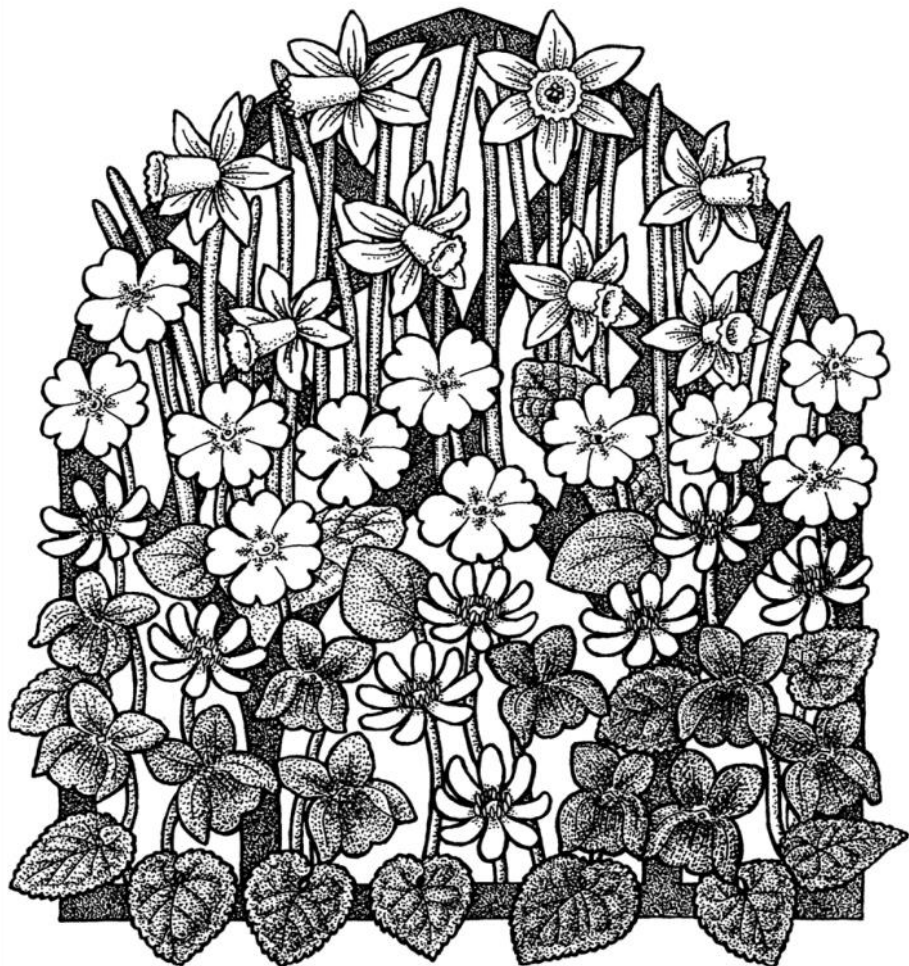


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The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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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

As part of our year focussing on prayer we have been doing The Prayer Course together, whether you've been a Christian for a long time or just starting out on a journey with God it's a really helpful way of discovering new ways to connect.

If you want to find out more this is the link: <https://prayercourse.org/about/>

Actually, it's not too late to join us as the sessions are stand alone and we will be running all the way through Lent. Send me an email or give me a call if you'd be interested.

Pete Greig the author of the course starts by reminding us that it's all about relationship, if we don't speak regularly with our spouses, our friends, our parents, then what sort of relationship do we have. It's the same with God, we need to communicate, not only reaching out to him, but also listening to what he has to say to us. Often it is with a still, small voice of calm in the midst of what can feel like a storm in our life. That reassurance that 'all will be well' is absolutely precious.

Some people tell me they don't know how to pray, as if it's a skill that is beyond them. Let me tell you this, everyone can pray, in your own way! In fact, God longs to hear more from you.

I like the way Pete Greig puts it: **Keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up.**

The Bible tells us "God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves." Romans 8 v 27 (The Message)

I really like the way Thomas Merton, arguably one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century, describes this in his prayer written in 1956:

Let us never forget that prayer doesn't need to be beautiful or right, simply honest.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end. nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen? Amen!

Remember this, day by day there are people throughout the Bride Valley praying for us all. If you ever have a specific prayer request please give me a call.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

15th February Vanda Wheeler (Burton Bradstock)

Cremation

1st February Trevor Foster (Burton Bradstock)

18th February June Oakford (Puncknowle)

Burial of Ashes

28th February David Dewar (Shipton Gorge)



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Autumn by Ali Smith - February 2022.

This novel had a mostly positive response despite general acknowledgement that it was not an easy read. Ali Smith rarely tells a straightforward linear story and this novel was true to her usual form. We enjoyed the impressionistic approach and Ali Smith's clever word play. Autumn is the first of a seasonal quartet - this novel was published late in 2016 amidst the political heat of the Brexit referendum. Her focus was to draft, write, edit and get the book into bookshops in a very short timescale. Little did she know that in 2016 we would be entering an unprecedented period of political and social turmoil, initially because of the divisive Brexit campaign and referendum result and then - hot on its heels - a global pandemic. Each book in this quartet stands alone but all seek to reference contemporary cultural and social change - not all of it comfortable or commendable.

Here is Biddy's review:-

Autumn is about the friendship between a young girl and an older man, which begins when Elisabeth, aged 8, writes a pen portrait about her new neighbour for her school homework. The present scene is set years later when Elisabeth, now 32, visits Daniel Gluck in a care home where he lies mostly sleeping and drifting in and out of consciousness, remembering, dreaming, hallucinating.

But it is about so much more - art, politics, life and the work of Pauline Boty, the only female British pop artist with whom Daniel fell in love during the 1960s. Daniel shows Elisabeth how to look afresh as he paints a mind picture for her and when Elisabeth, now a student, discovers Pauline Boty's art - she decides to write her thesis on it. Centrally placed in Boty's collage named "Scandal 1963" is a photograph of Christine Keeler, the call girl at the heart of the Profumo scandal, seated straddling a chair, seemingly nude. Just as the photograph is the centrepiece of Boty's painting, the picture and its consequent story of falsehood and betrayal take a central position in the novel.

The complex structure of continual flashbacks, memories, images and poems is in itself like a collage in words with each scene adding to the whole picture. Daniel also enjoys playing with words and their meaning - so "collage" becomes "college", Daniel is taking "leaf" of himself as he imagines himself turning into a tree, a surrealist image. There are also

humorous scenes such as Elisabeth's visit to the Post Office to use their passport application service, with the clanking un-communal communal seat, the unpredictable customer number system and the assistant who tells Elisabeth that her face "is wrong", her eyes are not the right distance apart and that she should not have hair on her forehead.

The political commentary could have been made for today as Daniel says "we'll all be lessened by the lie" and "whoever makes up the story makes up the world", while some readers may find the constant changes of time confusing as the author paints the scene and builds up the story.

Biddy Harling and Liz Pinfield

Superfast Broadband update

When approval of our application came through in Aug/Sept last year we only had a week to get people to sign up before the application was again frozen by "Procurement". Valley residents did very well with their voucher pledging and we got 75% of the properties we needed to make this application financially viable for Openreach to proceed.

Since then however we haven't had the opportunity to gather more names as the list has not been reopened. We've asked Openreach when our application can be reopened, and they have indicated that they are reassessing the situation.

On a practical note, there is an application in for Puncknowle and Burton Bradstock and just recently another in Shipton Gorge. This should link the Bride Valley through to Bridport and surely make it more attractive to Openreach to cover a larger block of linked villages, but one could be forgiven for wondering if practicality comes into Openreach planning.

So, in conclusion, there's nothing more to report other than Openreach will let us know if and when they decide to reopen our application, then there will be a flurry of activity trying to get the last 25% of people to sign up.

This will require help in finding out who and who hasn't signed up.

If you need more information or feel you could help then please contact us at bvfibre@yahoo.com

Our Night Sky in March 2022

Venus has now become a brilliant Morning “Star” rising in the east at about 0500, accompanied a little later by Mars which is much fainter. Although Saturn will be rising before dawn, it will be too faint to see in the lightening sky. Meanwhile, make the most of the winter constellations, especially Orion which will be sinking in the south west about midnight.

I wonder how many of you took time to ignore preparations of the Christmas lunch to watch the astounding launch of the James Webb Telescope (JWT) on Christmas day. Not only was the launch a flawless success, but the following unfolding of the telescope’s sun shield and the mirror segments have also taken place without any problems. The telescope is now on its way to the No2 Lagrange point in space, where the gravity of Earth and the Sun cancel out, allowing any object placed there to stay in place without having to use fuel to manoeuvre. Approximately five months of further alignment and calibration lie ahead as the JWT completes a million-mile journey, before scientists will start getting the first images from the telescope. That work also includes settling into a stable operating temperature and calibrating on board science instruments.

The mirror is 21 feet, 4 inches across and made of beryllium coated with reflective gold. It is the shape and size that scientists determined was needed to measure infrared light from the earliest galaxies. The NASA team will continue aligning the telescope's mirrors, making minor adjustments, as it journeys to its eventual orbit.

Webb's more sensitive instruments will penetrate the gas and dust of space objects that have limited the visibility of its predecessor, the Hubble Telescope. This will allow the telescope to peer back to the very earliest days of the Universe, when the first stars and galaxies emerged after the Big Bang. It will also allow study of exo-planets’ atmospheres to discern whether elements exist which could indicate the existence of life.

We live in an extraordinary time of space discoveries, and I hope to relay some of them to you in the near future

Bill Turnill

**Tots Time
at
St Mary's, Burton Bradstock,
every Friday from 2-3pm in term
time.**

Tots time is a friendly group for bump to school age. Sing songs, play, dance and listen to a bible story.

Email bvchurchesta@outlook.com for further information.



Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is provided by Dorset Council across Dorset and delivered by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers. In Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis Libraries we have teams of volunteers who choose and order books at the library and deliver them to people who can't easily access it for a variety of reasons, e.g. health or mobility issues or being a carer.

This service is available free to anyone who qualifies, in the towns and outlying villages, and books and talking books are delivered every 3 weeks. Due to Covid 19 we offered a limited non-contact doorstep delivery, but our volunteers are now able to enter people's homes again if both parties are happy and comfortable doing so.

For more information or to find out about volunteering, please call 01305 236 666, visit royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or email dorsetwiltshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
Tel: 01305 236666

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**



To ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers we are allowing up to four people at a time into the library, and encouraging social distancing.

We ask customers to wear face coverings if possible and to hand sanitise. Track and trace details are no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.



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 read on- line using your library card.

All information can be found on our website:
www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Thank you for your continuing support. **Tel: 01308 897563**



Bride Valley Gardening Club



The Bride Valley Gardening Club begins its 2022 season on **Monday March 21st** at 7.30p.m in LATCH, the Village Hall at Litton Cheney, when we will be having a talk by **Charles Chesshire** on **'The Art of Dishevelment'**.

At this meeting we will be collecting the £6 annual subscription. To maintain social distancing please would members bring their money in an envelope showing name, address, telephone number and email address. If you receive our newsletter there will be a form attached, which you can print and complete.

If paying by cheque please make it payable to 'Bride Valley Gardening Club'. Your Village Rep will be happy to receive your envelopes if you are unable to be at the meeting. Visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

Dates to note:

On **April 11th** (a week early due to Easter) our meeting will begin with a short **AGM**, followed by **Steve Griffith** from Abbotsbury Gardens who will talk on **'A Himalayan Botanical Adventure in Northern Myanmar'**.

The **Flower and Produce Show** will be at LATCH on **Saturday July 2nd**.

Jobs to Do in March

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and herbs.

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

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

Plant gladiolus corms and start dormant canna rhizomes into growth.

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.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



As I write this, we are just entering the last week of the half term. Since Christmas, the children have enjoyed some more 'normal' activities in school with sports fixtures, church services and extra-curricular clubs all happening.

Over the half term, our focus in school has been on the value of Friendship. Children have demonstrated this by looking out for each other, ensuring that others are involved and included in their games and thinking about what makes a good friend. I have especially enjoyed seeing the older children play with the younger ones with a particular highlight being Year 5 joining our preschool and reception children at forest school. Seeing all the children interacting together to build fairy houses was a sight to behold!

In our school council meetings this term, we have talked about what we can do to make our playground even better. Over the next few months, we will be upgrading some of our games equipment and buying some new football goals with some of the money raised at our Christmas fair.

Over the past six weeks, we have been lucky enough to have cricket coach Sean Fitzgerald working with us teaching cricket through the Chance to Shine program. The children have learnt about throwing, catching, bowling and batting. Maybe we have a future England star in our midst!

It has been great to get back into the church this half term and the children have enjoyed the services led by Reverend Jane. One of our favourites was the Candlemas service where the children learnt all about why Christians celebrate this special event. All the staff and governors have been so impressed with how respectful the children have been in church and we are looking forward to our monthly services.

Our preschool, Little Chicks, continues to go from strength to strength! We are now full for some sessions and are already taking bookings for next academic year. If you would like to come and see us in person, please book a tour through the school office.

When we return from the half term break, we start new topics in our classes. Wagtails are looking at the 'Signs of Spring', Robins class are studying 'The Scented Garden', Kingfishers are focussing on history in their topic '1066' and Owls are looking at the Tudors through a topic called 'Off with her head!'

We continue with our wide range of extra-curricular clubs and are excited to be able to add a library club to our list, making use of the library in Burton on a weekly basis.

Our school life pastor, Emma Lucas, has started running a popular creativity club for KS2 and our messy play club for the younger children has also been a hit! Other clubs include recorders, football, running and reading – for a small school we are proud of the number and range of clubs on offer.

Please keep up to date with us on Facebook and our school website:
www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

Adam Gough

1: Our preschool children showing the value of Friendship!



2: Our KS1 class, Robins, enjoyed their trip to the library



3: Wagtails have been creating their own settings for fairy tales.

4: Owl class enjoyed a football coaching session on the village playing field.



5: Our Year 3 and 4 Futsal team took on other schools in the local area in a competition at Colfox school.



Thorners CE VA School



Thorner's goes green!

Dear all,

As you may know we have been trying to see if we can get several arrays of solar panels and air source heat pumps installed for our school as part of Dorset Council's SALIX decarbonisation bid.

Unfortunately, the original larger scheme has not been approved (due predominantly to the power supply that comes into the village being insufficient to run such a large set of heat pumps) but the slightly smaller scheme has been approved and is now going ahead - in two weeks time!

The work should take 6 weeks and the good news for our listed buildings is that there is only a small amount of internal work - replacing the electricity board and running some wiring so both the work and the finished article won't detract from our beautiful setting or historic buildings. In fact, from School Lane you won't be able to tell at all what is lurking behind on the modern flat rooves of the more recently built south facing classrooms.

The finished solar panels (they are going on nearly all the flat rooves) will create over 35,000 KW hours of free power - we will use this to power the school and the rest of the power we don't use will go back into the national grid. Later this spring, we will also get all our lights upgraded to be more efficient as well.

So, although we will have some short-term disruption, this will be a really good step towards making us a lot greener and producing lots and lots of free renewable electricity for us and others!

Thanks as always to everyone who has been involved in the bid, from governors to the Parish Council and those in the village who have offered their support both to me and directly through their conversations with Dorset Council.

We are of course going to do some project work on all of this with the children to give them the chance to explore what is going on above their heads every time the sun is out!

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

In aid of



**LATCH VILLAGE CAFÉ (DT2 9AU)
ON SATURDAY 19TH March 2022
FROM 09.30 -12.30**

In aid of



- We will be serving Muesli, as well as options on a cooked breakfast
- Hot and cold refreshments
 - There will be an opportunity to buy Charity Raffle tickets
 - Bring and Buy Donations will be gratefully received for
 - Plants
 - Cakes and produce
 - Any nearly new and unwanted DIY items

More information about the “Closer to Home” Project or the Café available

A message about producing the Bride Valley News

Whether you live in the Bride Valley or are just visiting you'll find plenty to do and see in the area, and you will get a flavour for that, and of our community from within these pages.

The Bride Valley News (BVN) is one of the keyways that we keep in touch and communicate as a valley community. Sponsored by the Bride Valley Churches, it is delivered to every home in the valley and carries, not only news of our local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. From the editor to the front door all are volunteers.

Would you again consider supporting the production of this valuable means of communication and news? Just £6 per household would ensure we are available throughout the summer months and help us to keep going. The amount raised last year kept Bride Valley News going throughout the summer/winter and similar contributions would see us through 2022.

If you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:

Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'

Sort code 30-91-21

Account number 00074071

.....and quote BVN!

Thankyou

Our monthly walk saw our ladies exploring Will's wood, which is situated just across the A35 from the Bride Valley. We were lucky with the weather, managing to complete our walk before the rain. We even managed to recruit a new member whilst out and about. Welcome Patricia!

Our programme for February had to be re-arranged at short notice as our First Aid trainer had tested positive for the dreaded virus. We hope to book him later in the year as our ladies were keen to take part in the First Aid session and also learn resuscitation techniques. Instead the committee organised an evening of games and quizzing accompanied by tea and biscuits which was enjoyed by all.

In March we are looking forward to a visit from Snooks, the Hat Shop in Bridport. Promises to be an interesting evening. Who doesn't like a hat for that special occasion!!!

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. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.
Bridevalleywi@gmail.com

Thought you might enjoy this poem written by Nigel Beeton—I did!! The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad! **Yes! Honestly! It's true!**
He pressed Control and Enter – And disappeared from view

It devoured him completely **The thought just makes me squirm**
He must have caught a virus Or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin And files of every kind;
I've even searched the internet **But nothing did I find.**

I went to Mr Google My searches to refine **His reply was in the negative,**
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox My Grandad you should see –
Please copy, scan, and paste him **And send him back to me!**

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

The more these ramblings take on the appearance of Nature Notes, the more the inference can be drawn that your correspondent is otherwise stuck for village news and views to comment on, and that is certainly the case this month. But it may be that others have news which should be shared, so can readers please pass on items of family or local interest for future editions?

As for the Nature Notes, one of the two egrets mentioned last month seems to have flown away, but the remaining one is still an attractive feature (to humans, not small fish, no doubt) beside the lake or river.

Separately, after the departure of the cob swan last summer following the unexplained death of his mate on her nest, there is no sign yet as I write of his return with a new partner, so we must assume that he/they may have found better breeding conditions elsewhere – sad in a way.

Looking to the future, though, a few ideas are beginning to stir for ways in which Littlebredy can share in the national celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. (The actual 70th anniversary of her Accession has fallen a few days before these notes are written, as people may know – on Sunday 6th February.)

The reviving Social Club may organise a meeting after Easter to move ideas or plans forward, but please consider anything you might like to suggest at the time.



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is on 1st March this year and Lent starts the next day, Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in St. Mary's on Tuesday 29th March at 9.30 a.m.

Litton Cheney Parish Council – Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th March – 7.30 pm

The meeting will be held at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH). You are cordially invited to attend and contribute to the proceedings.

Many thanks to Andy King for his work in refurbishing the Snicket notice board. Thanks also to members of the Premier Crew who have dealt with a number of issues around the village.

Village Litter Pick

During March & April Litton Cheney will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, and we will be looking for local residents to assist us in this task. Please keep your eyes open for details of litter picks in various areas of the village. The bags, gloves and litter picker-uppers will be provided. Do hope you can help.

Platinum Jubilee News

Plans continue apace, and details and updates can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk and in the regular Jubilee Bulletins. There really will be something for everyone so come on in if you would like to be part of what happens.

Jubilee Bench – The jury is out and the submitted designs are being Perused.

Loose Dogs & Avian Flu

More news in the local press about dog attacks on livestock. Please keep your dog on a lead when livestock are present, and pick up after

your dog – there are no excuses for not doing so.

*Extracted from Village Group FB Page and placed by farmer Richard Cuzens:
“Today - more fresh dog poo in my field where my barn is - this time next to the footpath exit gate onto School Lane - the time, about 3pm. Neospora bacteria from dog poo trodden across grazing fields will kill unborn lambs & calves. **Please ensure your dog has a poo in your own back garden before a long walk or keep it on a lead so you know where it’s poo-ing. And pick it up. Thank you”***

Avian flu is still prevalent in the area. All domestic fowl and captive birds must be kept in an enclosed area, preventing access by wild birds. Failure to do so may result in a visit from Defra and the birds culled.



Events at Litton and Thorner’s Community Hall – for March



Weekly:

Mondays: 15.30 Big Q Church
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)
18.30 – 21.30 Ballroom Dancing (Gemma Fulbrook: dancedorchester@outlook.com)
Wednesdays: 16.45 – Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](#))
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Specials:

Thursday 3rd: Film Night: “**Official Secrets**” Doors open 19.00. Film starts 19.30.
Tuesday 8th: Parish Council Meeting 19.30
Sunday 13th and 20th: 12.30 – 18.00 Ballroom Dancing with Gemma Fulbrook (see above)
Saturday 19th: 9.30 – 12.30 Village Café in aid of Dementia UK
(see separate notice on Page 15 in Valley News)
Friday 25th: Bingo Night
Sunday 27th 10.30 – 12.30 Yoga with Nadiya Wynn
(nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Village Cafés: 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

Review of Artsreach's Production of "Hefted"

Multi Story Theatre Company brought their production of 'Hefted' to a full house at LATCH on the 29th January. The play told the story of our relationship to the land over 600 years through nine separate but interlinked chapters depicting rural life. Some of these portrayed events we could relate to, and all were by turns moving, mystical or humorous. Strong performances by the cast of four ensured the audience were kept intrigued by a range of characters and tales. A superheated first-half atmosphere gave way to an airier experience in the second.

If on reading this you wished you had been there then be on the look out for future Artsreach productions coming to a village hall near you.

The White Horse

It feels like Christmas and dreary January is only just over and suddenly there's lots going on and lots in the planning. So, just a few dates for your diary; details will follow, as always, on Facebook, posters and outside boards:

First up is **St Patrick's** on Thursday evening of 17th March. We have booked Irish duo Travelin' Moon and are looking forward to a bit of fun and some Irish stew.

Then there's **Mother's Day** on Sunday 27th March. Book early to avoid disappointment.

The weekend of Friday 15th April sees our first Easter since we've been here! Usual Duck Race on **Easter Sunday**, live music with Antigua Joe and Bar-B-Que, weather permitting.

Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, we have Down Side Up booked for the afternoon.

That brings us to the **Jubilee weekend**, where Saturday, 4th June is "Pub Day". We haven't seen a Duck Race yet, but are making up for it this year with TWO! We have a bouncy castle booked for the afternoon and live music with 20th Century Boys at 4pm, and are working on another band for lunchtime. Also hoping to get a face-painter for later (as children are not allowed on the bouncy castle with painted faces).

Of note, there are a few dates where we will be closed for local private functions - Saturday 9th April in the evening, Friday 22nd April for a family wedding and Saturday 21st May for a local's big birthday celebration!

We will start opening Monday evenings again from May with Sourdough Ted pizzas and up until then, will continue to alternate Steak Night and Pizza Night on a Tuesday.

Think that's enough for now! Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Andy and Liz xxx

Superfast Broadband – If in September 2021 you were asked by BT to pledge a voucher to a scheme that would ultimately bring full fibre broadband into the village, and you would like an update on where this situation currently stands, please see [Valley Notes](#) at the front of the BVN.

Easter Sunday Duck Race – Sunday 17th April – 12 Noon

After going online for the last two years the Annual Easter Duck race will be back “LIVE!” The ducks have been in training and they are raring to race down the stream as tradition dictates. Start time is at 12 Noon, and the Ducks Managers will be selling ducks from 11:30 outside Fry’s yard. The White Horse will be open and welcoming both you and the winning ducks. Weather permitting there will be a BBQ and live music in the garden. If wet, food and music inside. Hope to see you all there for a Quacking good time. Proceeds to Lymphoma Action – Tessa & John Mulhall

This event could well serve as a dress rehearsal for the **Jubilee Duck Race** on Saturday 4th June, and provides you with an excellent chance to pick out the speedy ducks from the waddlers, and get ahead of the game.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.



Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.

Reminder - Thursday 3 March - OFFICIAL SECRETS ‘an excellent and revelatory film’

She risked everything to stop an unjust war. Her government called her a traitor. Based on world-shaking true events, Official Secrets tells the gripping story of Katharine Gun, a British intelligence specialist whose job involves routine handling of classified information. One day in 2003, in the lead up to the Iraq War, Gun receives a memo from the NSA with

a shocking directive: the United States is enlisting Britain's help in collecting compromising information on United Nations Security Council members in order to blackmail them into voting in favor of an invasion of Iraq. Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into an illegal war, Gun makes the gut-wrenching decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press. So begins an explosive chain of events that will ignite an international firestorm, expose a vast political conspiracy, and put Gun and her family directly in harm's way.

Starring **Keira Knightly, Matt Smith** and **Ralph Fiennes**.

Cert.12 1.3/4 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 Tuesday 1 March).

FOLLOWED BY:

Thursday 31 March - NOMADLAND 'a truly outstanding film'

Following the closure of a gypsum mine in the Nevada town she calls home, Fern (**Frances McDormand**) packs her van and sets off on the road. Exploring an unconventional life as a modern-day nomad, Fern discovers a resilience and resourcefulness unlike any she's known before.

Along the way, she meets other nomads who become mentors in the vast landscape of the American West. The film also stars **David Strathairn** and features real-life nomads Linda, Swankie and Bob.

Triple Oscar winner – best picture, best director & best actress

Cert.12+ 1.3/4 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)

Burton Bradstock will not be showing **Nomadland**.

They will show **1917** on Friday 25 March. See details in their section of the BVN.

Nomadland will be our last screening this year.

Burton Bradstock will show **Peter Rabbit 2** on 29 April. See details in their section of the BVN.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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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 which 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

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully will join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.



Holy Trinity Church Swyre

Volunteer Gardeners and Helpers and Garden Angels required!

Please can you spare a couple of hours on one of our churchyard clean up Saturdays, to do some garden maintenance in the churchyard at Swyre, starting on 2 April? We have a lot of weeds and would be very grateful for some help to make the churchyard look more loved!

Tea and cake provided.

Please email sally@bowshers.plus.com if you can help.

Thank you!

Church of the Holy Trinity Swyre.



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE, LONG
BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

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 - 15th March 2022 - Cost £6.00

Menu

Chicken in White wine,
Cream and Leek sauce,
Vegetables, new potatoes
Fruit Crumble & custard or
Cream
+Cheese and Biscuits
Tea/Coffee

Further Dates for 2022

19th April
17th May
21st June
19th July
20th September
18th October
15th November
13th December

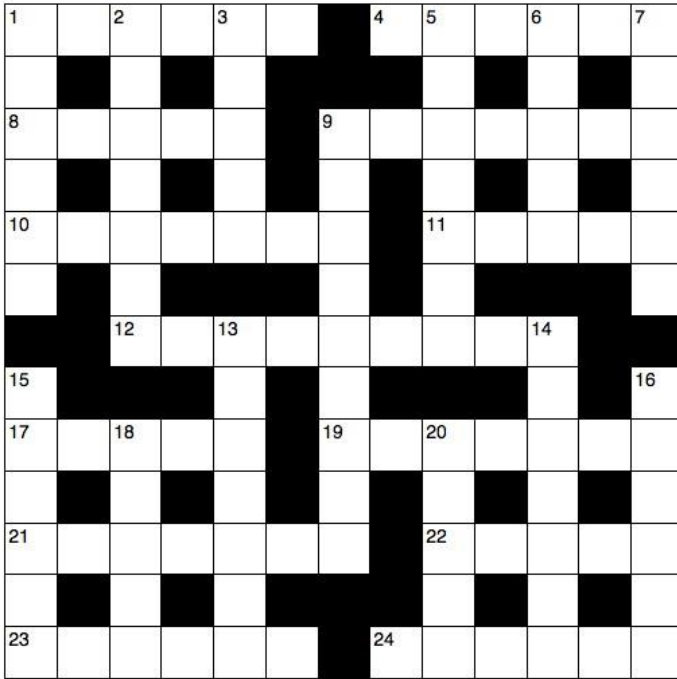
Next lunch—19th April 2022

**Roast Beef, Yorkshire puddings, Vegetables and Roast potatoes
Apple cinnamon pie & custard or cream**

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.



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Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Medium

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Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

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

Down

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

SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

Welcome March! The flowers are all pushing their way through the ground, the trees and hedgerows are in bud, the bird song is deafening and the lambs are jumping about in the fields. The first day of Spring is on 20th and the clocks go forward on 27th which is also Mothering Sunday. What's not to like?

Breakfast Church

Breakfast Church will take place again at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 13th March
. All ages are invited to this informal service in the Village Hall.

St Martin's Floodlight Sponsors for March:

Granary Cottage

Diane James

Roy and Stephen Symes in memory of their Mum Nesta's birthday.

The Epplestone girls in memory of their parents,

John Epp on his birthday (4th) and Bee Epp's birthday on 9th.

Jo Warren for her Mum

Virginia McShane's, special birthday

And for all the Mothers of today and yesterday

Thank you all so much for your generous donations. St Martin's is very grateful to you all for your generosity.

If anyone would like to light up the church for a special occasion, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated)

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to [https://
shiptongorgediary.co.uk/](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

February 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st £25 No 117 Andrew Haydon
2nd £10 No 62 Tony Lock
3rd £5 No 8 Chris and Ruth Nunn

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge Village Society

A date for your diary . . .

2nd June 2022



*Plans are being drawn up for a full day of events in the village
to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

*The organisers are holding their next planning meeting
at the village hall on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm.*

*Please come along to offer your support . . . and get
involved!*



Artsreach presents
Kevin, King of Egypt

Saturday 5th March 2022, 7:30pm, Shipton Gorge Village Hall DT6 4LZ

The story of an unlikely friendship between an escaped mental health patient and a lost six-year old. Kevin Haggerty is not pleased about his diagnosis, even less pleased about being on a section of the Mental Health Act, and distinctly upset about being told he is not the reincarnation of the pharaoh Ramses II. On his way to Egypt, via the Tesco Express, he stumbles across the nemesis to all his plans: Millie – a child who seems to have been mislaid. Together they embark on a journey that will change both their lives forever.



Rob has won over twenty awards for his solo shows and has performed with Harold Pinter, Sue Townsend, Jo Brand, Sarah Millican and Frankie Boyle. He also goes on to mental health units to help in-patients create their own comedy and poetry.

“Stunningly funny and compassionate.” Hereford Times

Tickets £10, £5 (u18s) – suitable 16+ (show contains strong language and adult themes)

Tickets online at www.artsreach.co.uk / by phone 01308 897407

Cash bar

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club - the winner in the February draw was Jo Warren – congratulations Jo! A bottle of Conker Gin has been delivered.

Saunders Richardson Wood – the work parties in early February were very productive. The forecast on the Sunday was for rain, but thankfully this did not materialise and the team and volunteers were able to sit down for refreshments late morning which included some lovely Victoria sponge cake! The Bridport Tree Planting Group donated a number of saplings for planting in the wood – including Rowan, Bird Cherry, Hornbeam and Field Maple - and hopefully by the end of February, these should have all been planted.



Rather than introducing plastic into the wood, brush halos have been created around the saplings to deter deer and rabbits from enjoying the new introductions! For those not familiar with this term – here is one – and yes, there is a sapling in the middle. Further saplings and some more established trees will be arriving soon.

Also, due to the warmer than normal temperatures, there are lots of fungi around including the rather lovely Elf Cap fungus.



There will be a work party on Sunday 13th March - aiming to run between 10am and 1pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help – please come along. Due to insurance restrictions, this is a members' only event, but membership is FREE, is open to ALL Shipton Gorge residents, and we can sign you up on the day.

If you would like to sponsor one of the new trees, or you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website:

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 – MARCH 2022

Our **Annual Litter Pick and Spring Clean** will be held on Saturday 9th April, as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Meet at the New Inn at 10am as usual. If there are any areas that you think need particular attention then do let us know.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm as usual. The **Annual Parish Assembly** will be on 27th April so put this in your diary – more details next month.

Sadly the Ash tree on the green triangle at **Bonscombe Lane** has Ash die-back and so is being replaced with an English Oak, kindly donated by Barbara West. We are expecting this to be done on Tuesday 8th March. Access for residents will be maintained but expect some short delays.

The **Parish Council's Precept** for the coming year 2022/23 was agreed at our January meeting and we are pleased to tell you all that it will be the same as the current year with no increase in funding requested.

Our **Rights of Way Officer**, Wally Axford, has finally obtained a new supply of footpath and bridleway marker signs so please let him know if you know of any that are missing or broken and need replacing on our footpaths or bridleways. Contact him on 01308-425781

The Parish Clerk, Paula Biss, can be contacted at clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk
[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Parish of St Mary the Virgin,
Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe



Notice Of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Sunday 3rd April 2022 after the 10.30 service. The meeting should start at approximately 11.45 am. The meeting will be subject to any COVID restrictions applicable at the time.

Church Electoral Roll Revision 2022

Notice of revision of the Church Electoral Roll, prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 3rd April, is displayed in the church porch. If your name is already included in the current roll no action is required.

If you wish to have your name added to the roll, and meet the criteria, you should complete an application form, available in the church, and return it either to me or to one of the churchwardens by 6th March.

Jane Stubbs
Electoral Roll Officer

The Church Fete

The church fete team is searching for an additional and willing helper for the fete team.

The Role:

The church fete is an annual event held in early August in the rectory gardens, offering lots of fun, stalls, games, children's entertainment, cream

teas, a grand draw and raffles, accompanied by background music. It is organised and managed by an enthusiastic team of seven parishioners, motivated to ensure that we can enhance the facilities of St. Mary's. We need to replace our member who organised and managed the games. The games are used on several occasions during the year, and stored close to the rectory gardens.

We can provide more information, and invite you to come and talk - please phone 897043.

Burton Bradstock Burial Ground

Readers will recall the article included in the BVN in March 2020 the essence of which was as follows:

“The Burial Ground on Shipton Lane is an important part of the village, but one which is not well known except to a small number of villagers and visitors. Although it is away from the church and churchyard it currently remains the responsibility of the church. It is a considerable logistical and financial burden on the congregation. The Burial Ground is an interesting, relaxing and peaceful place to visit and it is well worth walking to the top. There you will see that there are only a few spaces now left for burials and that it will be necessary for the village to think about future provision. The Rector would be pleased to receive any views about possible ways of addressing this problem”.

To date no responses have come forward. Since that time more burials have taken place and the situation must now be addressed. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has instigated investigations to establish what courses of action are available and which one would be most appropriate. In the meantime, the PCC have agreed that it will no longer be possible to reserve grave spaces. The PCC is holding discussions with the Parish Council and the views of parishioners would still be very much welcomed

Rector: Revd. Jane Williams (898799)

Churchwardens: Chrissie Bailey (897603), Peter Broomhead (897408)

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

The Village Hall is fully open for all activities. There are no firm covid restrictions in place, masks are optional, but sanitising equipment remains in place for all to use as they see fit.

Most users are sensibly limiting numbers to their events as appropriate.

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 (01308) 897648.



Burton Bradstock Films



Burton Bradstock films will bookend March with two films to make up for none in February.

On **TUESDAY 1 March 2022 OFFICIAL SECRETS** will be the next film in the Village Hall. The story goes back to 2003 in the lead up to the Iraq War. A British Intelligence specialist turns whistle blower and leaks the contents of a memo she has received about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN into sanctioning the Iraq invasion. This is a must watch film if you would like to witness the reality behind war crime intentionally created by world superpowers. Keira Knightly excels as Katharine Gunn, the whistle blower, in the retelling of a daunting act of courage.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 3 March 2022

On **FRIDAY 25 March '1917'** will be on the screen. Unlike the usual war film this is a story of two Lance Corporals tasked with crossing over into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1600 of their fellow comrades including the brother of one of them. The story is loosely based on the wartime experiences of the director's grandfather and has been variously described as riveting as well as exhilarating. **This film will only be shown at Burton Bradstock**

For both films doors open at 7.00 pm, the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be purchased beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or at the door on the night, if available.

Bride Valley Films will be showing NOMADLAND on Thursday 31 March

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings are now being run by the various Village groups. The next 2 dates are shown below, both running from 10:00am to 12:00midday.

The format will be similar to recent ones, numbers will be limited for confidence reasons.

Wed 16th March run by the School

Wed 13th April run by St Mary's Church

In addition, an extra Coffee Morning has been arranged for Sat 26th March from 10:00am to 12:30pm to give people who may have recently moved to the Village an opportunity to both mingle with regulars and hear about the various activities that go on in the Village, hopefully by the groups that run them.

The Hall is warm and welcoming, coffee and cakes are good, please bring the family along.

Spring Quiz

Good news, the Spring Quiz is back on the agenda, run by Sue Moores and David Edwards this popular event is not to be missed.

It will be held on Sat 9th April, numbers will be limited to 10 tables (teams) of 6, entry will be £10 per person which will include a hot jacket potato meal with a choice of fillings.

Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office on Wed 16th March in batches of 6 for a team. A small number of tickets will be reserved for individuals or pairs of people who do not have a team to join. These can be requested by contacting Richard Ferre after 16th March on 897648 or rwferre99@gmail.com

Once a team has purchased their tickets' they should also contact Richard to book a table and register their meal preferences.

These quizzes are very popular and often sell out quickly, be warned.

Village Hall Trust AGM

The 2022 AGM will take place live (not Zoom) on Thursday 24th March at 7:30pm in the Hall. Doors open at 7:15pm. There will be short presentations on 2021 activities and finances, plans for 2022 and elections, followed by a free glass of wine and light nibbles. All who live in the Village are welcome, this is your Village asset and we welcome any questions and suggestions of ways to improve it.

Seating will be well spaced and the Hall well ventilated.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

February 2022 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st £39.00	No 70:	Mrs Susan Harrison
2nd £19.50	No 119:	Mrs Stephanie Skinner
3rd £9.75	No 66:	Mr Peter Broomhead

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2022 draw

VILLAGE WELCOME COFFEE MORNING

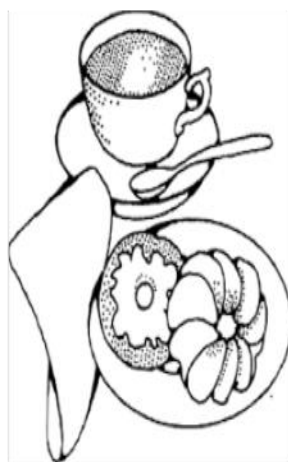
Saturday 26th March ~ 10.00 - 12.30

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

A Coffee Morning is being especially organised on a Saturday. The date is the 26th March, in Burton Bradstock's Village Hall. It will provide an opportunity for all villagers, whether working or retired, young or young at heart, to welcome the many new people who have moved into our lovely village in the last couple of years.

Without the untimely interruption of the Coronavirus, we're sure we would have had many opportunities to meet and get to know all of the new faces. However, better later than never, we will be opening the Hall doors from 10am until 12.30pm and hope that many of you, whether well-established or just settling in, will choose to come along and enjoy catching up with old friends and making new ones.

As well as an opportunity to enjoy some lovely cakes and coffee or tea, we hope to have some of the village's groups and societies represented and many of the Hall users too.



Look out for more details on Posters around the village and on the village Website and Facebook. If you would like to represent your group or society or require further information, please email fionalomax55@hotmail.com or telephone 897864.

Artsreach in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Sunday 27th March at 7.30pm

***Nosferatu* ...shown and accompanied by MINIMA**

This is the Classic Silent film from 1922 with live musical accompaniment. It was produced by Prana Film and is an adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel Dracula. It was first shown in March 1922 and therefore celebrates its centenary this month.



This is a rare opportunity to see the classic film but also to experience a live musical score played by Minima. They are a Bristol-based four-piece group who specialise in playing original live soundtracks to silent films, with instrumentation including cello, double bass, baritone guitar, acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, autoharp, dulcimer, synthesizer, glockenspiel and drum kit. Their sound is unique and no backing tracks or pre-recorded materials are used in their performances.

For further details see their website at <http://www.minimamusic.co.uk>

Adult tickets £10, under-18s £5, family ticket £25. If possible please purchase your tickets online at <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on>, or phone (01308) 897421.

If you enjoy Artsreach and would like to help our team of volunteers maintain this service for the Village please give us a ring on 897421, we will be pleased to hear from you!

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme

On 14th January Tim Laycock, a professional storyteller and musician, who has been working with traditional folk tales, stories, and songs for more than 35 years focussing on his native Dorset, entertained us with his tales and singing, which included getting us all to join in. It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening for all and I am sure we would love to have him back again.

Our next talk is on Friday, 18th March entitled "A West Dorset Safari", speaker Bob Ayres. Bob is well known to most of us, and has given many highly entertaining talks to us before. This one is a light-hearted look at the 'Virtual Animal Kingdom that abounds in West Dorset', and will be looking at the animal derivations and signs all over our bit of the county.

Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees' use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

Due to ever increasing speaker costs, and, for the time being at least, reduced numbers, we have reluctantly decided to increase the charge for the talks to £1.50 for members, and £5.00 for non members, these increases will apply from the April talk onwards.

Membership

April is when our new year starts, and when annual subscriptions become due. The membership fee is NOT increasing, and remains at the bargain price of £5.00. 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. Our Bank has now decided to treat us as a Charity and as such has introduced a monthly charge and charges for cash and cheque transactions. For that reason, wherever possible we would like to collect subscriptions via bank transfer, though cash and cheques will be still acceptable. The more though that come via Bacs the more of our funds can go into something worthwhile. Finally, the whole system will depend on those of us using Bacs to put their name in the reference box on their bank's form and letting the Secretary know that they have paid. We know

that this sounds like belt and braces but we are anxious that there is no confusion.

AGM and Flower and Cake Sale

The date for the AGM is Friday 13th May at 7pm in the Village Hall and the Flower and Cake sale is on the following morning, 14th May. Gardeners, can you start growing some for us please, flowers that is, not cakes?

Flower and Produce Show 2022

This year's ever popular Flower and Produce show will take place on Saturday 16th 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". The schedule for the show is just being finalised, and more details will follow shortly. If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on the above number.

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

It is lovely to see how many people are taking advantage of all the resources our Library has to offer. The Library continues to open from 2 00–4 00pm on Monday and Saturday afternoons and 10.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesday mornings. We are still encouraging visitors to wear masks, sanitise their hands, and respect others' space.

Regretfully two of our Trustees who have been involved in providing the library service for many years are taking this opportunity to retire and possibly find other avenues for their energies. If you are interested in joining the small management team, or would just like more information, please give me a call, 07887 533408.

We are currently looking into ways that we can safely train new volunteers, which has been difficult with all the restrictions over the last couple of years. If you are interested in becoming part of our friendly team, please leave your name at the desk or contact me on the above number.

The service our library offers has never been better. Whether you like books, e-books, e-audio books, e-newspapers, e-magazines or e-comics, they are all available FREE with your library card. We also have our own Jigsaws to lend, DVDs, for a small donation, photo copying and laminating services.

If you are not already a “Friend”, and would consider becoming one, membership forms are available in the Library or from our website.

Contact information:

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk
www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art - 16th to 19th August

Since the last full Village Festival, pre Covid, in 2019, four of the six trustees, and a number of leading members of the Organising Committee, have retired or moved away. We are most grateful to them all for their excellent service.

I am delighted to be able to say that a number of others have now stepped forward to contribute, and that we are now busy planning for this year’s Festival. Jenny Malyon has generously taken over as Chair of the Organising Committee, Keith Britton as Treasurer, and Chris Sundt as Secretary.

A Spring Concert will take place in the church on the evening of 20th May. The Festival itself will take place from 16th to 19th August, accompanied, as usual, by an exhibition of work by local artists in the village hall.

Details are still being worked out, but please hold the dates in your diaries. We are very pleased and excited to be planning for the Festival’s return.

David Jenkins

Chair Festival Trustees



Burton Bradstock WI



At our February meeting our members really enjoyed being whisked away, albeit only virtually, to lands far away when Mike Spencer came and gave an illustrated talk about the Galápagos Islands. It was interesting to hear how the islands were formed by volcanic eruptions, how all the wildlife came to be on the islands and also how man has changed the ecosystem and the impact it has had on the islands. By the end of the talk it seemed that

everyone had been on a tour of the islands – so nice to “go away” for an hour or so when many of us have not even left Dorset for a long time let alone travelled abroad due to the Pandemic. Thank you Mike for bringing a change of scene into our lives and the hope that we may soon be able to return happily and safely to some travels further afield.

It is good to report that as Covid seems, at last, to be in decline so our members feel happier about opening up some more of our group activities. Having said that our “Busy Bees” have been crafting away for a few months now and have enjoyed some (socially distanced) sessions with plenty of chatting – and plenty of tea and biscuits to help them along the way.

The Book Club are probably meeting via Zoom this month as some of the members of this group still have to be extra careful to avoid Covid.

We are entering a team into the Dorset District Indoor Kurling Competition on 9th March so we have started to have a few practices as it is a long time since we have played. We are lucky enough to have our own indoor kurling set – nothing like the equipment you might have seen recently at the Winter Olympics, no ice needed for a start!! The stones have ball bearings underneath and are therefore capable of travelling at some speed across the smooth floor of the village hall!! We had learnt to adjust our throws so that the stones didn't go shooting off past the target – something we shall have to get used to again most probably. All good fun though!! There are several WIs from the local area taking part in the competition which is being held in Portesham, so fingers crossed that we perform well enough to get through to the final at the end of March.

Also at the end of March we shall be having our customary Spring Lunch again. We have had to cancel this event for the past two years due to Covid so it will be nice to get it back on the road again. We normally invite the other WI's in the Bride Valley to join us on this occasion but I am sure they will understand that we have decided to stick to an “in-house” event this year and will look forward to inviting them back next year when, hopefully, things will be back to normal.

Our meeting on 8th March will be the one when we think of our environment and what we can all do to make a difference. Our speaker will be Cheryl Weeks, the daughter of one of our members, who runs a fantastic Zero Waste shop in Wareham called “ Bare Necessities”. We are looking forward to finding out about how the shop was started up and also how we, ourselves, can reduce the amount of single use plastic in our everyday lives. Every little bit helps!!

Janet Pearson 01308 898346

Thank You!

The Post Office and Village Shop were commendably soon back in operation after the brief encounter with COVID. Gill, Pete and Laura were very grateful to all who came in response with good wishes and lots of purchases.

The Friends of the Post Office and Village Shop are sure there is a well of goodwill towards this business, which has served us so well during the pandemic, especially the way it has provided the service of free home delivery for orders over £10.

Elsewhere the number of village shops is dwindling, as they continue to close. To ensure this does not happen to the Burton shop and it prospers, **PLEASE, PLEASE** make full use of the Post Office and Village Shop and buy all you reasonably can from them each week.

Let's do it and thank you.

John Grantham, Coordinator, on behalf of all the Friends of the Post Office and Village Shop

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 jal84910@gmail.com for more details, or call (01308) 897304.



LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club

January 2022 Draw

£30.00 No. 139 A. and J. Handoll
£15.00 No. 133 B. and A. Peppiatt
£ 5.00 No. 1 J. Cain

Drawn on 31. 1. 2022 at the Village Hall following the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council

Annual Village Spring Clean Saturday 12th March @ 10.00am

If you would like to join the Annual Village Spring Clean, then please meet outside the Village Hall at 10.00 am.

Following the Spring Clean, the monthly Coffee break will be underway so why not celebrate your hard work with a piece of cake and a coffee or tea.

If you would like further information or have a question, then please e mail the Parish Clerk on krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy exists on the Long Bredy and Kingston Russell parish council for a **co-opted councillor**.

The role is interesting, not too onerous and is a valuable contribution to the wellbeing and governance of the local community.

If you think you would find this interesting and want to learn more, **contact without obligation**, the Parish Clerk, Tara Bailey at krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday March 28th at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Bells

In common with many towers throughout the country, the bells of St Peter's Church were rung for an hour on Sunday February 6th in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Our excellent team of ringers did her proud and the bells sounded wonderful. Thank you.

Coffee Break

The next Coffee Break links with the Village Spring Clean on **Saturday March 12th** from **10.30 to 12 noon** in the Village Hall but you don't have to 'clean for your coffee'!

There will be the usual choice of savouries, cakes, biscuits and drinks for anyone to enjoy over village chat and a chance to get warm by the fire if the weather is horrible.

Plant Sale

This is advance notice for the annual Plant Sale in May. If you are sowing seeds and could sow a few extra for the sale, they would be much appreciated, as would any plants which you are splitting or moving out.

The sale usually attracts a lot of purchasers and so the more we have to sell, the better, especially of any unusual plants or varieties. Sue Dyer - 482882 - will be happy to answer queries, receive donations etc.

The Long Bredy & Kingston Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be held on Friday, 3rd June.

In the week prior to the 3rd we are looking forward to everyone decorating the outside of their houses and/or gardens. A special guest will be doing a drive around on Wednesday, 1st June and a prize will be given to her favourite.

From 10.30am on the Friday all skippers to bring your decorated boats to show and be judged and there will be boats to race, first race 11am. Morning coffee will be available at the finishing line.

Following on from this will be a picnic lunch in the playing field (bring your own picnic, chairs, table and rugs). Cream teas, cakes and ice cream will be available and for those energetic souls amongst us there will be an afternoon of games to take part in. At the end of the afternoon will be the prize giving with our special guest.

To finish off the day, the 'Come Along Inn' will be open from 5.30pm with a simple BBQ and live music.

CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Sudoku Easy Solution

3	8	2	5	6	7	1	9	4
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9	6	5	2	8	4	7	1	3

Sudoku Medium Solution

3	6	7	2	9	1	5	8	4
9	1	2	5	8	4	6	3	7
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DIARY, MARCH 2022

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Film Night— Official Secrets	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thursday	3rd	7.30pm	Film Night— Official Secrets	LATCH
Friday	4th	2—3pm	Tots Time—every Friday during term time.	St Mary's Burton Bradstock
Saturday	5th	7.30pm	Artsreach Kevin King of Egypt	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Tuesday	8th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wednesday	9th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Saturday	12th	10am	Village Spring Clean	Long Bredy Village Hall
		10.30	Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
Tuesday	15th	1pm	Puncknowle Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wednesday	16th	10— 12.30pm	Coffee Morning	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Friday	18th	5.30pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Saturday	19th	9.30 - 12.30	Village Café in aid of Dementia UK	LATCH
Monday	21st	7.30pm	Gardening Club	LATCH
Friday	25th	7.30pm	Bingo	Latch
		7.30pm	Film Night - 1917	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sunday	27th	7.30pm	Arts Reach NOSFERATU	Burton Village Hall
Monday	28th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Long Bredy Village Hall
Thursday	31st	7.30pm	Film Night— NOMADLAND	LATCH



SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MARCH 2022

	1st Sunday 6th March 1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday 13th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday 20th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	4th Sunday 27th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8am Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday Benefice Holy Communion with ashes at St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock at 11.30

The weekly telephone service, created by a member of the Bride Valley Benefice team, is available on 01308 293062