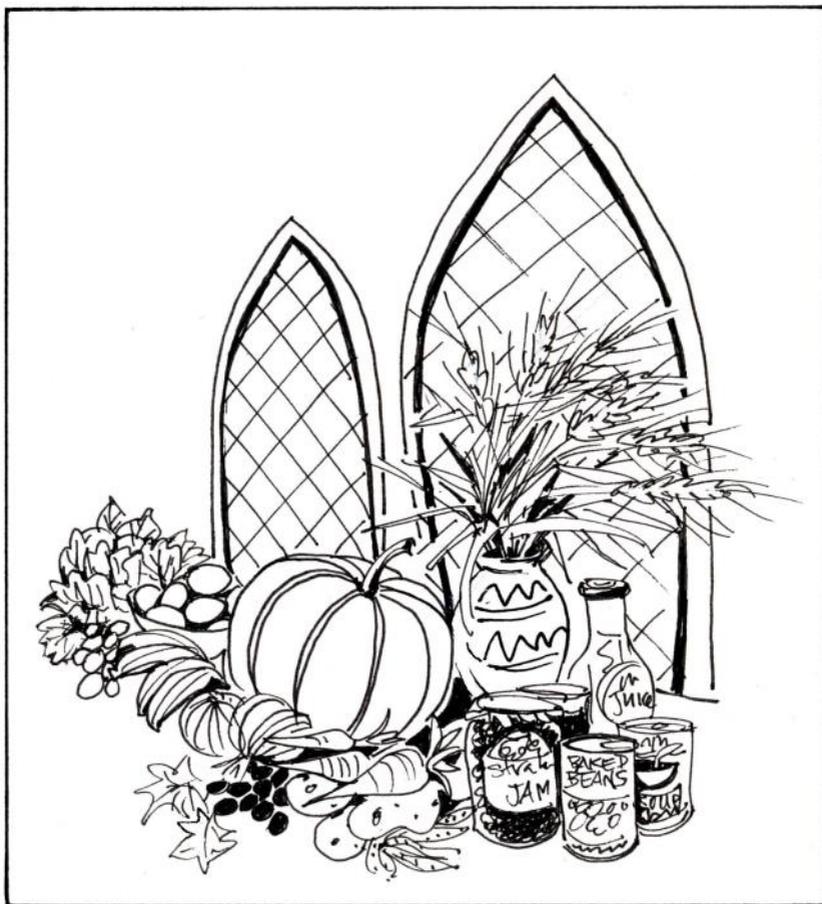


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The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

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St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

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St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

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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 £2.00 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  
on **07393 607025 (note new number)**

between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

I wonder what your earliest childhood memories are of hearing the news of someone's death, especially someone of national significance. Perhaps the assassination of Martin Luther King Junior, in 1968 or for some even earlier memories than that. I was very young at the time of John Lennon's death, hearing it on the radio on the bus on the way to school, but I can very vividly remember, even at that young age of being aware that something very important had happened and that people were crying and were very sad because of it. It is a memory that has always stayed with me along with other significant moments such as the death of Princess Diana and the 9/11 bombing of the twin towers, all moments in our history that we know are significant and bring about change.

I wonder if my grandchildren will have similar memories in years to come, because there is no doubt that the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 was one such history changing moment. Most people today have never known another Monarch in their lifetime and it is only a few months ago that we all joined in with the Jubilee celebrations for the longest ever reigning Monarch.

One of the things that stand out for me about Queen Elizabeth II's reign has been her willingness to publicly voice her faith in Christ as being what has driven her to serve her country in the way that she has. She has lived out the life that she believed God had called her to and has done so to the best of her ability. All of us by the time of reading this article will have had the opportunity to pay our respects to Her Majesty, sign condolence books and to give thanks to God for her life.

As we reflect on her life, and give thanks to Almighty God for her life of duty, service, love and witness, may I invite us all to honour her memory by doing what she did.

Here are the words from her Christmas address of 2014, which to me sum up her reign:

***'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.'*** Queen Elizabeth II December 2014

Let's pledge to do the same.

As we look back though so we must also look forward and give thanks to God for King Charles III. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, along with thousands of other people we sang the words of the National Anthem, and although it did seem odd singing God save the King, I personally found it very moving and felt as if the baton had been passed from one Monarch to the other.

Let us continue to give thanks to God for the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, for her faith and dedication to duty, and let us also pray for King Charles III as he takes on his new role and leads us as a nation into a new era.

With every blessing,  
Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **September**

#### **Funerals**

Edie Mumford	Long Bredy	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
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#### **Thanksgiving service**

Liz Strange	Litton Cheney	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept
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#### **Marriages**

John Kingston and Vicki Bowler	Litton Cheney	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept
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James Ford and Lucy Milne	Long Bredy	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept
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**This year's Annual Memorial Service to remember our loved ones will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm in St Peter's Church, Long Bredy.**

This is a simple, reflective service, to which everyone throughout the valley is invited to attend to remember our loved ones, whether this was a recent loss or some time ago. Candles will be lit and names read out.

If you would like the name/s of your loved ones read out at this service, please email me with their name/s ([bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)) by 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Alternatively, give the name/s to the churchwarden of your parish church by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**TUESDAY 4th October** at 7.30pm at St John's West Bay.  
A celebration Eucharist to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Philip Ringer.  
Preacher the Reverend Canon Deb Smith.  
Refreshments follow.  
All welcome.

## **Bride Valley First Steps Play group.**

At Litton Cheney Village Hall every Thursday 9.30 - 11 (term time only)  
For babies and young children aged 0-4. £2.50 per session. (£1 per additional child)

Will include, messy play, soft play, baby sensory, workshops, music and movement and so much more.

No need to book just Come and get involved in some good old play!

@bridevalleyfirststeps



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS**

The Players are planning their February production which will consist of two one act plays – 'The Last Tango in Little Grimley' directed by Alan Hooley and 'The Rats' directed by Liz Slater.

They will take place on 16, 17 and 18 February 2023

**A read-through will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th October** at Burton Bradstock Village Hall and the auditions will be at 7.00 pm on Thursday 13th October, also in the Village Hall.

If you are unable to attend either of these dates but are interested in taking part or helping backstage, please contact the Secretary, Liz Slater, on 01308 897751

## **Burton Bradstock Bridge Group**

We meet every Tuesday afternoon in Burton Bradstock Village Hall between 1.45 and 4.45. We are a very friendly club that plays duplicate bridge. If you are fairly new to this wonderful game this would be ideal for you or, if you have played in the past and are a little 'rusty' again this is for you.

*For information please phone Kathy 485626*

**Burton Bradstock Community Library**  
**Serving the Bride Valley**

**Extended Opening Times**

The library is now OPEN on Monday & Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.00pm, and on Wednesdays from 10.30am until 12.30pm and 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

As a Community Managed Library we offer a full library service for the Bride Valley as part of Dorset Libraries. You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, and also return books which you have borrowed from any Dorset (or Libraries West) location, all without cost using your Dorset Libraries card (membership is free).

We offer a photocopying service, free Wi-Fi, and there are two public PCs available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Don't forget that you can use your library card to manage your account from home or mobile device, including ordering and renewing books, and there are extensive free online resources available such as e-books, e-magazines, e-comics and e-newspapers.

All information can be found on our website: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk), and you can telephone the library during opening hours on (01308) 897563.

Thank you for your continuing support.

## **Christmas Greetings in the BVN.**

As in past years we are giving an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our local friends and neighbours via the BVN. Names will appear on a dedicated page under a collective heading. Please send your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the list with your donation.

Cheques (made payable to **Bride Valley News, not BVN**), or cash in clearly marked envelopes, can be handed to Churchwardens, left in the Rectory porch, or with Liz Orza (2 Bindbarrow, DT6 4RG). Donations can also be paid directly into the Benefice bank account: 30-91-21, 00074071. **It is essential however, that these payments are referenced 'XG', and that your name is included.** Please ensure that your instructions are received no later than **31st October**, in order to catch the December deadline.



# THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB

## September Review



### **The Mermaid of the Black Conch by Monique Roffey**

The Mermaid of the Black Conch by Monique Roffey won the Costa prize in 2021. It is a fable written in a magical realism style which describes an encounter between a lonely fisherman and a mermaid who is drawn by his singing. The setting is a small Caribbean island and the story is told in liltily lyrical and rhythmic prose. Some of us found the parts written in Creole patois a bit of an effort but the strength of the story hooks the reader and encourages them to persevere.

The mermaid is brutally captured by some visiting Americans who want to exhibit her as a live specimen- or even give her over to a taxidermist. The mermaid is helped to escape - placed in the fisherman's bath tub - and she begins a transformation into a human woman. Several of us noted the sensual description of this change. This might be a book in the magical realism tradition but it is far from a fairy tale. Graphic details of her webbed fingers, shedding encrusted barnacles, her pungent smell and decaying fish tail were vividly evoked.

Of course the fisherman falls in love with his mermaid/changeling and has to hide her from prying neighbours. Roffey acknowledges being a magpie in her borrowings from other writers but it does seem that there is some mythic Caribbean basis to this mermaid story. We are told she is thousands of years old and that, cursed by jealous wives, she is doomed to swim in the sea for evermore.

This is a novel rich in imagery but it also incorporates some of the big themes of Caribbean literature and culture, the legacy of slavery and colonialism, the uncomfortable position of white descendants of slaver landowners and the position of women in this society. The climax of the novel is a hurricane, both real and figurative, which sends the mermaid back to sea. Several of us were initially doubtful about this book but overcame our reservations. We ended up being drawn to this fresh take on mermaids and their human lovers.

**Liz Pinfield**

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**Why not come to Burton Bradstock  
Short Mat Bowls Club  
and give it a try!**

In Burton Bradstock Village Hall  
Monday evenings from 6.45pm until 9.00pm  
and Wednesday afternoons, from 2.15pm until 4.30pm



**Bowls will be provided (just bring flat shoes)**

*For further information please ring John Lewis on 01308 897304.*

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## Bride Valley Gardening Club



**This month's meeting will take place at LATCH in Litton Cheney at 7.30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

As this will be the final one for the year it will take the form of a quiz and social evening with refreshments of cheese, wine and mulled apple juice.

### **Jobs to do in October**

As the summer bedding comes to an end, now is the time to remove half-hardy annuals such as busy lizzies and petunias and replace them with winter flowering pansies, primroses and wallflowers.

Tender perennials, e.g. fuchsias and pelargoniums, can be potted up and protected over winter; tender summer bulbs and tubers can be lifted and stored.

Plant cyclamen, and continue to plant spring bulbs (except tulips which should wait until November or early December).

Sow sweet peas in a cold greenhouse or frame.

Divide congested clumps of hardy perennials.

Clean greenhouses ready to over-winter plants.

In the kitchen garden plant garlic and sow hardy broad beans and peas under cloches.

Add organic mulches of well-rotted manure and compost to any cleared areas.

Sow green manure on bare vegetable beds to deter weeds over winter.

Bring pots of herbs under cover to maintain crops during the autumn.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

## Our Night Sky in October 2022

Jupiter and Saturn will be rising in the east as soon as the sun sets, while Mars will follow much later at about 10pm. All three will be prominent throughout the night, and will be joined by Taurus and Orion after midnight. Welcome to the winter constellations!

The USA is going back to the Moon for scientific discovery, economic benefits, and inspiration for a new generation of explorers: the Artemis Generation. While maintaining American leadership in exploration, they will build a global alliance and explore deep space for the benefit of all. Artemis I, formerly Exploration Mission-1, will be the first integrated flight test of NASA's Deep Space Exploration Systems: the Orion spacecraft, Space Launch System (SLS) rocket, with the newly upgraded Exploration Ground Systems at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The primary operations goal of the mission is to assure a safe crew module entry, descent, splashdown, and recovery. In addition to sending Orion on its journey around the Moon, SLS will carry 10 small satellites that will perform their own science and technology investigations. The first in a series of increasingly complex missions, Artemis I will provide a foundation for human deep space exploration and demonstrate our commitment and capability to extend human existence to the Moon and beyond prior to the first flight with crew on Artemis II. During this flight, the spacecraft will launch on the most powerful rocket in the world and fly farther than any spacecraft built for humans has ever flown. It will travel 280,000 miles from Earth, thousands of miles beyond the Moon over the course of about a four to six-week mission. Orion will stay in space longer than any ship for astronauts has done without docking to a space station and return home faster and hotter than ever before.

If it is successful, Artemis 2 will take a crew on a different trajectory and test Orion's critical systems with humans aboard. The SLS rocket will evolve from an initial configuration capable of sending more than 26 metric tons to the Moon, to a final configuration that can send at least 45 metric tons. Together, Orion, SLS and the ground systems at Kennedy will be able to meet the most challenging crew and cargo mission needs in deep space.

Future exploration missions with crew aboard Orion will assemble and dock with a Gateway. NASA and its partners will use the gateway for deep-space operations including missions to and on the Moon with decreasing reliance on the Earth. Using lunar orbit, we will gain the experience necessary to

extend human exploration farther into the solar system than ever before.

I will keep you informed about this exciting mission to eventually set up a moon base at the Moon's South Pole. I wrote this before the first attempt to launch Artemis 1 in August, but that launch had to be scrubbed for technical reasons. Hopefully, later attempts will be successful.

*Bill Turnill*



## Bride Valley WI



Our September meeting started with a silent tribute to the Queen and then the singing of the National Anthem.

The topic for the evening was ropemaking in Bridport through the years and a Bridport Library Volunteer took us through the History of Ropemaking in the town and surrounding villages. We learnt how the industry grew and how many locals were involved in the home making of nets etc. You can still see today a few of the sites used by the businesses involved in the process. A really interesting look into the past although some ropemaking still takes place today.

Our next meeting is all about bees and bee-keeping and our members have been challenged to make something using honey—lots of cakes and biscuits!!!

By the time you read this our Skittles team will know if they have succeeded in their attempt to win the County Skittles competition. The final takes place on Tuesday 27th September against Shillingstone WI. The team have had a very successful season and have enjoyed both matches and practices. A big thanks to the White Horse at Litton for all their support and delicious suppers!!!!

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](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

**TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW  
BEING HELD AT LATCH (DT2 9AU) ON  
S A T U R D A Y 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 7pm  
YOU WILL ENJOY**

**Six talented local Acts which include  
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**WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS, you will receive  
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arrival also tea, coffee or a soft drink in the  
interval**

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**Burton Bradstock Films Presents**

**BELFAST**

**Friday 28 October**

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**ELVIS**

**Friday 25 November**

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**Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 each**

**(includes a glass of wine or soft  
drink) From Burton Bradstock Post  
Office Or on the door on the night**

*A Good Film, Convivial Company,  
A Friday Night Out Can't Get Much Better*

**For Bride Valley Films see BVN entry**

# Autumn News from

PORTESHAM  
SURGERY

## Flu & COVID clinics

Our flu deliveries arrive at the end of September so you can book now into our flu clinics on:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at Portesham Surgery

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** at Portesham Surgery

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** at LATCH (Litton Cheney Village Hall)

We have three COVID clinics starting next week for which we are currently inviting the over-75s:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

You can also book to have your **COVID vaccination during the two Saturday flu clinics** if you want to have them both together. Note that we can't do COVID vaccinations at the LATCH flu clinic.

**Which vaccine?** Our COVID vaccination this year will be the new Moderna vaccine which protects against both the original strain and the new Omicron strain of the virus. There is no requirement to wait after having the vaccination this year.

**Invitations:** we have invited all our over-75s by letter, email or text, and by the time you read this we will also be inviting those over 65 to book both vaccinations. The invitations are going out in batches to avoid crashing our phone lines. Please try to ring late morning or in the early afternoon if possible so we can still take urgent medical queries from patients first thing in the morning.

**Direct booking:** where we have your mobile number we are sending texts with a link that you can use to book directly into the clinic online (no passwords needed) and it is a big help to us if you have a smart phone and can use the link to book your appointment. You can also **book using SystmOnline** if you are registered to use this (eg to order your prescriptions).



## New GP joins the team!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Dr Charlotte Hill to our team from 1<sup>st</sup> September. She will be working 3 days per week and has a special interest in women's health, contraception and menopause management.



**Burton Bradstock**  
Church of England Primary School



## Starting school in September 2023?

Burton Bradstock Church of England Primary School is a small and nurturing village school nestled by the coast and surrounded by glorious countryside.

Our newly updated Early Years provides learning experiences in an environment designed for 'learning through play' alongside the wealth of outdoor opportunities provided by our location.

*Welly walks ~ Forest School ~ Beach Teach*

**Our open morning will be held Tuesday 11 October 9-11am**

Please email [office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk) to book a place.



Hope ~ Friendship ~ Love ~ Courage ~ Respect ~ Happiness





## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



The children were happy to return to school at the beginning of September and are settling back into the daily routines of school life. We welcome two new members of teaching staff, Mrs Heather Geraghty in our Early Years Class and Mr Greg Proudfoot in Lower Key Stage 2.

The events of the past couple of weeks have given us time to reflect on the life and reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, we stood and listened to the muffled bells of St Mary's Church, thinking about the Queen's service to our country and the wonderful Jubilee celebrations that we took part in earlier in the year.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September, we invited Chris Loder MP in to visit our school. Josh, Daisy, Archie and Frankie took him on a tour before he met with the school council and members of the parish council to discuss road safety in Burton Bradstock. The school councillors asked a range of interesting questions and they invited Chris back to do a welly walk with them to see the issues for himself. In return, he invited the children to visit him in Westminster which they are very excited about!

We are looking forward to the upcoming events of the autumn term with our Harvest Festival, swimming and PE lessons, sporting fixtures and many other things besides. Open the book worships are also back up and running in school – the children thoroughly enjoy these and they are a great way to end the week!

Our curriculum offer continues to develop with classes studying the following topics this term:

- Early Years – Me and My Community/Exploring Autumn
- Year 1 and 2 – Childhood
- Year 3 and 4 – Through the Ages
- Year 5 and 6 – Dynamic Dynasties

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs from musical theatre to cooking, football to Lego! We are already planning our Open Day for children who are starting school in September 2023, if you would like to come and visit our school, please contact the school office for more details and see the flyer on page 17 in this issue of the BVN.

## 1 Our school councillors met Chris Loder MP



## 2 Early Years Children made Apple and Blackberry Crumble



# Thorner's CE VA School



Term has got off to its usual hectic start and it has been lovely to welcome our 15 new Reception children who have settled in very well and are now in full time after several taster mornings. Welcome also to those children who are joining us in older year groups - we are sure you will enjoy your new classes!

## **Activities**

We have lots planned for this term such as trips, a musical show with the village in LATCH, visiting artists, archery lessons, photography competition, football coaching, apple-pressing, Discovery Area work, blackberry picking and all the usual clubs, lessons and activities.

## **Work**

It has been a busy summer but the school is looking great thanks to the efforts of our Caretaker, Miss Wills, and also those who have helped finish off the new netball court surface, water the new trees and raised beds and also to Tewson Building for laying our new path in the front garden. This will shortly be seeded and finished off with our vision and value stones. Thank you to Barney Stevens for his fantastic work completing our Storage Shed and Water Butts in our wildlife Discovery Area as well - this will enable the children to make more of this wonderful area and enable us to store scientific equipment safely in this part of the school. We are most grateful for the contribution from The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators towards this project. Thanks also to Iain Cooper, our IT man, and the Government backed 'Connect the Classroom' Project which has helped us connect to the new superfast broadband (150 MBPS!) and install all the new laptops for the children across the school.

## **New Staff and Congratulations**

Welcome to Miss Rollo-Smith in Fledglings (working alongside Julie and Sam), Miss Elliott in Bredy (trainee teacher working alongside Mr White) and Miss Taylor in Eggardon (maternity cover for Mrs Biggins). We hope you enjoy working with all the children and being part of Thorner's and - of course congratulations to Mrs Buzza on the arrival of baby Jenson and to Mrs Biggins on the arrival of baby Tallula in the holidays - wonderful news!

## Queen Elizabeth II

The children marked the passing of Queen Elizabeth with a series of assemblies both in school and in our service at church last Wednesday. We reflected on both her own achievements during her incredible reign and the changes in our country across those 70 years. Our church service ended with all singing the National Anthem and a period of reflection as we start school in a new era. We also looked in the school diary (with entries going back to 1894) and found the other entries recorded by past Headteachers when Monarchs had passed away. We then entered on a fresh page that Queen Elizabeth II had died at Balmoral and that King Charles III was now King.

As I write, the solar panels are whirring away above my head and the raised beds are groaning with sunflowers and squashes - let's hope for some more autumnal sunshine as we start this new term for the children in a new era for us all.

## Mr Sitch



## LITTON CHENEY

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jfirrell20@gmail.com Tel: 01308 482313  
Village web-site [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)



### St. Mary's Church

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00 a.m followed by a Bring & Share lunch. Donations of produce and dry goods are welcome and will be passed to a local food bank. Everyone is very welcome so do come along and join us.

### Litton Cheney Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting planned for 13<sup>th</sup> September was postponed until the 27<sup>th</sup> as a mark of respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

*The Parish Council joined the Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset and the Chairman of Dorset Council, together with many other town and parish councils in Dorset, in paying tribute to Her Majesty The Queen who died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

### Jubilee Bench

Due to the sad death of Her Majesty The Queen, the Parish Council is revisiting the question of a Jubilee Bench to ensure that the bench that eventually materialises alongside the Jubilee Hut (Bus Shelter) is truly appropriate both in design and word.

If you would like to donate to the Parish Bench Fund, please contact Parish Clerk Maggie Walsh on 01308 281561.

### HELP WITH FUEL BILLS

The purpose of The Litton Cheney Trust is to give financial help to Litton Cheney residents "who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress". This may be particularly relevant this winter so if you are struggling with your fuel bills do make contact with one of the Trustees who are the Rector Jane Williams, Penny Dewar, Lyn Lacey, Nick Bunting and Freddie Spicer (who is also the Secretary 01308 482617).

**A Cost of Living Help leaflet is enclosed with this BVN.**

## Avian Bird Flu

At the time of writing Avian bird flu has arrived in Dorset, and by the time you read this it may be a legal requirement that all domestic fowl and pet birds are kept enclosed thereby preventing wild birds from interacting with them. Fines for non-compliance are high.

## Wessex Water – Road Closures

During the month of November and December, Wessex Water will be carrying out extensive work in both Litton Cheney and Long Bredy requiring road closures. Individual households will receive letters from WW with more detail in advance of the closures and in due course more information will be displayed on the village website.

## Be Watchful – There are Thieves About

Just a reminder to ensure you lock up when necessary and put away anything deemed pinchable. In these somewhat trying times there are opportunists on the look out for opportunities to steal, including heating oil! Please take care.



## Events at Litton and Thorner's Hall (LATCH) – for October



### Weekly:

Tuesdays: 15.30 – 16.30 Big Q Church (term time only)  
16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661) – from 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesdays: 16.30 – Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](#))  
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest ([annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com](mailto:annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com))  
Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)  
Fridays: 10.00 Art class in meeting room (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>)

### Special:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Village Café in aid of The Samaritans 09.30 – 12.00  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Film Night “The Duke” Film starts 19.30  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – The Community Charity Variety Show – See Valley Notes  
([patricia123gates@outlook.com](mailto:patricia123gates@outlook.com)) Doors open 18.30. Show starts at 19.00

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – 18.30 BV Garden Club meeting  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - 14.00 – 16.00 Portesham Surgery Flu Clinic (book in advance)  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn  
([nadiyasime@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

### **Short Mat Bowls**

It's fun, provides exercise, it's friendly, sociable and available to you, whatever gender. Every Tuesday from 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4.45 pm we gather to play short mat bowls. We vary from mediocre to dreadful with an occasional flash of brilliance, and nobody takes it that seriously – well, some, just a bit!

If you would like to give it a go, come on down – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 4.45pm at LATCH. See you there!

## **VILLAGE CAFÉ IN SUPPORT OF THE SAMARITANS Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 09:30 and 12:00 - LATCH**

Please come along to our Village Café in support of The Weymouth Samaritans. Tea and coffee will be available alongside bacon butties and cakes. There will also be various stalls including a bric-a-brac stall, cake stall, teddy bears, a quiz and a raffle. Also a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Members of The Samaritans will be available throughout the morning if you would like to find out more about the invaluable work they do.

If you have any kind donations for any of the above stalls or prizes please do bring along on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you.

If you can help out in any way or would like further information please contact Beverly on [b.dennis995@btinternet.com](mailto:b.dennis995@btinternet.com)



**BRIDE VALLEY FILMS**  
**at Litton Cheney Village Hall.**  
**IMPORTANT – CHANGE OF DATE**



(We normally show films on Thursdays, but this time have changed to Tuesday to avoid a clash with the NTLive production of Jack Absolute in the Electric Palace).

**So, now on Tuesday 4 October THE DUKE ‘excellent entertainment’**

Starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya’s portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London.

It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery’s history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly - he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television.

What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge - Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage - how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

Cert.12+ 1.5 hrs (Subtitles to clarify the Geordie accents!)

**THURSDAY 3 November BELFAST ‘one of this year’s best films’**

Written and directed by Academy Award® nominee Kenneth Branagh, Belfast is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy’s childhood amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s. Buddy’s family lives in a largely Protestant district with a few Catholic families, but one day his community and everything he thought he understood about life is suddenly turned upside down.

Buddy’s family gets caught in the mayhem and must decide to stay or leave the only place they have ever called home. Through it all, his passionate parents (Caitríona Balfe and Jamie Dornan) and quick-witted grandparents (Academy Award® winner Judy Dench and Ciarán Hinds) keep the joy alive through music and the magic of movies in this feel-good story that reminds us that no matter how far you go, you never forget where you came from.

Cert.12+ 1.5 hrs

**Plus a further film, hopefully ELVIS on THURSDAY 1 December**

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

TICKETS: Price freeze! Still £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 no's. 01308)

**We will be sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock who will show them the on the previous Fridays.**

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

### **The White Horse – Welcome!**



As we all know, September saw the sad passing of our amazing Queen. We were so pleased that the village had celebrated the Jubilee in the fantastic way that we did just few months ago.

The weather broke and it brought a bit of that well needed rain as well as some lovely sunshine. Things are returning back to normal village life now.

October will see the return of the Friday night meat and cheese draw, we have probably the best 80's rock band in Dorset, The Balance of Power, booked for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm. Truly not to be missed.

We're also organising other events at the moment that we'll post on Facebook when finalised so keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Happy Halloween everyone!  
Andy & Liz

# LONG BREDY

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## St Peters Church

### Long Bredy 100 Club

### August 2022 Draw

£30.00 No. 124 R. Maltby

£15.00 No 70 R. Elliot

£5.00 No 22 J. Cain

Drawn on 29.8.2022 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Ruth, Dave

### Come Along Inn

October's 'Come Along Inn' will be on **Friday 21st** from **5.30 until 9.00** as usual in the **Village Hall**.

See the posters for details of the evening.

### Coffee Break...

#### Sunflowers and Poppies

The September Coffee Break was cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth.

The next coffee Break will be on Saturday October 8th from 10.30 until 12.00 in the Village Hall and the winner of the 'Sunflower for Ukraine' competition will be announced then; a small prize will be presented. There will be photos of sunflowers which were grown for the competition..winners or not. **Please see item below.**

### **Poppies in the Village**

This year there will be another lovely display of poppies in the church leading up to Armistice Day on the 11th November and Remembrance Sunday. The bellringers have decided to add a bell rope to this, decorated with handmade poppies, hence our request for everyone to knit or crochet poppies or even recycle some waste material into red, purple or white poppies. We need at least a hundred poppies so everyone's help would be appreciated.

We will display the bell rope at the next Coffee Break on Saturday, 8th October so please bring along your poppies to add to the rope.

In place of the door to door collection which no longer happens, poppies from the British Legion will be available at that coffee break and the Come Along Inn on Friday, 21st October for a donation to the annual Poppy Appeal: do come along and pick one up.

At the Coffee Break on Saturday, 12th November we are having a Bric a Brac stall to help raise funds to purchase a 'Tommy' to display in the village with the opportunity for you to say where you think it would be best sited. If you have any bric a brac to donate it would be most welcome; please leave outside 7 Bedford Terrace or ring 01308 482270 for collection.

## **Christmas Grand Draw**

The Christmas Grand Draw tickets were included in each copy of last month's magazine; we hope that everyone in the village will take a few tickets to sell to family and friends. Please return counterfoils to Jackie Cain, who has more tickets if needed.

Dukes are kindly sponsoring us. There is £100.00 for first prize and many other fantastic Christmas prizes including a gammon donated by a local farmer, a hamper of cheese from Ford Farm, a Christmas arrangement from Charlie McCormick, a bottle of Dorset fizz donated by Morrish and Banham, locally made Christmas cakes and other prizes.

We like to give to a local charity when we can, so some monies raised will be used for the GAP project of Dorchester and the surrounding area. Details of this were given in last month's BVN.

## **Harvest Festival**

This service will be held on **Sunday October 2nd at 11.00 am.**

Donations of food (non-perishable) for the Food Bank can be left at the church or with Elinor Frost, Jackie Cain or Ruth Cullingford. If preferred, a donation can be given to any of the above for the Food Bank.

Decorating the church will take place on Saturday 1st October: everyone is welcome to help decorate the church.

## **Defibrillator**

Our next project is a defibrillator for the village. Some fund raising will be needed but we have already had a donation towards this. The siting of the defibrillator and electricity supply has yet to be decided. If you have any questions or ideas please contact

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## LITTLEBREDY

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### St Michael & All Angels

Firstly, massive congratulations to Charlie McCormick, who has excelled himself at the Melplash and Dorchester (oops, Dorset County) Shows recently. With his trademark dahlias and vegetables to the fore, he won the “Banksian Medal” at both Shows. Named after the famous botanist Sir Joseph Banks, these medals are awarded at RHS-recognised Shows for the overall best entries, and winners cannot be considered for the subsequent two years. It is extremely rare for anyone to hold both medals simultaneously from West Dorset’s premier Shows, and amply justifies all Charlie’s hard work as ever. Well done him.

He and Ben also organised a separate interesting event here recently, when about 50 members of the Rectory Society descended on the Church and Old Parsonage in mid-September. Membership of the Society is open to those who live or have lived in former Rectories/Vicarages, which are often distinctive in style and architecture. From subsequent comments, our visitors really appreciated the Church, Parsonage and village.

Nic Armstrong was the only village “entrant” in this year’s Ride and Stride event in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Society (with 50% of sponsorship being returned to the entrant’s nominated Church). At the time of writing her fundraising is still going on, and there is a JustGiving site for anyone who would still like to support her. Further details if wanted can be got from the Armstrong family.

Anyone in the churchyard recently may have noticed two adjacent grave-stones gleaming white after a thorough renovation, and wondered about the background. These commemorate five members of the Brown family (Mrs. Beatrice Brown of Orchard Cottage was the last resident here till her death in 1988), but her surviving family will shortly be interring the ashes of her daughter-in-law and have improved the graves in expectation – setting a good example, it has to be said!



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE  
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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

**NEW**

**Fourth Sunday Puncknowle and Swyre Breakfast Church  
9.30am in Puncknowle Village Hall**

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

**Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington village hall AGM**

**13th October at 7.30 in the hall**

All welcome - new and not so new residents of any of the three villages , no pressure to sit on the committee although you would be very welcome to join our happy little band .

Come along with ideas or just to listen

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

## **LUNCH CLUB**

**PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm**

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

**LUNCHESES COST £6.00**

**18th October 2022**

Fish Pie, Chocolate Brownies with ice cream,  
Biscuits and cheese. Tea/coffee.

**Future dates:** 15th November and  
13 December.

***We continue to follow current COVID rules***



# VICTORIAN SWYRE

Find out about our village in Victorian times.  
A presentation by Dr Peter Northover.

Holy Trinity Church, Swyre  
7pm, 19 November 2022

Tickets: £10 per person (children free)  
Includes wine and nibbles

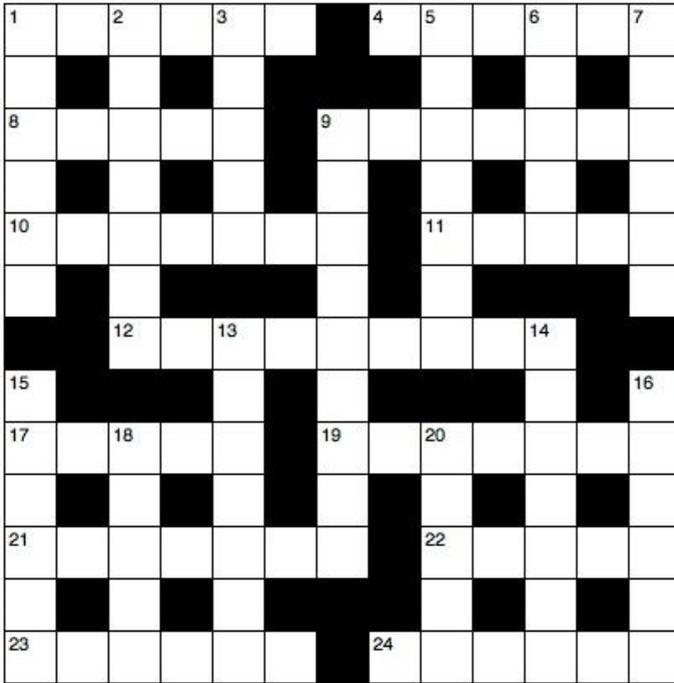
Tickets available from:

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**CROSSWORD**  
*Solution*  
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## Sudoku Easy

			3	4		8	9	
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7	6						9	1
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## Sudoku Medium

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					3	2		9	

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## Crossword Clues

### Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

### Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
- 20 Religious doctrine(5)

# SHIPTON GORGE

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## St Martin's Church.

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### October Floodlight Sponsors

**Kate & David**

**David & Rosemary for our farmers**

**The Studio appreciating the view**

**Ann Thimont & Stephen Jack, in memory of  
Jane**

Thank you so much to our generous sponsors. For a suggested donation of £5 why not illuminate the church for a loved one or for a special occasion? We do still have lots of space for the darker months ahead. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box.

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### Volunteers needed!

Is anyone available please, to take a turn to unlock the church in the morning and then lock up again in the evening? There is a rota in the porch for you to add your name to the week (s) you are available or ring Phil Hall on 01308 897776

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### Breakfast Church

Last month was the Breakfast Church's first anniversary and Mary George was also celebrating a big birthday. She was delighted to receive a card, a little cake decorated by the children and a balloon. We are all looking forward to her birthday next year when she will reach triple figures!

At June's Breakfast Church we had a Nature Hunt and now we want to know what our churchyard has in the autumn. Join us to find out!

As usual, our morning will start with breakfast at the hall. Everyone is welcome – please bring any nature guides, magnifying lenses etc. and clothing/footwear suitable for the weather. (If the weather is too wet, we'll be having a look inside the church and finding lots of interesting facts and details.)

**October Breakfast Church is on 9th October at 9.30 a.m.**

## Village Hall

A date for your diary . . .

After an enforced pause the village's Pre-Christmas Get Together will take place at the Village Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will follow but please make a note of the date now.

### September 2022 SGVH 100 Club Draw results

1<sup>st</sup> £25 No 53 Hazel Stanton  
2<sup>nd</sup> £10 No 73 Steve Forrest  
3<sup>rd</sup> £5 No 37 Christine Huxtable

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

**Graham Garner**

## The Odyssey

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Shipton Gorge Village Hall, 7.30pm



The fabulous Dave Myne brings to Shipton Gorge a tale of gods and monsters more exciting than excitement itself. A love story. The journey of all journeys. To Hell and back again. Meet a host of exciting and daft characters including a one-eyed Cyclops, Circe the sorceress and the terrifying sea god

Poseidon. Based (very loosely!) on the epic poem by Homer, with all the boring bits removed. You'll be on the edge of your seats! Utterly compelling and laugh-out-loud funny.

**Tickets** £10, £5 (u18s), £25 (fam 4 – max 2 adults)

Tickets available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

For enquiries, call 01308 897407

Recommended age 12+

Cash bar

## All You Bingo Lovers



Come along and join us on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct for an evening of Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks.

Everyone welcome, raffle with tea and coffee available.

### **Village Society**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Debfrillator and CPR training session. This will be In the Village Hall starting at 6.30pm. Over 50 people in the village asked for this life saving training, so we hope as many as possible will come along to learn, or refresh their knowledge, on these important techniques. The session is being paid for by the Parish Council so there is no charge, but you do need to book a place as numbers are limited to around 20 people. A second session will be held on the same evening if necessary. Please phone Christine Huxtable on 897519 or email her at [christinehuxtable@hotmail.com](mailto:christinehuxtable@hotmail.com) to book your place.

We are delighted that the Queen's Green Canopy project resulted in well over 100 trees and saplings being planted in Shipton Gorge to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Due to the hot summer some of the saplings may have struggled to get established, or even died, but we still have some trees left, in the good care of Helen and Andrew Fry, so if you need to replace any or would like to plant some more then please contact them on 897260

Thank you to all those who got involved in walking and checking the foot-paths and reporting back to us about anything they found. This information has been passed to our rights of Way Officer, Wally Axford, and he will investigate anything that our walkers have found that needs to be looked at.

We are most grateful to those who did the walking and checking and we hope that you enjoyed the countryside while doing this.  
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
Mary Boughton  
15th September 2022

## **SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE**

**Heritage Gin Club** – The winner of the September draw was Pat and Les Cox. A box of Dorset food and wine treats have been delivered – congratulations to both of you – we hope you enjoyed it.

**Saunders Richardson Wood** – Thankfully, the extraordinary hot and dry weather has abated - and has suddenly been replaced by Autumn. On our last inspection of the new trees and saplings in the wood it was reassuring to see that despite the adverse growing conditions during the summer, most of them have survived. We will continue to monitor and nurture them in the months ahead.

**Shipton Gorge Orchard** – Chris Hewlett has painstakingly put together a plan of the trees in the Orchard and has managed to identify the vast majority of them - many of them Dorset and Heritage varieties. In addition, she has also researched what they are best used for together with suggested harvesting times. You can find this information on the notice board in the Orchard. This year we decided not to mow the whole orchard – opting for a meandering path and leaving areas of grass to grow long and a bit wilder. These areas still need to be managed however, and have now been strimmed, and more importantly, raked over, to avoid enriching the soil too much. We will see next year if this improves the number and variety of wildflowers in the Orchard.

We will be holding an **Apple Day Produce and Plant sale** in the village hall on Saturday 22 October. Fruit from the Orchard can be picked by residents of the village – so why not bake or preserve an apple or damson related creation for the sale! There will be some apple related activities and also a representative from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust will be coming along to show us how vitally important bees are to the food chain etc.

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>

A big **thank you** to everyone who last month supported the Bring and Buy at the village hall in aid of the humanitarian charity 'AQUABOX'. The Bring and Buy and coffee and cake raised £208.16 and the subsequent sale at a car boot of the unsold items raised a further £146.55. This means that Shipton Village was able to sponsor a further TWO Aquaboxes, bringing our total to 5. The Aquaboxes will be sent where ever there is a need for emergency provision of clean water and are packed with other emergency equipment which would be needed after a disaster.

Chris Hewlett



# Harvest Festival at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge



## Sunday 2nd October

Crafts in church from 4:15pm,  
service at 5pm

with donations of tinned/ dried foods for Bridport Foodbank  
if you are able,

followed by a Harvest Supper  
in the Hall.

**If you are unable to join us for the craft  
or service please join us for supper in  
the hall at 5:45pm.**

Harvest Supper

Please contact Helen Fry (bvchurchesta@outlook.com)  
if you are able to help prepare the supper or contribute  
towards it. (Food to be brought to the hall please on  
Harvest Festival day.)

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## St Mary's Burton Bradstock

### St Mary's Church 'Songs of Praise!'



Our Songs of Praise service, on October 2nd, will also be our Harvest Festival Celebration when we will be welcoming a guest speaker from The Bridport Food Bank. Traditional Harvest

hymns, readings and special music and involving contributions from our farming community. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30 am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited.

Our next Songs of Praise service, on November 6th, will be on All Saints Day and will be led by the Reverend Sue Linford.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!



### Tots' Time

Just 3 parents and 4 little Tots came to the new session on September 9th. As it was raining we met inside the church for a quieter than usual Tots' Time. Playdough, Mega-blocks, nursery rhymes, a Bible story, carrot sticks, satsumas, crawling in and out of the 'tent' just about sums it up. Plus lots of tea and chats with parents .

We all felt rather disorientated and sad at the loss of our Queen, but everyone was glad they came.

We miss lively Luke with his enthusiasm and infectious grin, but we wish him well in his new pre-school and can meet him and his family at Breakfast Church each month at Shipton Gorge.

We meet every Friday in term time from 2.00 to 3.00. For more information please ring Audrey on (01308) 897227 or Heather on (01308)897780

# Burton Bradstock Village Hall

## Village Hall Activity

Should you wish to use the Hall please contact the Bookings Officer Val Ferre via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.



## Burton Bradstock Films



Our second film of the season in the Village Hall on Friday 28 October 2022 is **BELFAST**, a film straight from Kenneth Branagh's own experience.

As a 9-year-old boy Branagh's life was suddenly turned upside down as the Troubles changed all he thought and understood about life changed forever. It is a sincere, passionate story with joy, laughter and music which will test all the emotions.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if available, on the door on the night.

**This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 3 November**

## Coffee Mornings

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct run by The Bowls Club

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov run by Burton Bradstock School

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

## Future Events

Diary dates to note

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas market & Coffee Morning

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Quiz.

More details in the November BVN.

*Richard Ferre*

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

### September 2022 Draw

#### Congratulations to the winners:

<b>1st</b>	<b>£39.20</b>	<b>No 16:</b>	<b>Mr Tom Holmes</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>£19.60</b>	<b>No 59:</b>	<b>Mrs Audrey Hayward</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£9.80</b>	<b>No 100:</b>	<b>Mrs Gill Robertson</b>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October 2022 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £3 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## Derek Parsons Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Derek Parsons, late of Grove Road, Burton Bradstock, who died in April 2020, at 2.00pm on Saturday 1st October in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

The family invites you to join them in the Village Hall afterwards.

## Burton Bradstock Village Society

### The Speakers Programme

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, John Stockley entertained and enlightened us with his talk entitled “My Life as an African American GI’s Son Brought up in South Dorset”. Interestingly his stories and anecdotes could apply to almost anyone being bought up in the 1950’s, especially for us with the local interest, his mother was born in Donkey Lane! Although he did suffer some hard times (didn’t we all) and some prejudice, the overwhelming theme was that he had and has a wonderful life.

Our next talk is on Friday, 14th October, entitled “My Life in Africa” by Martin Dawes. Martin Dawes is the UNICEF regional communications chief for West and Central Africa, based in Dakar, Senegal. He is a highly experienced communicator and humanitarian worker who was a BBC foreign correspondent before becoming a senior adviser with UNICEF in two of the most challenging regions in the world.

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.

## **Christmas Tree**

Oh no, it's that time of year again! This is just an advanced notice about an event happening on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas Tree will be erected on the village green in the morning, and there will be a Switch-on Ceremony at 4.30pm, followed by Mulled Wine and nibbles (soft drinks option) until around 6:30. To help with the cost of lights etc we are looking for 20 people to sponsor a Christmas decoration. For £5 a decoration, a star or bauble of your choice will be painted with the year and any name you select on it.

You will have an opportunity to put it on the tree yourself once it has been erected and before the "Switch on Ceremony". To become a sponsor just contact Richard Ferre on [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com) or 897648. Most decorations last for several years.

More details of this and other Christmas events will appear in the November and December BVN's.

## **Membership**

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442. Membership costs £5.00 per annum.

## **Burton Bradstock Social Supper Club**

Our October supper at the Golf club will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Looking forward to seeing some of you then.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me 01308 897543

*Mags Chue*

## Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Would you consider joining our small team of volunteers? If you would like to know more about what is involved, please leave your name at the Library during opening hours or email:-[info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk).

The “Friends of Burton Bradstock Library” look after all aspects of the Library service, and finance the running and maintenance costs of the historic listed building through your annual subscriptions and fund-raising activities. The most important of these are the annual membership subscriptions, which fall due on the 1st October. If you are a “Friend” you should have received prior notification, if you are not already a “Friend”, then please consider joining. Membership forms are available in the Library or from our website.

### *Revised Opening Hours*

The Library is now open on Wednesday afternoon in addition to Wednesday morning. The new opening hours are:

Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Saturday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

### **Lego in the Library on Tuesday 25th October**



Starting at 10.00am for approximately 2 hours, the Library welcomes Lego Builders, Young and Old. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The format of the session will very much depend upon the numbers on the day. The session is free. Children’s books will if possible remain

accessible but due to the fact that the bookcases are rearranged, adult books will not.

### **Book Sale**

The Book Sale is re-scheduled for Wednesday morning October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Library during opening hours from 10.30 to 12.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Cards**

A selection of Christmas Cards from previous years and Tapestry notelets are available to purchase in the Library. All proceeds support the “Friends”.

## Citizens Advice

We are currently in discussion with Citizens Advice Bridport with a view to have an advisor visit the library on a regular basis. It is planned that this service will initially be available twice each month, commencing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 12.30pm until 2.00pm. As arrangements are currently being finalised please see notice boards around the Bride Valley for further information.

## Contact information

Tel: 01308 897563 email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library  
[WWW.BURTONBRADSTOCKLIBRARY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BURTONBRADSTOCKLIBRARY.ORG.UK)  
Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)



## Burton Bradstock WI



First and foremost I would like, on behalf of the WI, to express our sadness at the death of Queen Elizabeth. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family and particularly with our new King, Charles III.

We wondered whether or not to hold our monthly meeting under the circumstances, but after much thought and with verification from the Dorset Federation we decided to go ahead as we felt that is what the Queen would have wanted, she having been a member of the WI for nearly 80 years. In honour of her Majesty we commenced our meeting with a minute's silence and then we joined together with the singing of "God Save the King", with a photo of the Queen and a vase of lilies in the background.



Our meeting then continued with a very informative and amusing talk by Sarah Delves on the History of Handbags, which seemed a fitting subject as we thought about the Queen and her customary handbag – which may or may not have contained a marmalade sandwich! Sarah talked us through her interesting collection of handbags from a gambling purse dating from 1660 to the luxury designer handbags of today. It was fascinating to hear

about the materials used through the ages and also the value of the various items. Several members also brought along their favourite handbags to add to the interest of the evening.

We have been doing really well with knitting squares for the Dorset Federation challenge of seeing how many blankets can be made for Ukrainian refugees. Our target was 105 squares to match our 105<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and I am pleased to say that we have already overtaken that with a total so far of 166! At this rate we should be able to get up to 200! Our thanks go to Barbara James in the village who, although not a WI member, has kindly knitted some squares for us.

At our meeting on 11th October we shall be having a talk on Beatrix Potter by David Stocks and we are looking forward to finding out more about what this incredible lady did, apart from writing those lovely stories about Peter Rabbit and his friends.

Just on a final note, if you read our last report carefully (which I'm sure you all do), you will have noticed that the first paragraph did not quite make sense! That's because a chunk of it disappeared somehow between me and the next two stages before printing. I therefore enclose a copy of what it should have said as follows:

“Full marks go to the staff at the “Shoes” for their friendly and efficient service to such a large group – and the food did not disappoint either! The following week nine members of the Skittles team met up at The Symondsburry Kitchen for lunch to celebrate the end of an enjoyable and quite successful season. We are looking forward to starting our practices again in the Autumn and also to restarting Indoor Kurling practices, to which all members will be welcome.”

That obviously makes much more sense!!

*Janet Pearson*  
01308 898346

STOP PRESS: We have just been notified that our Quiz team have made it through to the final of the Dorset Federation Quiz which is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October . Well done ladies!!

## Artsreach in Burton Bradstock

'Holy Cow!' performed by Emily Hennessey and Sheema Mukhurjee



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 7.30pm

We are pleased to let you know that Artsreach is returning for the new season. Storyteller Emily Hennessey and acclaimed musician Sheema Mukhrejee will conjure fast-flowing worlds of cosmic creatures, celestial curses, wise women and gods behaving badly in Indian stories of liberation, love, life, truth and illusion. This will be performance storytelling & live music at its most vibrant and engaging, bursting with Indian dance, humour, ritual and playful energy.



You can book now online at [artsreach.co.uk/event/holy-cow](https://artsreach.co.uk/event/holy-cow), where you can also view a short preview video of the show, or alternatively telephone (01308) 897421. Standard Tickets are £10, with under 18s £5 or a family ticket at £25. A bar will be available.

## Burton Bradstock Parish Council

### Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 19th October at 7.30 in the Reading Room. This will be a Hybrid meeting and a zoom invite will be available on the website the week before if you would like to attend virtually.

### Contacting the Parish Council

We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters.

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

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

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

### Come and give your views

There has been a working group of parishioners and councillors developing a Community Emergency and Resilience plan. In the past few years, we have seen a pandemic, droughts causing wildfires and rains causing flooding. It is

important that we have a plan in place for future emergencies, whatever they may be, that all our community is aware of. We invite you to come to a drop-in session at the village hall on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm till 8pm** to offer your views on the first draft of this important document.

### **Would you be interested in being a Flood Warden or Community Emergency volunteer for Burton Bradstock?**

There is a free training opportunity on Tuesday 18 October, 10am-4pm, Salt House, West Bay, Dorset

Topics covered will include:

- An Introduction to Emergency Response
- Procedures and planning for Flood Wardens and Community Emergency Volunteers
- Understanding flooding and the role of the Flood Warden
- Flood risk awareness, dynamic risk assessment and how to stay safe

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

### **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.

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Sudoku Easy Solution

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Sudoku Medium Solution

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**citizens  
advice**

**East Dorset  
& Purbeck**



**Are you over State Retirement Pension Age or born before 30.09.1956?**

**Are you a Dorset Council resident with less than £10,000 in savings?**

You may be entitled to a supermarket voucher from the **Household Support Fund**

To claim, complete the online application at **[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund)**

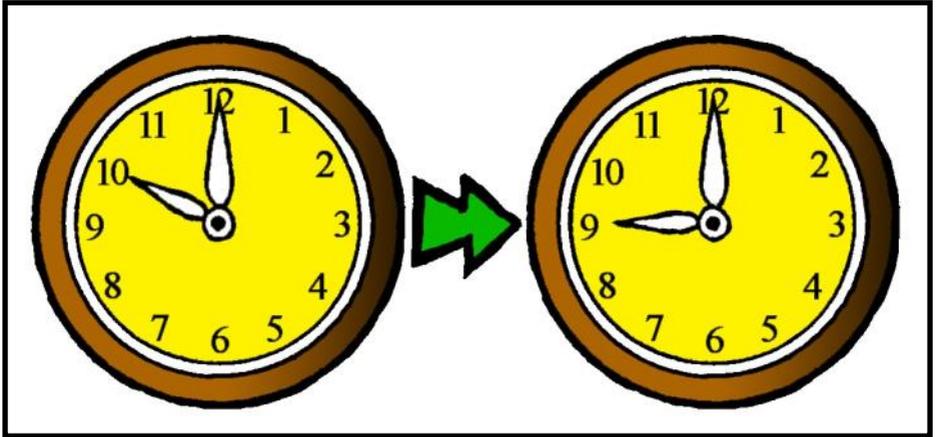
If you need assistance please either book an appointment with a Library Digital Assistant, or attend your local Citizens Advice drop-in session to complete an application.

Visit **[www.citizensadvisedorset.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvisedorset.org.uk)** for more information.

Dorset Adviceline: **0800 144 8848**

## DIARY OCTOBER 2022

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat	1st	9.30—12.00	Village Café in aid of the Weymouth Samaritans	Latch. Litton Cheney
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Bride Valley Films 'The Duke'	Latch. Litton Cheney
		7pm	Burton Bradstock Players Read through and auditions	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Saturday	8th	10.30.- 12	Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
		7pm	Community Charity Variety Show	Latch. Litton Cheney
Tuesday	11th	9—11	Open Morning for Early Years—Book with School Office	Burton Bradstock School
Thursday	13th	7.30pm	Puncknowle, Swyre and West Brexington Village Hall AGM	Puncknowle Village Hall
		7pm	Burton Bradstock Players Read through and auditions	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Monday	17th	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	Latch Litton Cheney
Tuesday	18th	1pm	Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	19th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Burton Bradstock Reading Room
Friday	21st	5.30—9pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Tuesday	25th	10—12	Lego in the Library	Burton Bradstock Library
Friday	28th	7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Films 'BELFAST'	Burton Bradstock Village Hall



**SUMMER TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY  
30TH OCTOBER  
DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK**



## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES OCTOBER 2022

<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2 October Trinity 16</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9 October Trinity 17</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 16 October Trinity 18</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 23 October Bible Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent All Saints Sunday</b>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion  10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 United Valley Service
Chilcombe			4.00 Harvest Service		
Shipton Gorge	5.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion	
Swyre	6.00 Harvest Festival	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30  Joint Breakfast Church at Puncknowle Hall	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 Harvest Festival		
Litton Cheney	11.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	
Long Bredy	11.00 Harvest Festival		9.30 Morning Worship		2.30pm Annual Memorial Service Ministry Team
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock at 11.30 followed by Light Lunch

A service is recorded weekly by a member of the team. Phone 01308293062