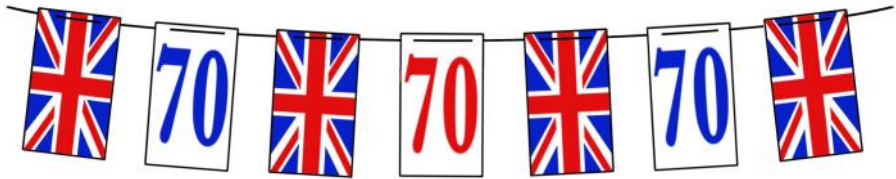


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The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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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

The beginning of June this year marks two significant events. The first of these is the Queen's platinum Jubilee, for which celebration events are being planned in communities across the country. In our own villages there are activities taking place right across the Bride Valley and these offer us a great opportunity to meet friends old and new and bring communities together.

This is the first time that any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee, and after 70 years on the throne very few of us will even be able to remember anything other than living in Elizabethan times.

The Queen's reign has been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society and in the world. Her coronation was credited with kick-starting the television age, now screens are just about everywhere. Her first Christmas broadcast in 1952 was only on the radio, her latest in 2021 could be watched on Tik Tok or heard on Amazon Alexa!

The Queen has been a constant presence in an ever-changing world and it is testament to her humility and service that, though scandals may have rocked her family and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many.

Though the majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one moment that was deemed too sacred to broadcast (even if that is a decision that you can't imagine television executives making today!). This was the moment when the symbols of her status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil.

The Queen has spoken since of how this moment was the most significant one of her life, as in humility she was dedicated to a life of service and called to follow the example of Jesus who himself gave his life for others.

It seems very fitting to me that the other significant celebration taking place on the first weekend in June is the feast of Pentecost. This is when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together and fills each and every one of us with the guiding presence of God.

The early Christians, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, dedicated their lives to one another. As the book of Acts puts it:

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.”
Acts 4.32-34

As we approach this weekend with its multitude of celebrations may we all be inspired – whether by the Holy Spirit, by the many years of humble service of her Majesty the Queen, or both – to dedicate our lives to the service of our fellow humans, in our own communities and around the world.

With every blessing,

Jane

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding Blessing

Alex Miloserdovs and Russel Hewes Shipton Gorge 14th May

Cremation

Joyce Hyde Burton Bradstock 6th May

Funerals

Geoffrey Howlett Shipton Gorge 20th May

Mary Anderson Litton Cheney 24th May

Bernard Watts Long Bredy 30th May

Source to Sea is the weekly pew sheet produced for the churches of the Bride Valley. It includes useful contact details, service details, prayers and readings as well as some weekly reminders of what’s on. If you would like to receive a copy via email, please request this-

from: bvchurchesta@outlook.com

You can also find out about the life of the churches via our Facebook page: [Bride Valley Churches | Facebook](#)

Our Night Sky in June 2022

Jupiter will be rising in the East about 0230, followed by Mars, but Venus will be lost in the dawn sky. This is the month of the shortest nights, so you have to be pretty dedicated to wait for a dark sky, which does not last long!

The James Webb telescope has been sending back some astonishing pictures, even before it has fully cooled down its instruments to just short of Absolute zero. It will then be able to peer through dust clouds to image what objects lie behind in the infra red part of the spectrum. On March 11, the Webb team completed the stage of alignment known as “fine phasing.” At this key stage in the commissioning of Webb’s Optical Telescope Element every optical parameter that has been checked and tested is performing at, or above, expectations. The team also found no critical issues and no measurable contamination or blockages to Webb’s optical path. The observatory is able to successfully gather light from distant objects and deliver it to its instruments without issue.

While the purpose of the first clear image was to focus on the bright star at the centre for alignment evaluation, Webb's optics and NIRCam are so sensitive that the galaxies and stars seen in the background show up. At this stage of Webb’s mirror alignment, known as “fine phasing,” each of the primary mirror segments have been adjusted to produce one unified image of the same star using only the NIRCam instrument. Although there are months to go before Webb ultimately delivers its new view of the cosmos, achieving this milestone means the team is confident that Webb’s first-of-its-kind optical system is working as well as possible.

Over the next six weeks, the team will proceed through the remaining alignment steps before final science instrument preparations. The team will further align the telescope to include the Near-Infrared Spectrograph, Mid-Infrared Instrument, and Near InfraRed Imager and Slitless Spectrograph. In this phase of the process, an algorithm will evaluate the performance of each instrument and then calculate the final corrections needed to achieve a well-aligned telescope across all science instruments. Following this, Webb’s final alignment step will begin, and the team will adjust any small, residual positioning errors in the mirror segments.

Remember, all this is taking place a million miles from Earth. I never cease to be astonished by the brilliance of the scientists and engineers responsible for this amazing technology.

Bill Turnill

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 the Library will be OPEN over the Jubilee Weekend
on Saturday 4th and Monday 6th June.**



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 both inside and outside the library, and the public PCs are 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



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

We ask customers to wear face coverings if possible and to hand sanitise.

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

For library enquiries during opening hours please ring (01308) 897563



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



MAY Review

Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig

Some of us decided straight away this was not a book for them for a variety of reasons. One or two of us found the subject matter upsetting, some of us started it but gave up - but enough of us did finish it and took away helpful and interesting things from it. We did wonder if this was a book you would actually recommend to someone suffering from depression and whether it would be of more help to someone who was supporting a friend or family member.

Personally I thought Matt Haig was trying to give us an honest account of what happened to him - quite suddenly - on the island of Ibiza - when he was in his early twenties - working a summer job alongside his girlfriend. Whether the all night partying and general hedonism played a part in triggering his depression - we just do not know. He describes his childhood and adolescence acknowledging his 'thin skin' and lack of confidence. Was the foundation for his depression innate - or did the environmental Ibiza lifestyle "cause" the mental illness? However he leaves us in no doubt that this was a very serious mental health interlude. Haig becomes suicidal and has to exit the island with his girlfriend and return home to be cared for by his parents. The author was lucky to be surrounded and supported by his family, friends and his girlfriend. He describes things which were helpful to him but also acknowledges that what worked for him might not be right for other depression sufferers. He very much gives the impression that he has learned to live with depression, a condition which ebbs and flows, for him it never completely goes away. There is no magical cure - and whilst medication works for some people - it did not really work for him.

Some of us felt that "Reasons to Stay Alive" was veering towards the style of a self help book especially when he used lists. Given that most of us knew or had supported someone with this condition we did agree that we lack the vocabulary to talk about depression. Indeed some sufferers benefit from so called "talking cures" whilst for others this is almost impossible to contemplate.

Biddy wrote "This topic is extremely important as suicide is responsible for more deaths in young people under the age of 35 than any other cause. More women suffer from depression but men are three times more likely to

take their own lives. Matt Haig says ‘ If I can prevent one unnecessary death it is worth it’. Depression can lead to isolation and feeling bad about oneself - but is a common condition and it is important for sufferers to know that they are not alone - many famous and creative people have endured depression. Self care is vital, short term activities and social contact can help but therapy can provide longer term help in working through feelings and problems. “

The following list was suggested for those in need:-

StayAlive app - helpful suggestions and strategies
SOBS (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide) 0300 111 5065
Samaritans 24 helpline 116 123
Papyrus Hopeline UK (for those under 35) 0800 068 4141
Silver line Helpline (for those aged 60+). 0800 470 8090
No Panic Helpline (for sufferers of panic attacks) 0300 772 9844

Biddy Harling and Liz Pinfield.



Bride Valley WI



Kingston Maurward gardens on a beautiful evening in May was the venue for our May meeting. The Head Gardener, took us on a tour of the Gardens and we learnt, not only about the plants and trees, but also the history of this site. The views are amazing from different parts of the formal gardens to the impressive lake complete with swans and cygnets. Well worth a visit!! Of course we finished our evening off with tea and cake and a wander round the gift shop!!!!



Our monthly evening walks are proving popular and different members take us on some of their favourite strolls round our beautiful local countryside. As you can see our doggie friends come too.

This one , led by Meryl, took us to see the Lime Kiln

Our skittles team have only 2 more home matches to play in the first round of the County Skittles League and by the beginning of July will know whether we will progress to round 2!! We are having lots of practice nights when more of our ladies are having a go at skittles—it's a fun evening with lots of laughs and good company.



In June we are having a go at Archery in Litton with Paul Kingston who will be taking us through the technical details and then letting us see what we can do so it could be an interesting evening!!!

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



Bride Valley Gardening Club



FLOWER and GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW

Tea - Coffee - Cakes

Saturday 2nd July

2.00 pm at

Litton Cheney Village Hall

Free Entry

This is your chance to be the judge of the members' exhibits and vote for your favourites, so come & join in the fun!



Bride Valley Gardening Club



Our June meeting will be held at **LATCH** on **Monday 20th** at **7.30pm** when Phil Gamble will be talking about **'The Herbaceous Border'**.

On Monday July 18th Joy Michaud will be talking on **'Year round use of protective cropping in greenhouses and tunnels'**

A date for your diaries: our **Flower and Garden Produce Show** takes place in **LATCH** on **July 2nd** at **2.00pm** (Free entry). All are welcome, the members' exhibits are judged by the visiting public; tea, scones and home-made cakes will be available.

Jobs to do in June

Plant out pot-grown dahlias and cannas; tender summer bedding; half-hardy annuals and tender perennials in containers.

Sow foxgloves in pots.

Support young sweet pea plants; train clematis and climbing roses.

Cut back herbaceous perennials early this month to make them sturdier and stockier. If you have several plants leave some uncut to stagger flowering.

You might like to give some of your houseplants a holiday by putting them outside in a shady spot for the summer – succulents, however, need a lot of light.

Keep sowing salad vegetables and French beans.

Plant out runner beans against supports, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes and sweetcorn. Plant out brassicas and protect them from birds and caterpillars

Sow annual herbs like basil, parsley and coriander. Make more rosemary and sage plants by taking cuttings.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



For June's edition of the Bride Valley News, I asked two of our Year Six pupils, Jaxson and Immy, to write our article:

This term everyone has been working hard and have done lots of fun activities. Last week, Year 6 did their SATs and we're sure they have all done amazingly well!

Owls have painted portraits of the Queen for the Jubilee and also made bug hotels which can be found in the Churchyard. We also hope the Owls have an amazing time on their residential at PGL this week.

Kingfishers have made ocean drums out of rice and paper plates; they sounded like the waves brushing against the sand.

Robins have learnt all about healthy food and they drew their ideal meal on paper plates.

Wagtails have enjoyed their Seaside topic. They learned about crabs and told us lots of interesting facts about them. The most interesting crab they told us about is the 'Japanese Spider crab' which is also the biggest. They also had an exciting visit from the Coastguard!

The children in Little Chicks preschool have been learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower, they have also planted some.

Overall, all the classes have done some wonderful work!

If you would like to keep up to date with what we are doing at school, please check our website and also our Facebook feed for up-to-date information.

Adam Gough
Headteacher

1: Key Stage 1 Children enjoying craft club



2: Owl class enjoyed 'worm charming' as part of their science work..



3: Our EYFS and Preschool children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the coastguards!





Thorners CE VA School



Although only a few weeks old, this term has been wonderfully hectic. We have held our annual Book Fair, with the children selecting a wide range of titles both for their own reading at home and for the school to purchase. It has been lovely to see children opt for a mixture of classic titles alongside some brand new authors to refresh the school library. The fair raised a considerable sum of money and we are grateful to all who helped man the stalls during that busy week.

Also visiting school has been our local music teacher Mr Randall who has been taking years 3/4/5 and 6 for SAMBA lessons. This is part of the West Dorset Musicianship Programme in which children from ages 7-11 get to try a new instrument/musical style for 12 weeks free of charge and then are offered the chance to take this forward with individual/small group lessons. We are loving the rhythms and pieces we are being taught and hope to put on a small concert to share with parents what we have learnt. To kick start this sequence of lessons we also held a 'stomp' style 'rubbish music' workshop where children performed with dustbin lids and other recycled materials to create an inventive if rather loud set of tunes.

As we enter the summer term, it is also lovely to see more competitions return in various sports. Children have taken part in the High-5 Netball tournament and also the older children have begun their deep water swimming lessons at Bridport Leisure Centre. As well as developing their confidence in deeper water it is also a great opportunity to work in skills such as diving that we cannot practice in our own small school pool.

Preparations are well under way for our Jubilee celebrations and we look forward to sharing images and memories from that in the next issue.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

BRIDPORT MUSEUM IS HIRING HISTORY HELPERS!

On 28 May 2022 Bridport Museum celebrated its 90th Birthday and has a wealth of exciting volunteering opportunities to share.

The Museum is recruiting volunteers to welcome visitors, give ropemaking demonstrations, work in the shop, and steward events and exhibitions. The Museum's volunteer training programme will also help you share the town's heritage with locals and tourists alike.



It's a great way to keep you connected with your local community, expand your learning and have fun.

Emily Hicks, Director said: *'We would love to welcome new recruits this Summer and help make the next 90 years of the Museum's story! New volunteers will be joining a welcoming and friendly team. Opportunities to volunteer are available six days a week including Saturdays. You can join a regular shift or be on our stand-in rota if you aren't looking for a regular commitment.'*

To find out more visit the website, contact visitorservices@bridportmuseum.co.uk, 01308 458703, or drop into the Museum between 10am-4pm to find out more about the different opportunities.

BRIDPORT MUSEUM CELEBRATES ITS 90TH BIRTHDAY!

The Opening of Bridport Museum

Bridport Museum and Art Gallery was founded in 1932 in one of the town's oldest buildings, known as the Old Castle. It was an innovative step for a small industrial town in rural West Dorset. Many much larger places did not have a civic art gallery or Museum in the 1930s. Bridport's good fortune was based upon what the Bridport News called 'Mr Codd's munificent gift' of the building and a collection of his own work together with the civic pride of the council who were willing to fund the conversion of what had been the Conservative Club into a gallery and museum space.

On a Saturday afternoon in May 1932, a large group of Bridport's great and the good gathered for the official opening; to hear the speeches, to see some of the donors and to explore the new gallery and museum. The ceremony took place in the main room on the ground floor which had been set out to house the museum and which already contained 'many objects of interest to not only the archaeologically minded but to the laymen in general'. Later that day the art gallery and museum was opened up for free to the public, although not to children. From then on, admission was charged to adults and to accompanied children.

The ceremony was attended by aldermen and councillors as well as officers of the council (the Borough had a surveyor, electrical engineer and accountant) together with men and women of the town's influential families (Colfox, Gundry, Palmer as well as the Misses Reynolds) and visitors such as the Mayor of Weymouth. The latter responded to his cordial reception in the 'wild and woolly west' by saying that they in Weymouth were always ready to learn as they hadn't yet achieved their own art gallery and museum. He hoped that the museum opened that day would be the success hoped for. Amidst laughter he said, "Your Mayor talked of filling it. Well, if you want a few old fossils ... but there, I suppose you have plenty of your own."

The Mayor welcomed everyone to 'this most unique occasion'. One significant absence was Percy Codd, a long-retired Captain in the Royal Engineers and amateur artist, who had given the building to the Council on condition that the necessary alterations were made so that it could be a gallery and museum. He was represented by a fellow resident of Bath, Mrs WH Hildebrand (and her daughter), who had also loaned paintings to the new gallery to augment the more than 100 pictures that Codd had donated to form the nucleus of what was felt to be 'a charming collection'.

The most famous paintings on display had been loaned by the son of the Pre-Raphaelite painter William Holman Hunt, who had recently come to live in

Walditch. Codd had also compiled a catalogue of the approximately 150 exhibits in the crowded art gallery which was located in the upstairs rooms of The Old Castle.

The entry in the Bridport News

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
Bridport Art Gallery and Museum.**

THE NEW ART GALLERY & MUSEUM
will be Opened at
"THE OLD CASTLE,"
SOUTH STREET,
On Saturday, May 25th, 1932.

The Building will be declared officially opened by

The MAYORESS at 3 p.m.

in the presence of Members of the Town Council and Donors of Pictures and others.

The Public are invited to attend between the hours of six and eight p.m. (no children admitted).

Admission free on this opening day.

The Gallery will thereafter be open to the Public on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission 3d. Children under 14 in charge of an adult 1d.

Dated 19th May, 1932.

Gallery of paintings hung upstairs in the Museum



Speeches focused on thanking the man who had made possible this initiative. Codd although 'a gentleman more closely identified with the town of Beaminster' where his father was vicar for many years, had made a magnificent gift to Bridport and had been instrumental in attracting gifts and loans of paintings from others. It was also felt to be most gratifying that one of the most ancient, and certainly

one of the most picturesque buildings in the borough should be forever the property of the town. It had been feared that when The Old Castle was put up for sale that a modern shop front would take the place of its old mullioned windows. It was now hoped what was inaugurated that day would be the nucleus of a local museum 'on a line with that most satisfactory one at Dorchester'. Major Gundry commented, 'Although the museum exhibits were not numerous they would probably result in other residents and people interested in the ancient borough contributing articles which would prove of intense interest to their descendants'.

With the speeches over, the company proceeded on a tour of inspection through the building, afterwards returning to the main downstairs room where they were guests at tea with the Mayor and Mayoress. The catering was provided by Mr ER George of the Cafe on East Street. And so began the story of Bridport Museum.....

News from Portesham Surgery

Merger with Prince of Wales Surgery

Most of our patients should by now have received word of our plan to merge our surgery with the Prince of Wales surgery. If you've missed your letter, email or text, and haven't been into the surgery recently, we just want to confirm that the main purpose is to give both practices more strength in numbers, particularly in GPs. As many of you know we have been through a particularly tricky few months because of sickness, when at times we have been close to closing the surgery because we haven't been able to find locums to cover our GP sessions. Between our two surgeries we will have six partners, four salaried GPs and several regular locums which should help us over any future difficulties and secure the future of both practices.

There are lots of other advantages too. For example the Prince of Wales surgery has mainly male GPs which will balance our very female team of partners and salaried GPs. We will have a wider pool of nurses to draw on with different areas of expertise, and a bigger team of admin staff to help support the ever-increasing GP workload.

From your point of view you should see very little change. Both sites will continue with the same opening times offering appointments with the same staff as now. You may be offered an appointment at the Prince of Wales site if it is sooner than at Portesham, but it will be your choice whether to travel or wait for an appointment here. Have a look on our website www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk for more "Q&As".

The merger has to go through a formal approvals process but we should have confirmation by the end of June. We plan to arrange an information session after that to give you more information and answer any questions you may have.

Supporting our Unpaid Carers

A carer is anyone who looks after a family member or friend who has a disability, mental or physical illness or who needs extra help as they grow older. Caring's impact on all aspects of life from relationships and health to finances and work can be significant. Whilst many feel that caring is one of the most important things they do, its challenges should not be underestimated. Caring without the right information and support can be tough. It is vitally important that we recognise the contribution carers make to their families and local communities, workplaces and society, and that

The COVID-19 pandemic had a monumental impact on unpaid carers' lives – not only because of the increased amount of care that many provided, but because of the far-reaching effect that providing this level of care has had on unpaid carers. Many people also took on new caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support.

They need to be recognised for the difficulties they are experiencing, respected for all they are doing, and provided with information, and given the support they need to care safely. So during Carers Week (6-12th June) in conjunction with Carers Support Dorset we are aiming to **make caring Visible, Valued and Supported**. Carers Support Dorset are contactable on 0800 368 8349 www.carersupportdorset.co.uk

For more information, advice & support (and especially if you think we may not know that you are a carer) contact our carers' lead Jackie Hicken at the surgery

Health Champions

Many of you will have seen a message from us in April inviting you to become a "Health Champion" for the surgery. We had a fantastic response and have already held three successful meetings where we introduced the idea of health champions, whose role is to extend the scope of the GP surgery out into the community. We are looking at the gaps in need, where patients may be coming to the GP because they don't know where else to go for help, and coming up with ideas on how to reach out based on our new volunteers' interests and passions.

We have chosen three initial projects to get started, and will be adding more as we identify new needs and hopefully as more volunteers come forward with ideas.

Wellness Garden

Our volunteers will be developing an area of the surgery garden as a tranquil place for patients (and staff!) to go to talk, relax and reflect. Patients who may not have their own garden might enjoy coming to do a bit of weeding or planting, patients bumping into old friends at the surgery will have somewhere to sit and catch up, and our care coordinators and social prescribers (see below) can use the space to talk to patients outside of the medical environment of the surgery. The volunteers are meeting at the Surgery on 26th May at 11am to start work and will welcome extra pairs of hands, donations of unwanted tools, plants, garden seats, tool storage, paving slabs, wheelbarrows etc. Contact Portesham.reception@dorsetgp.nhs.uk for more information.

Walk and Talk

Many areas already have health walk groups but as far as we know there is very little in Portesham or the Bride Valley. We have some experienced walk leaders in the group who are meeting at the end of May to plan the first route in early June which will start in Portesham and be a gentle stroll accessible to all. Check our website for more details nearer the time or contact us at the surgery if you are interested in joining in.

Community Buddies

The third project is looking at how to support people in the community who may need a bit of extra help at a time of bereavement, isolation or a life-changing medical condition. We are lucky to have some experienced listeners in the group who plan initially to offer short-term listening (by telephone, zoom or face-to-face depending on preferences).

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects or want to find out more so you can benefit from them, check our website or contact Jackie or Kendal at the surgery.

Care Coordinators and Social Prescribers

Jackie and Kendal have been working as social prescribers at the Surgery for the last two years. Their role is to offer support to our patients with non-clinical needs, and signpost them to other services and organisations which can help (such as accessing care at home and finding a cleaner or home help).

Our care coordinators Mel and Kate are new to us this year. Their role is to support patients with their clinical needs, for example when patients are discharged from hospital and need a package of short or long-term support at home.

If you, or someone you know, needs this kind of support from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Can you help?

We have an increasing number of patients who struggle to get to the surgery for appointments, particularly from Portesham, Abbotsbury and the surrounding area not covered by the Bride Valley Car service. Some patients are paying regularly for expensive taxis or just don't know who to ask for help. If you know if any community schemes or would be interested in helping, please contact the surgery. Thank you!



LITTON CHENEY

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

THURS 26 MAY
- SUN 5 JUNE

BUNTING goes up - the more the merrier.
SCARECROW 'royal guests' make their appearance.
HISTORY TRAIL - see the history of sites around the village.
SCHOOL EXHIBITION in LATCH meeting room. World and royal events, plus key developments in fashion & technology over the past 70 years.
OPENING TIMES: Thurs 26th. 10.00am - 12 noon & 1.30 - 5.00pm
Fri 27th. 2.00 - 4.00pm, Sun 29th. 3.00 - 5.00pm plus refreshments available, Mon 30th. 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tues 31st. 11.00 - 1.00pm, Wed 1st. 4.00 - 6.00pm, Thurs 2nd. 5.00 - 7.00pm.
Sat 4th. 9.00 - 11.00am, Sun 5th. 12 noon - 2.00pm*
*Times subject to staff availability (for info. call 01308 482162)

THURS 26 MAY

VINTAGE VEHICLE DISPLAY 10.00am - 12 noon at LATCH cars, motorbikes and some tractors from 7 decades.
THORNERS SCHOOL CELEBRATION 1.30 - 3.00pm
maypole dancing and teas.
(Free tickets must be booked for this event through office@thorners.dorset.sch.uk 01308 482410)

SAT 4 JUNE

HISTORY WALK 9.30am from LATCH (c. 1.5 hours)
BACON BUTTIES/tea/coffee available at LATCH 9 - 11 am.
JUBILEE DUCK RACE 12 Noon
BBQ at THE WHITE HORSE - Live Music - Bouncy Castle

SUN 5 JUNE

VILLAGE PICNIC 12 Noon - 4.00pm at LATCH
BAKING COMPETITION Jubilee cake/pudding - judging 1.00pm
GRAND DRAW - FIZZ BAR
BRIDPORT BIG BAND music from 7 decades - 2.00pm - 3.00pm

A Jubilee Photo Album of residents outside their houses is being put together.
Trees are being planted at the School, LATCH, Magna Green and other sites.
New Jubilee bench at the Bus Shelter - Present bench moved to Magna Green.

information correct when going to press - check on FB, village website & noticeboards.

LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Tickets for the **Grand Prize Draw** are on sale with all proceeds for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church. The draw will take place at the **Jubilee Picnic Lunch at LATCH** on **Sunday 5th June**. Great prizes to be won, so make sure to buy plenty of tickets! Also in aid of the Church, there will be refreshments available at **LATCH** when the Jubilee Exhibition is open on Saturday 4th from 9.00 – 11.00.

Our church services continue as usual (see back cover of BVN) and all are very welcome!

Parish Council

The Annual Village/Parish Assembly was held on 10th May at which those attending discussed their thoughts on how they envisioned the village developing in the coming years. Thoughts expressed can be found in the minutes of the assembly and on the village website

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 12th July, 7.30 pm at LATCH**. As always, local residents are invited to attend. Presently there is a vacancy on the council, and we are looking for a person willing to do their bit for their local community – no qualifications necessary other than wanting to make a difference for the benefit of others. Interested? – contact Clerk Maggie Walsh or Chairman Bill Orchard – contact details can be found on the village website.

Platinum Jubilee Jubilee celebrations will have already begun by the time you read this!

From 26th May there will be an exhibition representing 70 years of HM The Queen's reign, and put together by the children of Thorner's School, a scarecrow and history trail through the village.

On Thursday 26th May there will be a display of vintage vehicles representing many of those 70 years.

Over the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday period (2nd June to 5th June) there is much going on in and around the area. On **Saturday 4th June**, there is the **Jubilee Duck Race at 12 Noon**, and then its all down to **The White Horse** for a day of fun and frolics including a day-long BBQ, live music, bouncy castle and so much more!

Celebrations continue on **Sunday 5th June with the Platinum Jubilee Village Picnic at LATCH from 12 Noon**. Raise a glass to Her Majesty from the wine list of our own Bride Valley Vineyard, bring your baking confection and compete in the Great Litton Bake competition. Bridport Big Band will serenade us whilst we picnic in splendour, and towards the end of the celebrations winners of the Grand Draw will be announced.

A leaflet will have already been dropped through your letter box setting out the list of Jubilee events, and also providing maps of the scarecrow and history trails. Also available on notice boards, village website and Facebook Pages

A huge round of thanks and applause to all who contributed in some way to Litton's Jubilee celebrations. It has been a wonderful community effort, with many creative talents on display and a willingness to get involved. We know who you are!

Litton Cheney residents, friends and visitors – This is your Jubilee too - Enjoy!



Events at



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall—June

Weekly:

Mondays: 15.30 Big Q Church (term time only)
Wednesdays: 16.30 Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](#))
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)
Fridays: 10.00 to 12 noon - Art Class in Meeting Room – **6-week course starts 17th June.** (Ann Gray: annvgray@hotmail.com)

Specials:

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th – see separate listings, notice boards and village website + leaflet through your door!

Coming up....Saturday 2nd July Bride Valley Garden Club Show

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

Village Exchange – A Plea

As you are aware we have our very own excellent Exchange housed in the Village Kiosk. Please note it is not a depository for boxes of unwanted books; its primary use being an exchange – you bring along a book and exchange it for another book you think you might like to read – the same mechanism is in place for children's toys and seeds. Please consider the willing volunteers who look after this superb facility – they are the ones who have to sort out anyone's misuse of the kiosk. Many thanks.

Full Fibre Broadband Openreach have informed us that they will shortly be continuing the Voucher Pledging Scheme they initiated in 2021 aimed at providing the means of eventually financing the installation of full fibre broadband in the village.

Bench Fund Plans are now in place for benches to be located on Pins Knoll, Chalk Pit Lane and the Vineyard over the coming weeks/months to allow walkers to pause a while when perambulating our beautiful valley. This has been made possible by donations to the Parish Bench Fund. If you would like to donate or would like to know more about the scheme please contact Quentin Blacke at quentin396pc@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW



A special evening of **FIRST CLASS LOCAL** entertainment on
Saturday 8th October 2022

at Litton Cheney Village Hall (DT2 9AU)

In aid of **THORNER'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND DEMENTIA UK**

We are currently recruiting seven VARIETY ACTS for the show, so if you would like to take part

please e-mail patricia123gates@outlook.com or telephone Tricia Gates on 01308 482742 for further information

The White Horse: The Queen's Jubilee & Beyond!



So here we are rushing towards the summer season and we are excited to be part of the village Jubilee festivities. Friday 3rd June is, as always, traditional pub night with fish and chips, happy hour and a grand Jubilee meat and cheese draw. That will be the last meat draw until September.

On Saturday 4th June the Blue ducks get another outing as the village is organising another duck race at around mid day and to support this we have two live bands booked, N.U.M.B. (Never Underestimate Musical Belief) from around 1pm and 20th Century Boys from around 4pm.

We have booked a bouncy castle to keep the children amused although they should be supervised by their parents for safety purposes.

We will also have the BBQ going all day.

We are in the process of organising live music every Sunday afternoon from 3pm from the end of June through to the end of the summer holidays.

As always keep an eye on our Facebook page and blackboards for who's playing when and other events.

Wishing you all well and have a great Jubilee weekend.

Andy and Liz





**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE
& WEST BEXINGTON**
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS



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Puncknowle

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

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

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

No service on the second Sunday

Third Sunday All Age Communion 11am

Fourth Sunday Family Sunday 9.30am

Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.



**Puncknowle Big Jubilee lunch
Sunday 5th June**

11.30-2pm at PS&WB village hall

All welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.

Coffee, tea and squash will be available, please feel free to bring anything else you would like to drink

**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.**

LUNCHES COST £6.00

21ST JUNE 2022

Chicken traybake with roasted vegetables/Lemon Meringue pie.

19TH JULY 2022

Ham or beef with salads/Fruit pavlova with cream

**Future dates - 19 July, 20th September, 18th October,
15th November and 13 December.**

We continue to follow current COVID rules



Swyre Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

**Saturday 4th June
12.00—3pm.**

**Come and join us for a Village get-together in the grounds of Holy Trinity.
Bring your own picnic, tables, chairs, and rugs.**

Tea/coffee/squash provided



PUNCKNOWLE FETE

In aid of St Mary's Church
Held in Puncknowle Manor Gardens
by kind Permission of Sarah and Jim Wild

SATURDAY 23 JULY 2022

2 – 4pm

Grand Draw Cakes Produce Bottle Tombola
Hot Dogs Teas Ice Cream Games Craft
Stalls

Please kindly give any donations for

Bottle Stall to Ross Jones at Greystones 898553

Chocolate Tombola Julie 1 Napier Close 897178

Donations for cakes or produce nearer the fete please

**If you would like to help at the fete
please contact Geoff Truscott on 07800893090**

Madeline Marshall

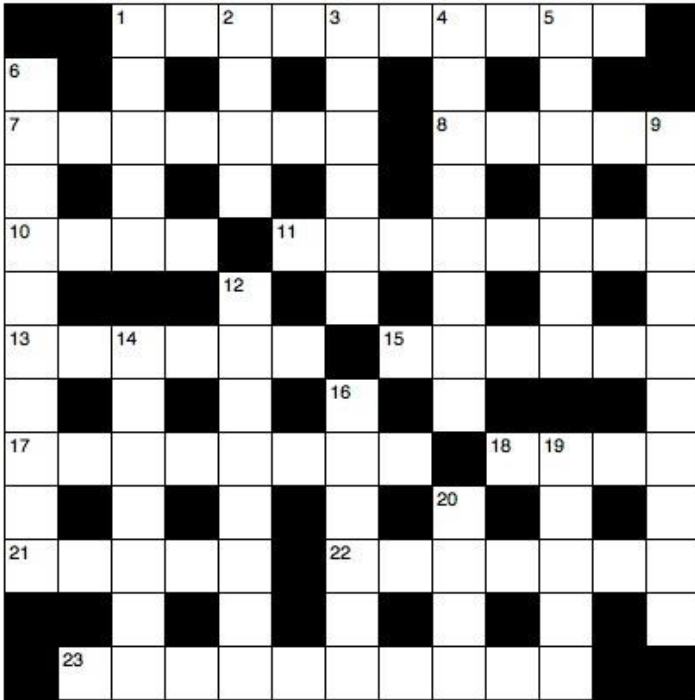
We are holding a memorial service for Madeline on Thursday 4th August at 1.30pm in Swyre Church. It will be followed by burial of both Mum and Dad's ashes together in Peter Yates' field facing the back of their house in Swyre. This will be followed by a cup of tea and cake at Puncknowle Village Hall.



The memorial service is for all those friends who knew Mum (and Dad) down in Dorset, as well as family. All welcome

Many thanks and best wishes
Katie and Andrew

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Sudoku Medium

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Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, – us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and – around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corininthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the – that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no – for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each – group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and – him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

St Martin's Floodlight Sponsors for June:

John & Sue Porter for their daughter Allison's birthday

Kate Kent for Lily Hobby's 10th birthday

Yvette & David for their family

Janet & Brian Dingley for Alison Martin's 50th birthday (in July)

Jane Mallet for Tony's birthday

Ann Jones for son Edward and daughter Susanne's birthday
and in memory of her parents birthdays

For Maureen Morgan

Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory of daughter Beverley

Thank you so much for responding to my appeal for sponsors. Your support is very much appreciated. We still need sponsors for the months ahead so if anyone has a special occasion or a memory and would like to light up the sky (suggested donation of £5) we would love to hear from you. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box.

Breakfast Church

The next Breakfast Church will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 12th June . See pages 36 & 37 for more details. All ages welcome

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

May 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

1 st	£25	No 40	Jean Ayers
2 nd	£10	No 34	Hilary Cunningham
3 rd	£5	No 93	Graham Garner

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge Village Society

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

A full day of events will take place in the village on

2nd June 2022

The day's programme is enclosed with this edition and we hope that you will be able to take part in many of the events

Can you help by baking a cake for the afternoon tea party?

If so, Sally would love to hear from you on 897168 .

And, while the oven's on, why not make the Beacon Tart and enter the competition!

SGVS are looking for new members to come and join our committee. Your added ideas and enthusiasm would be a huge benefit to us and to your village. We are a friendly bunch that I'm sure you will get on with. Why not come along to one of our meetings to see what we do, otherwise if you feel that you could add something to our committee, contact either Sally Parker or myself for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you

Graham Garner
Acting Chairman of SGVS

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club - the winner in the May draw was Nova Varney who was very happy to receive the alcoholic option. This month's selection was a bottle of Mr. Groves violet gin – well done Nova – hope you enjoy it!



Saunders Richardson Wood – On Monday 9th May the wood was open for a morning of tranquility. Residents of the village were invited to enjoy the peace and quiet in the wood, have a leisurely stroll or a sit down if preferred, and to appreciate what a special place we have on our doorstep. It was a lovely warm morning, with the sunlight filtering through the tree canopy and birds singing all around.



The next open day in the wood will be on Sunday 12th June 10.30am to 1pm. Similar format to the May one – but hopefully with some keen volunteers helping to tend to the new saplings.

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.

Shipton Gorge Orchard – The apple blossom is looking lovely – let us hope it is a sign of a healthy crop later in the year. In case you think we have stopped caring for the Orchard - we are embracing the No Mow May campaign – allowing more wildflowers to come through and therefore, increase the variety of insects which they might attract.

Plant Sale - We will be holding a plant sale over the Jubilee bank holiday in June - proceeds to be passed onto the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Any donations of plants will be gratefully received. This will be held on the green triangle at the top end of Cuckoo Lane opposite Rockway. The yellow and blue flags should help you find it!

There are various activities planned in the village over the Jubilee bank holiday – please check for notices, take part and enjoy yourselves – we will not experience another one!

For those who like to plan ahead, we will be holding an Apple Day produce and plant sale in the village hall on 22 October – further details nearer the time.

If 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](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx)

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

PARISH COUNCIL

We are pleased to welcome **two new parish councillors** who were co-opted onto the council at our May meeting, bringing the council up to its full number of nine councillors. So a warm welcome to Eleanor Evans and Allan Evans, we look forward to working with you.

Our **Telephone Book Exchange** has been operating for around four years now and is great village asset, being used and appreciated by residents and visitors. It is a small space, so can we respectfully ask that books are not left on the floor as this becomes a safety hazard and makes it difficult for people visiting. Please take a book to read and if you wish return it later, or replace it with another book, but only if there is room on the shelves. Happy reading everyone!

Following a suggestion at the Parish Assembly, we are starting a **Footpath & Bridleway Project** to check all the 25 rights of way in the parish. Just walking them helps keep them clear but it was felt that we should also check them all for any obstructions, deviations to the route or other issue that arise. **So we are asking for volunteers to help with this.**

Our footpath officer, Wally Axford, is providing a map for each path or bridleway so you can see exactly where to go. The maps will be available in

mid June, so if you are able to help please contact either Christine Huxtable (897519) or Diane James (897151) who will be co-ordinating the project.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge: June 2nd 2022



9:00 am Church opens for people to bring along their jam jars of flowers, for the 'Jam Jar Flower Festival'. (The church will also be open on the previous afternoon for delivery between 3 and 5pm.)



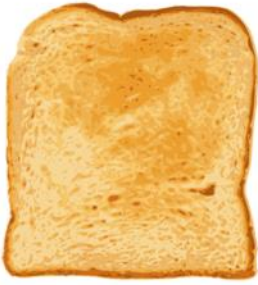
10am A short service of thanksgiving and celebration for the work of The Queen during her 70 year reign.



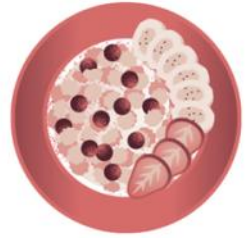
10:30 Jubilee 'brunch' including coffee, tea and croissants will be served, followed by an opportunity to admire the Jam Jar Flower Festival.



10:45 Children's craft activities - some of these will be bookable in advance to ensure we have adequate materials. (Please look out on Facebook and village noticeboards.)



Dates of Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge, 2022



June 12th

July 10th

August 14th

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th

Breakfast Church is a monthly event, held in the Village Hall, starting at 9:30am with a buffet style breakfast, followed by singing, prayers, bible stories and crafts. Come and join in for fellowship and fun - for all ages! For further information, contact bvchurchesta@outlook.com

Why not have a look back through the Bride Valley Churches Facebook page to discover some of the things we get up to?





Nature Hunt: What's in our Churchyard?



In June's Breakfast Church, we will be exploring St Martin's Churchyard (Shipton Gorge) and finding out all about nature we have there!

This is part of June's, Churches Count on Nature project.

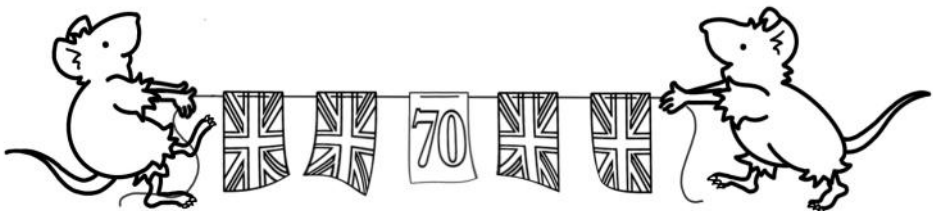
9:30 Breakfast at the Village Hall, followed by activities in the Churchyard!

All are welcome!



Bring any equipment that might help - a sweep net, magnifying glass, bug box, clear tubs, nature spotter's guides etc.

Depending on the weather, you might need raincoats and wellies, or sunhats and suncream! (If the weather is not suitable, we will do some different investigations in church!)



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Burton Bradstock

St Mary's Church Fete – 4 August 2022

Just a reminder that the Church Fete will be taking place in the Rectory Gardens on **Thursday 4 August 2022** from 2pm – 5pm.

There will be all the usual stalls and games, a prize draw, music and children's entertainment as well as teas and other refreshments.

Proceeds will go towards creating a community "Welcome Space" in St Mary's. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

The Church Fete Team

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity.

The Village Hall is fully open for all activities and most regular activities have resumed in one form or another. Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Burton Bradstock Films

Following the showings of 3 films this year to which attendance has been much lower than usual, plus a lack of new and interesting films becoming available, Burton Films will take a break until September, by which time we hope there are more interesting films available to us.

Coffee Mornings

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

Wed 15th June Village Society.

Wed 13th July W.I.

They are popular, good value for money and the cakes are amazing.

Jubilee Fayre

The Hall's annual fund raising event has this year been included in the Village Jubilee celebration programme as "The Burton Bradstock Jubilee Fayre". It will be on Thursday 2nd June between 2pm and 4:15 pm in the Rectory Gardens with cream teas in the Village Hall.

Entry is £1 for adults, children under 12 free.

All the normal popular elements will be there including a wide variety of stalls such as bric-a-brac, books, plants, cakes and fancy goods. There will be a wide range of family games for all ages, including Coconut Shy, Toy Pig Racing, Train Game, Desert Treasure, Splat the Rat and many more.

Cream Teas will be on sale in the Village Hall and Burgers and Ice Creams within the Fayre.

There will be a Grand Jubilee Draw running from 1st May and drawn at the Fayre, 1st prize will be £100 cash, plus many high value vouchers for local business services such as meals, Car service and MOT, food vouchers etc.

For those wishing to donate items for the Fayre such as bric-a-brac, books, DVD's bottles for the bottle tombola etc, the Hall will be open from 2pm until 4pm on Wednesday 1st June. All contributions greatly appreciated.

Jubilee Jamboree

The Village Hall Trust has contributed to the Jubilee events fund and organisation. **In particular the Jubilee Jamboree in the Rectory Gardens Sunday 5th June between 12:00noon and 17:30pm.**

Between 12:00 & 14:30 there will be a programme for Villagers to bring their own picnic and celebrate the Jubilee, along with free children's games with prizes. **Strawberry Jam children's entertainer at 14:00, face painting (free), Tea/Coffee/Biscuit (free), ice cream stall and Burger Bar (not free).**

From 14:30 to 17:30 local bands will play continuously and all are welcome to come and listen. The Burger Bar will continue to operate during this period.

Come and celebrate the long reign of our popular monarch in true Village style.

Exhibition

In addition to the Jubilee Jamboree, on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th June there is a fascinating exhibition in the Village Hall about life in the Village during the 1950's by Sue Moores, entry free for all.

Richard Ferre.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

May 2022 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£39.20	No 190:	Mrs Shelia Fry
2nd	£19.60	No 85:	Mrs Jaqueline Markland
3rd	£9.80	No 175:	Mr Peter Noad

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June 2022 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £7 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme

The last of this season’s talks was given by Judy Clarke who is Lyme Bay NCI Station Manager and Karen Herbert, NCI National Head of fundraising. Judy and Karen worked as a team to tell us about this amazing organisation and how it is completely funded by charity donation.

Born out of the decimation of the Coastguard service in 1992 and the sad loss of two inshore Cornish fishermen, this organisation has grown to 57 stations around the English and Welsh coastline with over 5,500 volunteers who keep us safe. Working closely with other emergency services the NCI is now very much the frontline of our personal in shore coastal safety all funded by its own efforts.

Our first talk of the 2023 season is on 16th September when John Stockley will give a talk entitled “A sweeps life”.

AGM and Plant and Cake Sale

The 48th Society AGM took place on Friday 13th May and was attended by over forty people. Jennifer Malyon was elected as Chair for another year, and all other committee members, with the exception of Helen Rodier, were proposed, seconded and duly re-elected. Helen has decided to stand down, and was presented with a small gift with our thanks for all of her hard work. The full minutes of the meeting will be available in due course.

Once the meeting had drawn to a close, we all enjoyed some splendid nibbles and a glass (or two) of wine. Many thanks to all those involved in preparing the food.

We also enjoyed a short and very fascinating quiz, prepared and presented by David Edwards and Susan Moores.

As usual, the AGM was followed on 14th May by the Plant and Cake sale. Because it was so successful last year, and because of the glorious weather the plants and cakes were once again sold from the Rectory Gardens, with teas and coffees in the village hall. A total of £842 was raised for the Village Society, compared to £675 last year. There was a tie in the “guess the weight of the cake” competition between Hilary Page and Irene Piper, and after the toss of a coin by Peter Broomhead the cake was awarded to Hilary Page, the correct weight was 1lb 9 and 7/8 oz.

None of these events happen by magic, and we give great thanks to the many people involved in organising and running them. Of course we also thank all who attended them, and spent their pennies. Last but not least many thanks to Jane and Nigel for letting us use their lovely garden once more.

Membership

Later this month our collectors will be delivering the 2022-23 programmes to members and collecting outstanding subscriptions. Thank you to all who have already paid, I have a full record of you and the collectors will post your cards through the letterbox without disturbing you.

Flower and Produce Show 16th July 2022

Full details of the Show are on the Village website, including the Schedule with tips on showing and rules. Hard copies are also in the Library and the Post Office. It is open to all residents of Burton Bradstock and children attending the Village School. You will see there is something for everyone, so please don't be shy, we would love the event to be a real bumper one in celebration of the Jubilee and the hard work that goes into it.

Alan Pankhurst

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

After an absence of 2 years it was lovely to have some normality returning with the Library Ploughman's Lunch. On behalf of the “Friends” I would like to thank everyone who supported this enjoyable event and gave so generously to the Library funds. A big thank you also goes to Sandy Adderley and her team for all their hard work behind the scenes.

The Library continues to **OPEN** from 2 00– 4 00pm on Monday and Saturday afternoons and 10.30 to 12.30pm on Wednesday mornings. It may be worth

mentioning that it is **OPEN** over the **Jubilee Weekend** on Saturday 4th and Monday 6th June.

The Library is decorated for the Jubilee celebrations, and a big thank you to Christine Lewis for her work on this, and there is also a display of books to support the event.

We are still encouraging visitors to wear masks, sanitise their hands, and respect others space.



At the AGM on 19th May we are regretfully saying goodbye to Maureen Miller and Pat Grafton as Trustees. Maureen was a founder member of the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library and Pat began first as a volunteer and latterly as our retiring Treasurer, so they have both been active supporters of the library and valued members of the management team for many years. I would like to thank them for all their endeavours and wish them well for the future. A full report of the AGM will be in the next BVN.

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, DVD's, available 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:

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www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art

August 2022

A huge thank you to all who supported the Spring Concert on 20 May, which marked the start of the 40th Festival of Music and Art in Burton Bradstock.

It was a poignant occasion as we learned that Festival founder Mary Ryan sadly died in April this year.

Mary, a distinguished flautist, spent much of her childhood in Burton Bradstock. After studies at the Royal College of Music on an open scholarship she was appointed principal flute of the BBC Northern Orchestra in Manchester. She played concertos with both the BBC Northern and the BBC Scottish orchestras.

On her return to London she co-founded the ground-breaking all female wind group, the Portia Wind Ensemble. Working with composers such as Richard Rodney Bennett and Sir Harrison Birtwistle the Portia commissioned many new works which they premiered on the BBC.

Throughout a busy career Mary retained her links with Burton Bradstock and, in 1981, she and her husband, Ronald Gillham, organised the first Burton Bradstock Festival. A combination of hospitality and excellent music soon attracted leading musicians to the village and began a tradition that is still thriving more than 40 years later.

Artistic Director David Juritz said: "I will remember Mary Ryan with enormous affection. Working with her was always a delight, with every rehearsal punctuated by her anecdotes and wry observations. My gratitude for the legacy of concerts she leaves is shared by everyone that remembers her."

A reminder that the main Music Festival takes place from 17-19 August and the Art Festival will run in the Village Hall from the 16-21 August.

Look out for more information in next month's Bride Valley News.

Jenny Malyon, Chair, Festival Organising Committee

Allotment Competition

Calling all Allotmenters

The Allotment Competition is held in conjunction with the Burton Bradstock Flower and Produce Show. The show will be held this year on Saturday the 16th of July.

Entry forms, at 50p per entry, for the competition will be available from the Post Office or Sandy Adderley at 103 Southover from Monday June the 13th. Judging will take place on Wednesday the 13th of July and prizes will be awarded on the day of the show.

If you have any queries or questions please get in contact with Sandy on 01308 898358.

So come on allotmenters get digging weeding and hoeing and make it the best year ever.

Burton Bradstock Social Supper

The June Social Supper will be on 27th June. We will not be holding one in July or August and future dates will be in given in the August BVN.

Anyone who is not currently signed up and would like to come along please give Mags Chue a ring on 01308897543

**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.**





BURTON BRADSTOCK
Jubilee Celebrations
 2022

Thursday
2nd June

Burton Bradstock Jubilee Fayre

in the Rectory Garden 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Traditional fun for all the family!

Stalls ~ Games ~ Grand Draw ~ Cream Teas ~ Burger Bar

Admission: Adults £1 Children under 12 Free

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Beacon on the Coast at 9.15pm

At the top of Cliff Road

Friday
3rd June

Life in Burton Bradstock in the 1950s

an Exhibition in the Village Hall 11am-4pm

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 10.00am - 4.00pm

A Celebration with Music at Hive Beach 5.00pm

Saturday
4th June

Life in Burton Bradstock in the 1950s

an Exhibition in the Village Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 10.00am - 4.00pm

Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Church 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Sunday
5th June

Open Air Church Service for All 10.30am

Village Photograph and Drone Video 11.30am

Peal of Bells 12.15pm

Jubilee Jamboree in the Rectory Garden 12.30pm

Official Opening ~ Toast to the Queen ~ National Anthem

Bring your own Picnic Lunch ~ Children's Entertainment

12.30pm - 2.30pm Villagers Only

Live Music from local bands 2.30pm - 5.30pm All Invited

At our meeting in May we were pleased to welcome Cheryl Ludgate, who has a great passion for all things connected to the Second World War. Cheryl was originally booked to come and talk to us back in May 2020 in order to help us celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, but unfortunately Covid intervened and it wasn't able to go ahead. It was therefore appropriate that we were able to rebook her for May of this year and so we were able to think about the VE day commemoration we had missed as the events happening on that special day were included in Cheryl's talk. Indeed several members were able to add their own memories of that auspicious day. The main part of Cheryl's talk, however, was about Second World War weddings and members enjoyed looking at wedding photos and even wedding dresses and accessories that Cheryl had brought along to show. It was interesting to compare a wedding of that era with the more elaborate weddings of today! Thanks go to Cheryl for her interesting talk, made all the more enjoyable by the fact that she came dressed in authentic clothes of that era, right down to Lisle stockings with seams and her hair rolled into the fashionable style of that time.

During this month one of our members, Mary Ibbotson, will be representing us at the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WIs in Liverpool. We hope she enjoys the weekend.

We shall also be manning a craft stall and the cake stall at the Village Jubilee Fayre on 2nd June, for which members have been busy making items and preparing produce. One of our members, Joan Allan, will also be arranging a special pedestal display for the Flower Festival in the church on behalf of our group.

Our next meeting on 14th of this month at 7.30pm is, of course, based around the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our speaker is Diane Atkinson who will be giving a talk entitled "The Queen's Hats". Members have all been asked to wear a posh hat and to dress appropriately to suit the occasion and in honour of the Queen's great accomplishment. I'm sure refreshments and decorations in the hall will reflect the occasion too! Our Congratulations go to her Majesty on her amazing achievement and we wish her well for the future.

Janet Pearson

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Next Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm We now have the IT resources to hold this meeting in the Reading Room with public access via Zoom, so from April we will be able to hold hybrid meetings where the public can join remotely or in person. Please see our website the week before where you can access the relevant papers and Zoom link. Since virtual meetings were allowed throughout lockdown public attendance to council meetings increased nationally by approx. 20%. We hope you will see the opportunity to attend our meetings virtually as well as in person gives an incentive to engage with the parish council, who work to represent your concerns.

Contacting the Parish Council

As stated above 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

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

Planning Notices

A reminder, that as planning notices are no longer sent to neighbouring properties from Dorset Council, when applications are sent to the Clerk, we put a notice, with a link to planning on our website. A notification is also posted on our Facebook page and displayed on the board by the library and Reading Room.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council social media

On Facebook you can keep up with all the latest events, developments, planning, road closures by following @burtonbradstockparishcouncil The Parish Council also has a new Twitter account. Please follow us at @BBParishCouncil (Burton Bradstock Parish Council). This replaces an earlier account. We'll be tweeting about PC matters and other things of local interest!

Hire of Reading Room

With more people working from home, don't forget the Reading Room is an available working space with Wi-Fi, for £7 a session (morning, afternoon or evening) It also works well for meetings and at an additional cost we can now offer the big screen availability to hold meetings where you can share documents with those attending. Please contact the clerk for availability.

Seating in the recreation area

The Parish Council are looking to replace some of the broken benches and put a wheelchair accessible picnic table in the recreation area. If anybody would like to adopt a bench, please get in touch.

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club April 2022 draw

£30.00	No. 44	J.Peretz
£15.00	No. 131	L. Hemsley and S. Evans
£ 5. 00	No. 6	A. Peppiatt

Drawn on 29.4.2022 at the Long Bredy Annual Village Meeting

Bernard Watts

Bernard passed away on Thursday 12 May at Maiden Castle Residential Home in Dorchester. He was 93. He was born in Dorchester and his father owned a car dealership which he was expected to join, which he did, but his heart was really in music, specifically Jazz, and he often played the drums with other musicians, something he loved and later regretted not pursuing. Bernard's wife, Elizabeth, was born in Long Bredy but moved to Dorchester as a child where she met Bernard and they became childhood friends. They went their separate ways however; Elizabeth went to Zimbabwe in 1950 whilst Bernard remained in Dorchester. They married other people and Bernard had a son, Ashley.

However, fate intervened and they finished up together, eventually buying 'Hallynges' in 1975 at Long Bredy, where they remained until March 2021. His interests included birds, butterflies and moths; he was proud of his 'natural' garden, a haven for wildlife! He loved cars and was a keen follower of Formula 1 racing. Both he and Elizabeth enjoyed many cruises together, where they enjoyed both the social and the indigenous life of the places they explored.

Bernard was not practical at all - a fact he was rather proud of!

Plant Sale

A massive 'Thank You' to everyone who donated and /or purchased plants from the sale and to everyone who baked for the cake and refreshment stall. There was a terrific variety of excellent quality plants and we are extremely grateful to all the growers. We sincerely hope that all the purchasers will be happy with what they bought and remember it as an enjoyable event. So far, the total raised for St Peter's Church is £568.10

Blue skies, swallows, sunshine and lots of people combined to make it a lovely morning to sit and chat, enjoy refreshments in the yard at Manor Farm, and contemplate where to put those plants!

Plants which remained, together with additional, later flowering varieties, will be on sale from the drive at Corner Cottage, Long Bredy DT2 9HU

We plan to have our 2023 annual plant sale and coffee break as usual on the second Saturday of May.

Jubilee reminder

Long Bredy's day of celebration will be on **Friday, June 3rd**, starting at 10.00 am with the boat race along the stream, and ending at 10.00 pm with the closing of Come Along Inn; there will be cream teas, ice creams and a lot more in between.

Visitors are very welcome to come and join in.

The beautifully decorated church, with Royal presence, will be open on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, and Sunday June 5th.

Coffee Break

Our next Second Saturday Coffee Break will be on **Saturday June 11th in the village hall from 10.30 am until 12 noon.**

Enjoy tea or coffee, chat, and something from the usual wide range of cakes. If you haven't visited us before, come and enjoy a friendly welcome. This is **not** a fund raising event.....just an opportunity for people to get together.

It is a good 'Cake Stop' for cyclists!

Come Along Inn

This will be open again on **Friday, June 17th** from **5.30 pm until 9.00 pm** in the Village Hall with its usual selection of bottled beers, wine, soft drinks and food as advertised on the publicity boards.

St Peter's Churchyard

The stone wall surrounding the churchyard is in urgent need of repair and it is going to cost a substantial sum to do this.

It is a beautiful area and it is our responsibility as a village to look after it. Any resident, religious or not, is entitled to be buried there.

We are appealing to villagers, relatives of the deceased, and visitors to help with the funding of this, which is going to be an ongoing task.

If you wish to donate, please contact the treasurer, Ruth Cullingford - 01308 482562

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Commemoration in Littlebredy will not take quite the form anticipated in previous editions of the BVN. Every household in the village will by now have received a flyer inviting one and all to a Hog Roast (with veggie options, needless to say these days!) which will take

place (weather permitting) beside the lake at 1.00 p.m. on Sunday 5th June. Attenders are asked to bring a pudding and drinks, and to make a contribution towards the costs.

Although replies should have been sent back well before anyone reads this, it's not too late to contact Bridehead (482232) about anything if you need to. We look forward to a memorable and historically significant event, and hope as many as possible will be there.

Wedding bells will be ringing out on the 18th June for the marriage of Ollie Gargrave and Lucy Ellis in the Church here. Neither has residential connections with the village, although the Gargraves live nearby, but they have been attending Church on a fairly regular basis during their engagement (which is another of the criteria allowed by the Church of England) and their Reception will be held in the Mill Barn beside the Walled Garden, thanks to Liz Eaton. We wish all concerned every fulfilment and happiness in their years ahead together.



Smile Lines



Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, **I KNOW** they're my feet."

Stairs

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

Miscellaneous observations on life

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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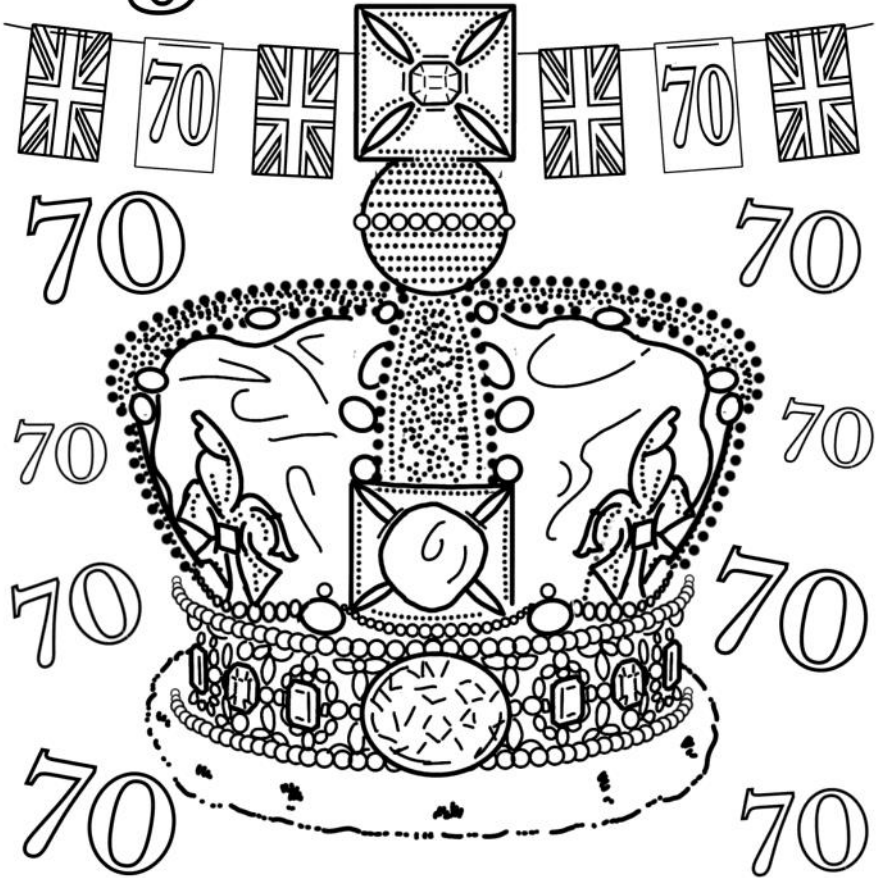
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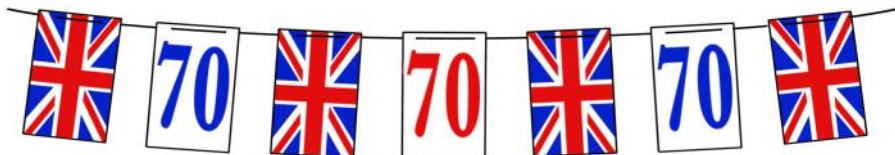
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Platinum

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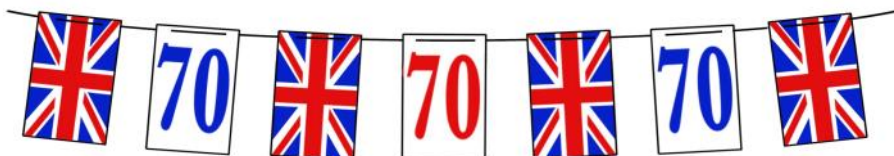
Colouring picture for our younger readers.



DIARY JUNE 2022

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs	2nd	9.45pm	Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon	Gorwell Farm
Wed	8th	7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council meeting	Reading Room Burton Bradstock
Sat	11th	10.30— 12.00	Long Bredy Second Saturday Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
Wed	15th	10.00— 12.00	Coffee Morning run by Village Society	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	17th	5.30pm —9pm	Long Bredy Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Mon	20th	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	LATCH
Tues	21st	1.00pm	Over 60's Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall

For details of all the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the Bride Valley Villages please see the individual Village pages as there are so many events that there is not enough space to mention them individually on this Diary page.



SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JUNE 2022

June 2022	Weds 1 st June	Thursday 2 nd June	1 st Sunday 5 th June Pentecost Queen's Jubilee	2 nd Sunday 12 th June Trinity Sunday	3 rd Sunday 19 th June Trinity 1	4 th Sunday 26 th June Trinity 2
Burton Bradstock	11:30am Holy Communion followed by Light Lunch		8am Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Chilcombe					6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge				9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre		10am Thanksgiving and Celebration for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee	6pm Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	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

A weekly telephone service is recorded by a member of the Ministry team. To listen call: 01308 293062