a 500-million-year period. Some volcanoes can produce eruptions so powerful they release oceans of dust and toxic gases into the air, blocking out sunlight and changing a planet's climate for decades. By studying the topography and mineral composition of a portion of the Arabia Terra region in northern Mars, scientists recently found evidence for thousands of such eruptions, or "super eruptions," which are the most violent volcanic explosions known.

Hurling water vapour, carbon dioxide, and sulphur dioxide into the air, these explosions tore through the Martian surface over a 500-million-year period about 4 billion years ago. Scientists reported this estimate in a paper published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters* in July 2021.

Each one of these eruptions would have had a significant climate impact — maybe the released gas made the atmosphere thicker or blocked the Sun and made the atmosphere colder. After blasting the equivalent of 400 million Olympic-size swimming pools of molten rock and gas through the surface and spreading a thick blanket of ash up to thousands of miles from the eruption site, a volcano of this magnitude collapses into a giant hole called a "caldera."

Calderas, which also exist on Earth, can be dozens of miles wide. Seven calderas in Arabia Terra were the first giveaways that the region may once have hosted volcanoes capable of super eruptions.

Once thought to be depressions left by asteroid impacts to the Martian surface billions of years ago, scientists first proposed in a 2013 study that these basins were volcanic calderas. They noticed that they weren't perfectly round like craters, and they had some signs of collapse, such as very deep floors and benches of rock near the walls. Further investigation used images from MRO's Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer

for Mars to identify the minerals in the surface. Looking in the walls of canyons and craters from hundreds to thousands of miles from the calderas, where the ash would have been carried by wind, they identified volcanic minerals turned to clay by water.

On Earth volcanoes capable of super eruptions — the most recent erupted 76,000 years ago in Sumatra, Indonesia — are dispersed around the globe and exist in the same areas as other volcano types.

Mars, too, has many other types of volcanoes, including the biggest volcano in the solar system, called Olympus Mons. Olympus Mons is 100 times larger by volume than Earth's largest volcano of Mauna Loa in Hawaii, and is known as a "shield volcano," which drains lava down a slope.

Arabia Terra so far has the only evidence of explosive volcanoes on Mars, but it is hoped that Arabia Terra will teach scientists something new about geological processes that help shape planets and moons.

Mars continues to provide exciting new information from the many orbiters and surface vehicles operating there, and I hope to tell you about more of them in 2022.

Meanwhile, a Very Happy Christmas to all our readers.

*Bill Tumill*

## **Advance Warning - Closure of Whiteway**

**Whiteway is due to be closed from Monday 13th December until Wednesday 5th January to enable an electrical supply to be connected to the emergency services phone mast located halfway up Whiteway.**

**We have asked for closure only to be activated when actual work is being carried out and/or the road is unusable but you should be aware that access to and from the village from the A35 during closure will only be via Long Bredy Hut Lane and Chalk Pit Lane.**

**This will obviously affect Litton Cheney but also other villages in the Valley as well.**



## GET COSY WITH CULTURE AT BRIDPORT MUSEUM THIS WINTER

Now the weather is colder, there's no better place to get cosy with culture than Bridport Museum. The Museum is now open Mondays-Saturdays, 11am-3pm until 18 December.

The 'Museum Inspector' trail is perfect for young people to explore what they love most about the Museum, and there are lots more trails and activities to download on the website- for using on a visit, or at home. <https://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk/learning/>

You can also 'snap a selfie' with your favourite object and play the Museum's 'Mystery Object' game now live on Instagram @bridport\_museum.



The Museum's shop is also full of unique and quirky gifts, perfect for Christmas stocking fillers- including lots that are handmade by the Museum's volunteers. For something really special you can also order a Furleigh Estate hamper from the vineyard's website, complete with one of the Museum's monkey's fist keyrings! <https://furleighestate.co.uk/product/nuts-knots-and-wine/>

The shop is open whenever the Museum is, as well as until 8pm for late night shopping on Wednesday 8 December.

## DIARY, DECEMBER 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday	1st	7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council meeting	St Mary's Church
Thursday	2nd	7.30pm	Litton Films 'Knives Out'	Latch
Friday	3rd	7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Village Society Speakers Programme	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Saturday	4th	10am - 12.30	Christmas Market	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wednesday	8th	10am - 12	Coffee morning	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thursday	9th	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	The Crown Inn Puncknowle
Saturday	11th	3.30–5pm	Friends of Burton Bradstock School-Christmas Fair	Burton Bradstock School playground
		10.30 - 12.00	Long Bredy Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sunday	12th	2pm–4pm	Christmas Fayre	Puncknowle Village Hall
Friday	17th	5.30pm - 9pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Monday	20th	7pm	Carols at the Crown Inn	The Crown Inn Puncknowle
Tuesday	21st	6pm	Christmas Recital in the Church by Anya & Ollie with accompanist David.	St Martin's Shipton Gorge



The Friends of Burton Bradstock School

# ***Christmas Fair***

Saturday 11th December  
3.30-5 pm

to be held outdoors on the playground at  
Burton Bradstock School

Christmas carols performed by the school  
choir.

**Grand prize draw- tickets available in advance from  
Burton Bradstock Post Office.**

*Mulled wine and Christmas refreshments*

*Chocolate tombola*

*Children's gift shop*

*Games...and so much more!*



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## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



As we move into the Christmas term, we look forward to being able to hold some of the more traditional events that happen at this time of year. We have planned our Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3:30-5 on the school playground. We are also looking forward to our Christmas lunch, Carol concert and if we are lucky, we may even get a visit from Santa himself!

The children enjoyed a relaxed half term break, even if the weather wasn't as we had hoped for. Since returning in November, we have marked Armistice Day with a special worship and 2-minute silence, Year 5 and 6 had an online author visit as part of Bridport Literary Festival, the whole school wore something spotty for Children in Need Day, and the older children have started their Friday afternoon sports at the leisure centre and Freshwater swimming pool.

Our extra-curricular clubs continue to be popular. Our school football team recently qualified for the finals of the Kenway cup, a local football competition, our choir is busy practising for Christmas, Dance club has proved a very energetic way to end the week and there are almost 20 children attending the before school running club on a Friday! A huge thank you to all members of staff and parents who volunteer their time in order to ensure that our children get these opportunities.

New topics have started for each class. EYFS are enjoying '**Exploring Autumn**', Robins class (Y1/2) are learning all about animals in their topic, '**Paws, Claws and Whiskers**', Kingfishers (Y3/4) are studying '**Relics, rocks, and rumbles**' and in Owls class (Y5/6) they are finding out all about the Artic and Antarctic regions in their topic; '**Frozen Kingdom**'. The children are enjoying sharing their work in our weekly Celebration Worship which are uploaded onto our new school website under the '**Children**' tab and then in **Worships**.

At the end of last half term, we held our first values worship where we celebrated children who were nominated by their friends and teachers for meeting our school values.

The following children were recognised:

**All our Preschool Children for having Hope and recognising that they would learn new things every day.**

**Ralphie for recognising that even though the leaves are falling in Autumn, we have HOPE that there will be new life in the Spring.**

**Henri for coming into school each day with a smile and trying his best with his learning.**

**Joshua for working so hard to achieve his goals.**

**Josh for always working hard and trying his best.**

We also celebrated **Cogden** beach team for collecting the most points and the following children for collecting the most points in their year groups:

**William, Phoebe, Eryn, Rufus, Henri, Elsie, Poppy S, Daisy W, Jaxson, Josh G and Lily – well done to them all!**

We are continuing to hold open days for both preschool and new reception children on an appointment basis, please contact the school if you would like to come and look around. You can keep up to date with all our news by following our Facebook page or visiting our updated school website.

**Adam Gough**  
**Headteacher**



- 1: Little Chicks and Wagtails have been exploring Autumn leaves in our Forest School
- 2: Our KS1 class, Robins, had a visit from Gem the puppy for their topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers
- 3: Kingfisher class have made some wonderful potion pots from clay
- 4: Owl class have been working hard on fractions in maths
- 5: Our football team qualified for the Kenway Cup finals



## Thorners CE VA School



It has been a busy month in school with several different events happening for the children to engage with.

Firstly, we started the term with our CoP26 themed week. Over half term the children have been busy creating designs for our CoP26 theme week. As well as taking part in live lessons from the climate change summit itself, they have created several posters, designs and artworks based on the theme of climate change. Special mention must go to Poppy, whose artwork was completed on recycled paper she made herself! The children have also put forward several suggestions for the school to take on board. These range from planting more trees and hedges around the field, having a "tech-free" day each week to save energy and writing to the company who supply our school meals to ask for more "meat-free" days to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Secondly, we had our Remembrance Service. Sadly, in accordance with Dorset Council guidelines, this could not be in church as planned but rather we held an outdoor service at school instead. At 11am on the 11th of November, the school and pre-school assembled on the front lawn, to hold a short service to commemorate the fallen. Eggardon read poems they had written themselves and the younger children laid wreaths they had made at the feet of two silhouettes - a nurse and a soldier. Thank you to all the children who stood so quietly as the school bell chimed at the eleventh hour.

Lastly, we are very grateful to Becci Taylor of Litton who has come in to school to help us with our singing. Becci has created a series of brilliant outdoor lessons whereby the children can sing a mixture of old assembly favourites as well as some new songs in their class groups. It may be chilly singing outside in our coats but the children have sounded brilliant singing on the LATCH field.

Lastly, we begin to look forward to Christmas with rehearsals for our production of Oliver starting this week. Many thanks to Mr White, Miss Grindley and Mrs Biggins for all their hard work in auditioning the children and getting the rehearsals underway whilst keeping to all the restrictions we currently have in place.

We hope to have an indoor performance in LATCH in December but we have also made contingency plans should restrictions not permit a live audience.

Thank you also to all the parents for their patience and cooperation as we follow the latest COVID guidance. Despite the disruptions to their working lives, parents are helping us enormously to keep the school as safe and open as possible.

Mike Sitch  
Headmaster



# LITTLEBREDY

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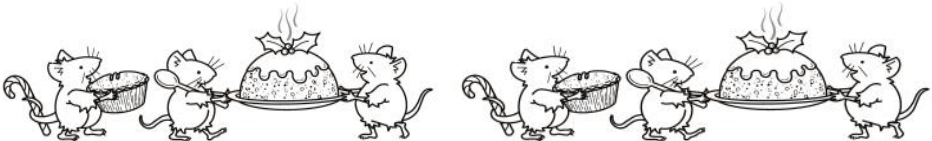
## St Michael and All Angels

Well, 2021 may not have been such an unusual one as 2020, but the same factors have affected it, and the gradual return to “normality” is by no means over. Nevertheless, we hope to resume two village events around Christmas time.

It is our turn to host the Carol Service which we traditionally share with our Longbredy neighbours. They will be holding their regular Sunday morning service on the third Sunday of the month, which this year is nearly as far from Christmas Day on the following Saturday as it can be, so we shall not duplicate services on that date, but hold **an evening candlelit service of Lessons and Carols at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 20th December**, followed we hope by some Christmas cheer in the Church afterwards. Needless to say, all are very welcome, as meeting to sing carols together was effectively one of the covid casualties of last year.

The Social Club is hoping to build on the success of the recent Harvest Supper and organise a pre-Christmas social event as well, but this will be publicised through the facebook page and fliers, as there are no details as yet. One thing is certain, though, and that is that the Village Hall will not be the venue. The w.c. there has been deteriorating for some time, and it has been decided that the Hall must now be taken out of public use till there is a remedy in place. Watch this space...

Whether readers can attend one or both of these events or not, this is the opportunity to wish everyone in or connected with Littlebredy in any way a very Happy Christmas and fulfilling 2022.



# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

We hope many of you will join us for our Christmas Services. The **Carol Service** is on the 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m. – our traditional candlelit service with readings and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies – always a special occasion.

On **Christmas Eve** the **Crib Service at 4.00 pm** will be held outside, as it was last year, so do come dressed for the weather! There will also be a service of **Holy Communion at 11.30 pm** that night. The only service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> will be a United Valley service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am at Burton Bradstock.

### Light up the Church this Christmastime -

For a donation of £5 you can floodlight the Church for an evening over the Christmas and New Year period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact Freddie Spicer to arrange a date on 482617 or [fandspicer@gmail.com](mailto:fandspicer@gmail.com)

Paul Cheater and members of the church choir will be singing **carols** round the village on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome and this is always a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Come along to the Bus Shelter at 6.30 dressed warmly and with a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.

Looking ahead to 2022, there will be a special United Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) – more details in January's BVN.

### Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 when the parish precept for 2022/23 will be decided. As always local residents are actively encouraged to attend and involve themselves in diplomatic time when you can have your say.



Crib Service

St Mary's,  
Litton Cheney,  
4pm,  
Christmas Eve

**The Parish Council wishes everyone in Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley a very happy Christmas, and a stay well New Year.**

### **Parish Bench Fund – Take It In Your Stride - Rest Easy**

The plan is to place benches at various focal points around the village and surrounding area so that people can pause during the course of a walk, rest awhile and take in the scenery prior to continuing their ramble. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, perhaps even dedicate a bench to a loved one, please contact either Quentin Blacke or Parish Clerk Maggie Walsh for more information – more details can be found on village noticeboards.

### **The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – The Story So far**

The ideas are beginning to firm up amongst the Jubilee (in Excelsis) Community Group. Most of the village celebrations will take place over the Saturday and Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022) with several earlier warm up events as the weekend approaches. More details as we enter the New Year but its looking good – stand by to enjoy yourselves on a very special occasion.

Updates will be published on the village website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) and on village noticeboards.



## **Events at LATCH – for December**



### **Weekly**

Mondays: 15.30 The Big Q – term time only  
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)  
Wednesdays: 16.00 – Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](mailto:Ron.Davidson@482661))  
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest ([annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com](mailto:annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com))  
Thursdays 14.00: First Steps Toddler Group (Claire Moore 07796 694052) – term time only  
Fridays: 10.00 – Art class in Meeting Room ([annvgray@hotmail.com](mailto:annvgray@hotmail.com)) [3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>]

### **Specials**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Film Night “**Knives Out**” Doors 19.00. Film starts 19.30  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> : Allotment Society AGM 19.30 in Meeting Room  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>: Thorner’s Christmas production

**Village Cafés:** It was great to see the return of the Village Café in November. A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

**Hall Bookings:** Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com



**The White Horse – It's beginning to look a lot like.....**

Well, somehow we find ourselves in November and planning Christmas events. Up to date information will, as always, be found on the White Horse Face-book page, but a few dates to put in your diaries are:-

Saturday, 11th December - Mummer's Play

Friday, 17th December - Fish 'n Chips, Happy Hour and Grand Christmas Meat and Cheese Draw

Saturday, 18th December - Caribbean Christmas with Antigua Joe

Sunday, 19th December - Christmas Dinner Roast, Christmas Draw and Christmas Quiz

Christmas Eve - Cottage Pie Night - come and join us for a bite to eat before the main festivities

**Christmas Day - OPEN 12-2pm for drinks**

Plans are still in the making for Boxing Day (both of them!) and New Year's Eve/New Year's Day, as well as ideas for a carol service and post-Christmas walk - all to be confirmed.

Let's hope everyone is able to get together with family and friends for a fantastic Christmas this year and that next year will be much easier all round. We may well close for a week or two in January and lie upstairs in a darkened room for a few days!

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!      Andy & Liz**

**Advance Warning - Closure of Whiteway**

Whiteway is due to be closed from Monday 13th December until Wednesday 5th January to enable an electrical supply to be connected to the emergency services phone mast located halfway up Whiteway.

We have asked for closure only to be activated when actual work is being carried out and/or the road is unusable but you should be aware that access to and from the village from the A35 during closure will only be via Long Bredy Hut Lane and Chalk Pit Lane.



## **Full Fibre – Rural Gigabit Initiative**

We have yet to hear the outcome as to which area in Dorset is to receive full fibre broadband directly installed by Openreach courtesy of the government – everything is on hold for the moment. More in January's BVN but it is hugely possible full fibre can still come about by completion of the voucher pledging scheme we started in September – we await word from Openreach and Dorset Council. Watch this space!

## **Village Cafes**

The first Village Cafe for two years was held on the 6th November, with exploration of the School Discovery Area, information about beekeeping, insulation, eco-affairs.... and much talk plus coffee and home baked cakes. Thanks to everyone who came, helped, and donated. We have sent £160 to Sea Shepherd, £50 for the Discovery Area and £50 for the school.

## **Artsreach at LATCH - The Syrian Baker**

*The Syrian Baker* drew a capacity crowd to the LATCH on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. On entering, the audience found itself in a quite different place—a welcoming Syrian meeting-place with ten tables dotted around the central acting area. Coffee was served in small cups, and draped lights created a café or meeting-point inside a bazaar. Writer Kevin Dyer took the story from interviews with Syrian refugees in Britain. With just three actors to weave together the story of Amina and Jamal, we saw childhood friends in Homs who later married but then became victims of the civil war. A portable bread-oven joined the action near the end when Jamal returned to his city, bidding the audience to stay behind to enjoy both his bread and the Syrian cakes and biscuits baked by our own village helpers. Pinar Öğün (Amina), Boodi Kabbani (Jamal) and Mohsen Ghaffari (Karim) were superb, seamlessly making the story come alive both across the years of experience and also across the miles separating war-torn Homs from London – a sanctuary that will finally be left behind.

From donations raised after the show the sum of £100 was sent to the Hands Up Foundation, a charity which exists to support health and education projects in Syria.

**The next Artsreach drama is called *Hefted*, which will be performed by the Multistory Theatre Company at LATCH on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**



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



A great turnout for our last film, so next up is...



**Reminder...THURSDAY 2 December - KNIVES OUT**

'Knives Out' is a mystery worth untangling and a real unique 'whodunnit' which we haven't seen on the big screen in a while. It's easily one of the most entertaining and fun movies released this year'.

'Engaging twisting, turning script keeps up the intrigue and tenseness throughout brilliantly'.

'One of the best cast ensembles of this year and all of them give excellent performances'.

Cert.12 2 hrs

**Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

**TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)**

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

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

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

**LONG BREDDY**

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**St Peter's Church**

**Long Bredy 100 Club**

**October Draw**

£30.00 No. 71 R. Maltby

£15.00 No 69 S. Dyer

£5.00 No 60 D. and A. Crank

## Advent Displays

Last year many people created displays in their windows or gardens throughout Advent, which were enjoyed by a lot of the village. This year again, each village in the Bride Valley is being asked to participate depicting the theme "At the Heart of Christmas", with the aim of providing a visual reminder of the Christmas story and message.

This year, however, there will be no text or specific dates allocated for lighting each display. If you choose to participate, light up your display whenever you want during advent, although it would be good if they were all lit on December 24th. Many people enjoyed a walk through the village on Christmas Eve to enjoy last year's displays. Create a display, as simple or elaborate as you wish, in any window or garden which is visible from the road. The display does **not** have to include the Christmas Story theme.

## Coffee Break

The next Coffee Break will be on **Saturday December 11th** in the village hall from **10.30 to 12.00**. There will be a Christmas Bring and Buy stall with a good range of items and all donations will go to help the upkeep of St Peter's Church and churchyard.

## Come Along Inn

The doors will open for business on **Friday December 17th at 5.30pm until 9.00pm**. Enjoy a drink, nibbles and chat by the fire.

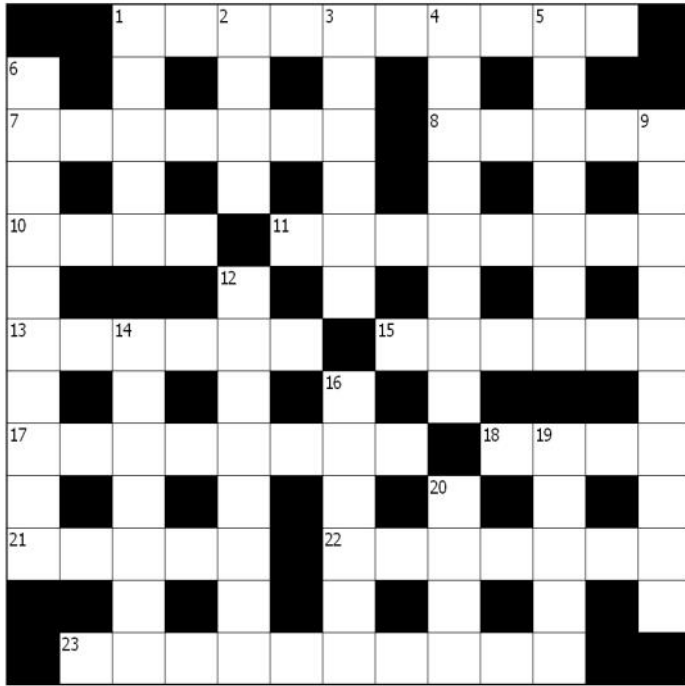
## St Peter's Christmas Service

There will be a morning service with carols in the church on **Sunday December 19th at 9.30am** with refreshments after the service.

**Little Bredy** will host the joint Carol Service on **Monday 20th at 5pm**.

There is no service on **Christmas Day** at St. Peter's Church but there will be one at **Little Bredy at 11.00am**.

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**Across**

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

**Down**

- 1 '\_\_\_\_\_ and see that the Lord is

- good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living \_\_\_\_\_, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
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# SHIPTON GORGE

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## St Martin's Church

Good things happening in December to look forward to but firstly we must thank Julian Piper and Rob Brian for checking out the belfry before the visiting Bell Ringers from South Peverton came to Shipton. The bell tower isn't used as often as it used to be but Julian and Rob clambered up the tower and gave it a clean bill of health so that the bells could be rung safely. Hope you all enjoyed hearing them pealing across the village.

### Christmas Notices

Listen out for the **Carol singers** around the village on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to join them, they will be meeting up at the Telephone kiosk at 6.00 p.m. The more the merrier to make a joyful noise! (usually concludes at the New Inn)

**St Martin's Carol Service** will be at **5.00 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> December** followed by the traditional mulled wine in the Village Hall.

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, at 6.00 p.m.** there will be a short **Christmas Recital in the Church by Anya & Ollie with accompanist David**. This is a very special occasion as those who attended last year will remember. It is not a ticketed event but a donation is appreciated. Seating is on a first come basis as there is restricted viewing. However, there will be standing room for those who are able. Look out for the posters around the village nearer the time.

**Christmas Day Communion** with the Rev. Jane will be at **9.30 a.m.**

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### St Martin's Floodlights Sponsors for December are:

**Jonathan, Jeremy & Peter in loving memory of Barbara Willy  
Diane James thinking of her Dad (Jimmy)**

**Jackie & Gerry**

**Julie, Mark & family for Jean Sexton's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ferne Hobby's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory of their daughter  
Beverley**

**and for Jo Warren's Christmas Day birthday**

**Belated congratulations to newcomers to the village,  
Geoff & Carolyn Hall for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on  
14<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you all for your generous donations, and for those who ask to be anonymous. If you wish to light up your church for a special occasion or a memory, please ring

Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box.

We would love some sponsors for the lights throughout the dark winter months ahead.

(A suggested donation of £5 is appreciated)

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Many thanks to the Village Society for donating a new grit bin, replacing the one that got damaged on the corner of Quarry Close.

From residents at Peashill and Quarry Close

**November 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results**

1<sup>st</sup> £25 No 107 David Langbridge  
2<sup>nd</sup> £10 No 69 Jenny Haydon  
3<sup>rd</sup> £5 No 13 Guy Clatworthy

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner



SHIPTON GORGE  
VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/>

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

**Wood Walk** took place on 7 November in Saunders Richardson Wood and was well attended and included a number of our new members. The two Stewards of the wood – Lucy and Nell - guided the group round and as well as pointing out some very interesting flora including a good number of different fungi etc, discussed the various works which are being planned over the winter months. It was a beautiful autumn morning and we believe everyone enjoyed the walk.



### Heritage Gin Club

The winner in the November draw was Bridget Trotman – who took the option of a hamper with a lovely selection of Dorset foodie delights. If you are interested in supporting the charity – please contact any one of the Trustees and we can give you some more information and background etc.

Can we take this opportunity to wish our members and all the readers of BVN a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Details as usual on our website:

[http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton\\_Gorge\\_Heritage\\_16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx)  
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

## SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately the presentation by Louis van Zyl in November, on the village applying for a connection to high speed **Fibre Gigabit Broadband** had to be cancelled at the last minute due to Covid and other issues. It has been decided therefore that a special meeting just on this subject, will take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. A leaflet with details will be delivered to all households over the New Year period. Please make a note in your diary of the date and come along to hear all about it and how we can all help to make it a reality.

We have some spare copies of the **Countryside Code** that are available for anyone who would like one or more.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year

Contact the Parish Clerk on 898189 or [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk)  
[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish\\_Council\\_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)





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### ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's is now open every day during daylight hours. So do feel free to visit this beautiful little church which with its Saxon arch is the oldest in the valley. Visitors will receive a warm welcome to services held every Sunday – see the list in the porch or back page of the BVN – but it is much appreciated if masks are worn. However, joy of joys we are now allowed to sing!

### Christmas Fayre

This will again be held on the afternoon of **12th December 2-4** and will be in the form of an afternoon tea. All very welcome, tea, coffee and cake will be provided free of charge. There will also be a couple of stalls and a raffle, as well as the opportunity to purchase a glass or two of mulled wine.

**Come along and see the transformation of the hall that happened during lockdown.**

**The Carol service in the church is 5pm**

### Telephone Box

The telephone box is now available for anyone in the village to use as a swap box. Bring your books, games, magazines etc and do a swap for something already there. Ideal use of a phone box no longer in use for its previous purpose.

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND CHILCOMBE**

**LUNCH CLUB**

**PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm**

We are now welcoming the over 55's from Long Bredy and Little Bredy and look forward to hearing from you if you would like to join us.

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

**Next lunch - 14h December 2021 - Cost £6.00**

Turkey roll with trimmings, Roast  
Potatoes, Vegetables

Christmas Pudding and custard

Mince Pies

Sherry/Fruit juices/Wine

Tea/Coffee

Raffle

**Don't forget at the December meeting we will be welcoming Sandra and Derek Heaver and Sandra has kindly agreed to play some Christmas Carols for us. Please let David know if you have a favourite carol you would like her to play**

**First date in 2022—18th January**

**Lamb Tagine, with Rice and Sticky Toffee Pudding with custard or cream**

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.



## The Crown Inn, Puncknowle Newsletter – December 2020

**Welcome to December everyone.** Where has the year gone? Thank you all for your continued support throughout our first year. We really do appreciate it. We continue to take care during the pandemic with our cleaning and maintaining supplies of hand sanitisers throughout the pub. Face masks are now completely optional. The fire has now been lit to give all our customers a cosy welcome throughout the winter months and plans are in place for future events at The Crown.

Our first Quiz Night has already taken place and the next date is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**. We welcome you all to join us again. Please book your teams (6 maximum) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The Quiz Nights will continue monthly in 2022.

**On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Puncknowle Church, invite you to Christmas Carols at the Crown Inn starting at 7pm.**

The Christmas menu is now available. There are options of 2 courses at £20.00 per person, or 3 courses at £25.00 per person. Booking is essential to avoid disappointment.

The Tikka Trak van will continue to be available throughout December at The Crown and we will confirm dates for the New Year. Look out for the board confirming dates. To keep your local pub a social hub of the village, we welcome any ideas that you may have to support this.

Please note that The Crown Inn will be closed for business from 6pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January until 5pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**We wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you to the Crown Inn during 2022.**

**Lyn and Paul**



## Holy Trinity Church Swyre

A warm welcome to Amanda, Steve their family and Pippin the dog who have moved into Michaels house. We wish them many happy years in Swyre.

Also, a huge thank you to Martin and Anne-Marie Yeates for spectacular food, fireworks and bonfire.'

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## St Mary's

### Family Nativity and Christingle



**ST MARY'S,  
BURTON BRADSTOCK,**

**19TH DECEMBER  
9.30AM**

### Crib Service



**St Mary's,  
Burton Bradstock  
4pm  
Christmas Eve**

### Autumn Quiz

Congratulations and thanks go to Susan Moores & David Edwards for putting on the Autumn Quiz in October. It really was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks also go to all who helped with the food, bar, raffle and management of the Hall on the night.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who attended. A splendid total of £704.75 was raised for St Mary's Church Fabric Fund.

*Irene Piper*

# Burton Bradstock Village Hall

## Village Hall Activity

Good news, nearly all of the regular activities have restarted in the Hall including art classes, bridge, indoor bowls and various keep fit activities. Please contact the activity organisers for more details.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.



## Burton Bradstock Films



Takes a break in December and will resume in January 2022. Look on the posters around the Village nearer the date of the BVN to see what is on.

## Coffee Mornings

The regular monthly coffee stop mornings have now resumed. The coffee stops are intended to provide an opportunity for friends to meet and chat over a sensibly priced drink, biscuit and slice of cake if wanted. The table service format has been seen as an improvement and stops queuing at the counter. The next events will be on:

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Both run from 10:00am to 12:00noon and the format will be similar to recent ones, with numbers controlled (10 tables of 4). Mask wearing will be optional and the event will be open to all. Both will be organised by the Hall Trust Coffee Team. Next year the Coffee Stops will be run by the various Village groups, who have all agreed to participate.

## Christmas activities

The really good news is that both the Christmas Market and Coffee mornings will run, albeit with a reduced format for obvious safety reasons.

## Christmas Market

The Christmas Market and coffee morning will be held on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10:00 to 12:30. Unlike previous years half the Hall will be dedicated to a smaller number of market Tables selling Christmas related goodies, the other half will be laid out for coffee and cake with table service.

Please come and enjoy a Christmas chat and get a few presents. We hope you will wear a mask while exploring the market section. Entrance will be £1 for adults, children under 16 free.

## **Christmas Quiz**

The hugely popular Christmas Quiz will be held on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, with Quiz prepared and run by Sue Moores and David Edwards. Doors will open at 6:45 for a 7:30 start.

The ticket price of £10 per head will include a light supper, plus all the normal crackers, party poppers and balloons that add to the festive fun. There will be a sensibly priced bar, raffle and prizes for winners and last place. Regrettably we will drop the rousing carol singing this year, plus we will keep the Hall well ventilated, so wear your Christmas jumper with pride.

There will be 12 teams of 6 per table (normally it is 8) to reduce crowding. There will be no tables down the centre of the Hall. Tickets for ten of the teams were due to go on sale at the Post Office in blocks of 6 on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov on a first come first served basis. Please purchase all 6 of your tickets at the same time. Once you have your team tickets contact Richard Ferre (details above) to confirm your table and dietary requirements. Individuals or couples unable to make up a team but wanting to participate should contact Richard from Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov onwards (not before please). There will be 12 places available for those people to be put into a team on a first come basis.

## **Village Defibrillator**

Using funds raised via the Defibrillator grand draw earlier in the year, free training courses are due to have taken place on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec for those interested. After checking with the School, we have also purchased a set of special pads for Children under 8 as normal pads cannot be used for them.  
*Richard Ferre*

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

### **NOVEMBER 2021 DRAW**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

1ST	£37.20	NO 37:	MR PAUL HARVEY
2ND	£18.60	NO 84:	MRS SUE OUSELEY
3RD	£9.30	NO 106:	MRS PAT RAVEN

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £1 – 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 Speakers Programme**

Our 2021/22 Programme continues on Friday 3rd December at 7.30 pm when **Susan Moores** will be giving a talk entitled **“Christmas - Pagan or What?”** Christmas is the time when people who don’t normally go to Church attend Carol Services. Everywhere is lit up, people exchange gifts, eat and drink endlessly and party all night long. Susan will explain in words, music and pictures how myth and magic, pagan ritual and Christianity have all merged to give us the customs and traditions we love at Christmas.

As in recent meetings, numbers will be limited to 60 to allow for social distancing. Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

Mulled wine/elderflower pressé, mince pies and mini stolen will be served to members who should remain seated.

**Should you wish to reserve a seat, please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442, and this will be done, the remaining seats on the night will be given on a first come first serve basis.**

Sadly our October talk, “Why giving is complicated in a time of Pandemic for International Aid and Charities”, by Martin Dawes, was cancelled due to the large increase in corona virus cases in the local area. We hope to welcome Martin here next year.

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our wonderful society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

## **Flower and Produce Show 2022**

Next year's ever popular Flower and Produce Show will take place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

A little advanced information (don't tell anyone!), the subjects for the Photography competition are, "Harbour Scenes" and "Country Life", and the subject for the Limerick competition is "Royalty".

If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on the above number.

**And finally, we would like to wish all of our members, and everyone in the Bride Valley a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, and above all healthy 2022.**

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

### **Next Meeting**

We are planning the next Parish Council meeting on  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

Last month we held the second parish council meeting in the church to give more space for social distancing, with much more acoustic success. So we will be holding our December meeting there with some festive cheer in the way of wine and nibbles after. All parishioners are welcome to come and meet the council members more informally.

### **Contacting the Parish Council**

The Parish Council are 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.

**To contact the Council please email the Clerk:**

[theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

**Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA**

### **Reading Room for Hire**

The Reading Room is now available for hire once again with a risk assessment covering Covid safety to provide continued reassurance. It costs £7 for a morning or afternoon or evening session. Booking forms and Risk



assessments etc are available to see on Burton Bradstock's Parish Council Website or contact the Clerk on the above addresses.

### **Allotments in Burton Bradstock**

We have some available plots in our allotments. This is a fantastic time to start an allotment plot, with time to get it ready for the new growing season. If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Burton Bradstock Play Area**

We have our lovely, refurbished playground but there are still a few snagging issues to be sorted out. One being the gate nearest the road. We are looking at how to make that safer.

Possible options that are being researched are to move the gate along, so it gives slightly longer eyesight of toddlers before they are behind the power station **or** to replace the gate with one that locks rather than self-shuts.

If you are a park user and have any suggestions on this issue, please contact the Clerk. Meanwhile the playground is still open for business as usual, but that gate is locked until further notice.

### **Burton Bradstock Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club**

The Bowls club meets every Monday evening in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. New members are very welcome and if you are interested in joining please email John Lewis on [jal4910@gmail.com](mailto:jal4910@gmail.com) for more details, or call (01308) 897304.



## Burton Bradstock Community Library

Our popular Library Christmas cards are now on sale at the Post Office and in the Library.

Cards are £1 each and there is a range of pictures available.

Many thanks for supporting the Library



During December the Library will be open as usual on Mondays (2.00pm-4.00pm), Wednesdays (10.30am-12.30pm) and Saturdays (2.00pm-4.00pm) but during the Christmas holiday will be **closed** on Christmas Day (25th December), and Monday 27th December, and also on Saturday 1st January.

Please ensure your orders for books are made in good time for the Christmas break and do call in to see the new Christmas decorations - this year there will be a Nativity scene - and please bring your children and grandchildren into our world of books!



We didn't consider it was too early to start thinking about Christmas at our November meeting and so we were pleased to welcome Anne Jones, who gave a most interesting and informative talk entitled "The Twelve Days of Christmas". She explained the hidden meanings behind the words of the song, written at a time when it was an offence for Christians to worship openly. Her talk also included much information about feasting and merrymaking in Tudor times and was enhanced by her wearing a beautiful Tudor costume, the playing of a variety of Tudor instruments and the singing of medieval carols, with which we were pleased to be able to join in. A very pleasant evening!

Anne's talk put us in just the right frame of mind for our Early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning which was the following Saturday. Members had therefore been very busy making Christmas crafts and gifts as well as cakes to sell and to swell our funds.

Our next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 pm takes the form of a Christmas party complete with Bingo, fun games, a quiz and the obligatory mince pies!!

It was nice to welcome some new members to our last meeting, so if anyone else would like to join us you would be most welcome too. Come and join in the fun at our Christmas meeting and find out what it's all about!

On 1<sup>st</sup> December we are also looking forward to a return to the Bridport Golf Club for our customary Christmas dinner. We were unable to go last year due to Covid, of course, so it will be good to go back and enjoy what is always a very special occasion and one of the highlights of our year.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a very Happy - and Healthy - New Year!

*Janet Pearson*  
01308 898346

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## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2021

	Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 5 December Advent 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12 December Advent 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19 December Advent 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve 24 December	Christmas Day 25 December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 26 December
Burton Bradstock	11.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 11am Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Nativity/ Christingle 6.30 Carol Service		4.00 Crib Service	11.00 Family Communion	10am United Valley Service
Shipton Gorge			9.30 Breakfast Church	5.00 Carol Service			9.30 Family Communion	
Swyre		3pm Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship		9.30pm Early Christmas Communion		
Puncknowle		9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service	11.00 All age Holy Communion			11.00 Family Communion	
Litton Cheney		9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service		4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion		
Long Bredy		11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship with carols				
Littlebredy			11.00 Holy Communion		Carols by candlelight 5pm		11.00 Family Communion	