

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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March 2023 Issue deadlines

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Note: *Contributors are asked to note that space in the BVN is strictly limited and the Editor reserves the right to edit submissions and cannot guarantee that items will be included.*

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock
St Mary: Litton Cheney
St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy
St Peter: Long Bredy
Chilcombe (dedication unknown)
St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre

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Reader: James Webster (01308) 898657

To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements, please telephone or email the Rector.

Pastoral Assistants & Prayers for The Sick

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams 01308 898799.

If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

Church Floodlighting

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: Burton Bradstock (Chrissie Bailey 897603 or Ian Ibbotson 898484), Shipton Gorge (Phyl Webster 898657), Litton Cheney (Freddie Spicer 482617).

FROM THE RECTORY

Your kingdom come, here and now!

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, the words he used in each account of what we now call The Lord's prayer included: 'Your kingdom come'. Last year our new Bishop encouraged us to pray afresh 'Your kingdom come, here and now. But, what does that mean for us, as individuals and as a community within the Bride Valley.

The disciples recognised that Jesus' day-to-day actions flowed from his intimate prayer life with God and they wanted their lives to reflect the same. One factor in Jesus' teaching on prayer involves us understanding that God's kingdom has not yet been completely fulfilled on this earth. 'Your kingdom come' is not just a yearning for the coming of Christ in the future, it is a longing to see God's kingdom become increasingly established throughout the world, here and now.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6 verse 10)

Your kingdom come means asking our heavenly Father to help us be authentic and effective as Christians. That way we spread God's kingdom not only with words but also through our actions and the qualities of our character.

Praying, "Your kingdom come," is the same as saying, "Dear Lord, please open the hearts of my loved ones, friends, co-workers and neighbours to receive Your gift of salvation in Jesus Christ."

Another way we seek the establishment of God's kingdom in the here and now is to pray for aspects of God's nature to be revealed and known in the world. So overwhelming was Isaiah's experience, that he saw the glory of God's holiness filling the whole earth:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6 verse 3).

When we pray, "Your kingdom come," we ask God to shine His light into the world so that others may respond to Him with awe and reverence. Jesus is the light of the world who breaks through the darkness of sin by

His work on the cross. As believer's we too can become lights to the world playing our small part in the coming of God's kingdom, here and now.
With every blessing,
Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

The late Anne Gillson

It is with sadness we report the sudden death of Anne Gillson, Editor of the Bride Valley News. Anne was a great colleague who performed the task of Editor with efficient dedication. We extend our sympathy to Anne's family at this sad time. We will miss her.
The Reverend Jane Williams

From the registers

Funerals:

Richard Hindson Burton Bradstock 6th December

Peter Pattinson Burton Bradstock 8th December

David Suckling of Burton Bradstock - 19th January at Weymouth Crematorium



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 on 07393 607025 (note new number) between Monday and Friday.
Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

Our Night Sky in February 2023

Venus will be setting in the west at about 1915, followed by Jupiter at 2115. Mars meanwhile will continue to dominate the southern sky during the night, setting in the north west about 0300. It has been a brilliant object during the past months since it has been at its closest to Earth; its eclipse by the Moon in December was an amazing sight for those lucky enough to see it. It will begin to fade as it continues on its orbit round the Sun, which means that at its most distant, it will be about 130 million miles from Earth as opposed to the 40 million or so it has been recently.

The successful December mission of Artemis round the Moon with an accurate splashdown after re- entering the atmosphere at 25,000 mph, was an amazing effort, and it provided scientists with a wealth of data from the sensors on the dummies that were on board. Providing the dummies “survived” the adventure and an actual astronaut would not have succumbed to the multitude of forces experienced, the next Artemis mission should have live astronauts aboard, who will orbit the Moon before returning to Earth. If that is successful, Artemis 3 should have a crew that will land on the Moon and carry out preliminary investigations for setting up a permanent base. All this in preparation for a mission to Mars sometime in the distant future; however, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that a future Mars explorer has already been born. We live in exciting times, and I hope to be able to tell you about some of them in future articles.

Bill Turnill

Bride Valley Gardening Club

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its new season on the evening of Monday March 20th at 7.30pm with a talk from Joy Michaud on ‘Choosing the Right Variety’. This meeting will take place at LATCH in Litton Cheney.

Jobs to do in February (weather permitting!): If we aren’t under a layer of snow or a foot of water, now is the time to start pruning and tidying up plants before they burst into growth. These include ornamental grasses, mophead hydrangeas, clematis that flowers after June and over wintering

fuchsias. Cut back ivy, Virginia creeper and overgrown hedges before birds start nesting. Trim winter heathers and winter-flowering jasmine once they have finished flowering. Put a 5cm layer of mulch on pots and borders to suppress weed growth and conserve moisture. Continue planting new flowering shrubs and lilies in pots. Sow hardy annuals under cover to plant out in spring. Continue preparing seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches. Feed fruit bushes with a high-potassium plant food. Sow broad beans, Brussels sprouts and lettuces under cover. Sprout early potatoes in warmth and light to produce strong shoots. Continue to feed and provide fresh water for the birds; regularly clean feeders and bird tables/baths

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Dorset <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/dorset> has loads of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Dorset (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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

The library is open as follows:

Mondays 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Saturdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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.

The logo for Artsreach, featuring the word "Artsreach" in a stylized, handwritten-style font with a horizontal line underneath.A logo consisting of the number "30" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the "0" is the text "YEARS OF ENTERTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

Artsreach in the Bride Valley

Artsreach is having a very successful season in the Bride Valley villages, and full details of all the forthcoming events are detailed in the Village sections. You may like to note the following dates in your diaries and book early to ensure your seats!

Janice and Jon, Thursday 9th February 2023,
Shipton Gorge Village Hall, 7.30p.

The King of Nothing, Friday 17th February
Litton Cheney Village Hall 11.00am
Suitable for ages 5+

Love and Spice, Saturday 25th Feb,
Litton Cheney Village Hall 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Coracle, Sunday 19th March
Burton Bradstock Village Hall 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

LITTON CHENEY

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Village web-site www.littoncheneys.org.uk



St Mary's Church

A grand total of £285 was raised by carol-singing around the village on two nights before Christmas. This has been donated to Julia's House and we are grateful to all those who contributed financially, by singing, and by providing delicious refreshments along the way.

Following our very successful coffee morning in January, we shall be holding another on Monday 6th February in the church from 9.30 to 11.30. There is a warm welcome for all – young and not-so-young. Hot drinks, cake and biscuits are free and we have a good selection of toys. We were delighted that several Mums and toddlers came last month and hope that they will come again and bring some more of their friends for a bit of a break and a good chat!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March, 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room of LATCH. It's the end of the fiscal year so time to see if the sums add up. You are most welcome to attend and find out.

The Queen's Bench

Plans are being finalised and costs are being sought. We are hopeful that come May, perhaps in time for the Coronation of Charles III, that we will have completed the bench installation commemorating the life and reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, adjacent to the Jubilee Hut bus shelter. More details to follow as work progresses.

Christmas Tree

Mention was made in January's BVN about the village Christmas tree and how the putting up and decoration of the tree magically happens. It is time to name the guilty – collecting, erecting and eventually disposing of the tree : Ron Davidson, John Salvetti and Pete Collis. Decorating of tree – Bev Robbins, Beverly Dennis, Sally Stone and Andrea Jackman. Our grateful thanks for their willingness to get involved and artistic input.

Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall – February

Weekly:

Tuesdays: 15.30 – 16.30 Big Q Church (term time only)

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

From 18.15 – NEW Pilates (2 classes) with Johanna Dollerson (07920421783) johanna@larkpilates.com - See Valley Notes for more details.

Wednesdays: After school - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest

(annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)

Special:

Thursday 2nd – Film Night “Top Gun: The Maverick” Doors open 19.00.

Film starts 19.30.

Friday 10th and 24th: 10.00 – 12.00 Art Group in meeting room

Friday 17th – 11.00 Artsreach production – see separate announcement

Saturday 18th: Mellulah Yoga Day (mellulahyoga@gmail.com)

Saturday 25th : 09.30 – 12.30 Tai Chi

Saturday 25th: 19.30 Artsreach production – see separate announcement

Sunday 26th: Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

NEW! Lark Pilates at Litton Cheney: Tuesday evenings from January 31st
Litton & Thorners Community Hall

A note to hall users: If you are last out of the car park, please shut the gate! Thanks.

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/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532
wtlitton@gmail.com

We hope that everyone who came along enjoyed last month's "New Year Winter Warm Cafe" at LATCH. A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed, donated and helped raise over £330 which has been donated to the First Steps Play group.

Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Community Hall

Reminder: THURSDAY 2 Feb Top Gun : the Maverick 'aviation fuelled thrill ride'

After more than thirty years of service as a top naval aviator, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot. Yet, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past when he returns to TOP GUN to train a group of elite graduates and comes face-to-face with Lt. Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the son of his former wingman, "Goose." Bitter rivalries ignite as the pilots prepare for a specialised mission, which will require the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it.

Cert. 12+ 2hrs

THURSDAY 2 March Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris 'pure escapism'
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris tells a humorously heart-warming tale about London housecleaner Ada Harris (Lesley Manville), who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a Christian Dior gown. Saying goodbye to friends like Archie (Jason Isaacs) won't be easy, and neither will be winning over elite people in Paris from Madame Colbert (Isabelle Huppert) to idealistic accountant André (Lucas Bravo). But Ada's irrepressible charm just might end up saving the whole House of Dior in this uplifting story of how an ordinary woman becomes an extraordinary inspiration by daring to follow her dreams. Cert. PG, 2hrs.

Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

Next film (subject to licences being available):

Thurs. 6 April "Operation Mincemeat"

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

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

The White Horse

Andy & Liz took a well-earned break in January, and having recharged batteries and renewed their enthusiasm, very much look forward to seeing you all back into the welcoming warmth of The White Horse. Check FB and Website for more details.

Anne Gillson – Remembered

There will understandably and deservedly be many tributes to Anne Gillson who died recently, our revered BVN editor and friend to many. Those of us involved with putting the BVN together every month very much knew and appreciated the supreme effort and care, Anne, considerably supported by daughter, Phyllis, put into producing a first-class publication many in the Bride Valley relied upon to "keep in touch". It is said you never truly or fully appreciate someone or something until one day they or it are no longer there. That time has come with regards to Anne – she will be a hard act to follow and we thank her hugely for being.

Gil Smith

Long-term village residents will no doubt remember Gil Smith who together with his late wife, Brenda, were an integral part of Litton over many years before he decamped to the delights of Cambridgeshire to be nearer his family. Gil (90) sadly died recently and his family would like it known, even though appreciating it is quite literally a long way to go, that Gil's funeral will take place at 12 noon on Thursday 2nd February at the Cam Valley Crematorium in Cambridgeshire, followed by a Wake (venue tbc). For more information email james.smith@philipsmith.com

Love and Spice
Balbir Singh Dance
Company



Litton Cheney Village Hall
Saturday Feb 25th 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)



Love and Spice combines different art forms and cultural traditions in surprisingly delicious ways. Blending Kathak dance and live music with a chef cooking live on stage, expect a truly magical, multicultural feast for all the senses.

Adults £10, Under 18's £5, Family £25

Refreshments available – cash only

Booking - Patricia 01308 482514 or online at artsreach.co.uk

The King of Nothing

Monstro Theatre

Litton Cheney Village Hall
Saturday Feb 25th 11.00am

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Emperors New Clothes'
Monstro Theatre set out to prove that people can be made to believe anything in this wild new Puppet Musical, packed with songs, puppetry, slapstick and more!

Adults £6, Children £5, Family ticket £20

Booking – Call Patricia 01308 482514 or online at artsreach.co.uk



SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

The bright lights of St Martin's are shining this February especially for those listed below:

Roy Symes

in Memory of his Dad Percy on his birthday

Ann & Tony Jones

for their Grandson, Ollie's 18th birthday

John & Diane Bredemere

And for a generous gent who wishes to stay anonymous!

Should you wish to light up the Church for the months ahead, a suggested donation of £5 would be gratefully received. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are out and about, just push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. In order to have your occasion mentioned in the magazine for the appropriate month, please check the cut-off date on the inside page of the Bride Valley News.

Breakfast Church

Sunday 12th February at 9.30am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for Breakfast and informal worship.

St Martin's Pet Service

Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm.

All makes of pet are welcome to bring along their owners and everyone who wishes to join in the fun!

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.

Parish Council

Mobile Phone Signal

Thank you to those who gave us information on the strength, or otherwise, of their home mobile phone signals. We still need more people to provide this information:-

Your name

Address and postcode

The mobile network you use

The strength of the signal inside your property

The strength of the signal outside your property

We'd also like to know if you have been told that a smart meter cannot be installed in your home because of the lack of mobile signal. The more data we can provide the better so that we can challenge the mobile providers by giving them a list showing how wide the problem is in Shipton Gorge.

Please contact the clerk or any parish councillor.

Village Litter Pick and Tidy Up

Advance notice for your diary - we will be holding our usual village tidy up on Saturday 1st April this year. More details next month.

CPR Training

The British Heart Foundation are providing a free digital tool called RevivR that will teach individuals and groups how to perform lifesaving CPR – an essential thing to know in these uncertain times!

We would be happy to arrange another group session on this if people want it, but meanwhile you can find out more yourself or learn by downloading an app to do it at home yourself. Contact either BHF at www.bhf.org.uk or contact the parish clerk who can send you more information.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everybody is most welcome.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted at clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk or on 01308-480966.

Fibre Broadband Meeting

Thanks to everyone that attended this presentation by Jurassic Fibre on 11th January, and for the many and varied points raised during the Q&A session afterwards.

If you missed the meeting but are interested in Jurassic's plans, go to its website (<https://jurassic-fibre.com>), enter your postcode under "Can I get Jurassic Fibre?" and follow the instructions. Registering won't commit you to anything, but helps build our case with Jurassic for bringing fibre broadband to the village - either via the Project Gigabit voucher scheme or a commercial build plan.

If you would like to keep in touch with developments (via intermittent e-mail updates) send your details to me at gigashipton@gmail.com.

Tony Mallett

Village Hall

Hire charges

2022 hire charges will continue to be applied for the first three months of 2023. By the end of March a new energy contract will be in place and that, along with details of the revised Energy Relief Scheme for Businesses will

enable Trustees to better assess overall costs and decide on appropriate hire charges for the remainder of the year.

January 2023 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st £25 No 70 Bob Simpson
2nd £10 No 84 Jo Warren
3rd £5 No 55 Jan Shaw

Congratulations to all the winners.

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winner of the first draw in 2023 was

Jill Parsons who opted for the alcoholic prize and a bottle of Lyme Bay Dry Gin has been delivered. Well done, Jill.



Saunders Richardson Wood

We are planning on having an Open Wood Day on Saturday 18 February from 10.30am to 1pm. There will be a few jobs to do, replacing a number of the plastic tree guards and reinforcing some of the brash halos etc. However, you are welcome to just have a wander round if you prefer. Please come along if you have an hour or two to spare. 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

There will be some pruning and maintenance of the fruit trees in the Orchard needed. If the weather was in our favour, the planned pruning workshop by David Squirrel in January should have gone ahead and therefore we will plan to have a session to practice these skills while it is fresh in our minds. Please look out for notices. 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
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

Janice and Jon
Thursday 9th February 2023,
Shipton Gorge Village Hall,
7.30pm



A folk duo with a spellbinding presence, 'Janice & Jon's' compelling storytelling comes alive through tight vocal harmonies and sensitive interplay between mandolin, bouzouki, and guitar. The duo has performed at the likes of Sage Gateshead, Cambridge Folk Festival, and Edinburgh Tradfest. Their latest album brings together folk songs that explore man's relationship with nature, love and loss. Don't miss these rising stars as they tour to Dorset with Artsreach. 'Crystal clear voices, great musicianship, and obviously a deep love of the tradition.' Mike



Harding (The Mike Harding Folk Show)
Tickets £10, £5 (u18s), £25 (fam 4 - max 2 adults)
Tickets available online at www.artsreach.co.uk
For enquiries, call 01308 897407
Cash bar

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church



Long Bredy 100 Club: December Draw

£30.00 No. 105 D. Andrews
£15.00 No. 138 C. Tretheway
£5.00 No. 98 J. Greener

December 2022 Super Draw

£145.00 No. 129 R. Maltby
£95.00 No. 11 D. Peretz
£45.00 No. 107 J. and F. Farley

Both of these were drawn on 18/12/2022 after the Nativity Service by Charlotte, Andrew and Ruth.

Don't forget that in order to be in the draw this year, Ruth Cullingford will need your membership money and details as soon as possible. The 100 Club Draw is now becoming a "rolling stone" and gathering new members each year. The aim is to have 150 members this year. This means that the proportion of money given in prizes also increases, as do the donations which go to support the three village facilities - hall, playing field and church. If you are not already a member, please think about joining. It is open to all.

Christmas Decorations 2022

The village looked fabulous with decorations and lights.

The ' Follow the Star ' theme was wonderfully depicted.

The Wise Men were seen at the triangle heading towards the Church. Many thanks to everyone who made the village so festive.

Christmas Carol Service

Despite the weather and illness within the Clergy, St Peter's had a wonderful Live Nativity Carol Service, magnificently led by Sir Philip Williams who stepped in at the last minute.

The Church was full; thank you to all those who attended and took part either by bringing animals, appearing as the Holy Family (especially baby Rose and her cousins the sheep) and the readers.

Rose's family raised the roof with their singing which was tremendous.

£300 was collected and will be donated to the three ELL's charity which supports local families with children who have life limiting conditions.

February Coffee Break

This will be on February 11th from 10.30am until 12 noon in the Village Hall. The fire will be lit and refreshments laid out ready to welcome anyone who wants a coffee break.

Come Along Inn

February's 'Come Along Inn' will be on Friday 17th from 5.30pm until 9.00pm as usual in the Village Hall. See the posters for details of the evening.



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



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St Mary's Church Puncknowle

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	Breakfast Church	9.30am in the Hall

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

Candlemas At Puncknowle Church Thursday 2nd February at 7pm

You are invited to join us at a quiet candlelit service of meditation and plainsong to celebrate 'Christ – the light of the world' with refreshments afterwards at the Crown Inn.

Date for your diary – **PUNCKNOWLE FETE 2023** on July 8th

Napper Charity allotments

We have two half plots available and ready now. There is a small one-off joining fee and after that the yearly cost is just £20 for a half plot, this includes access to water, National Allotment and Leisure gardening society membership and public liability while on your allotment for one named person.

The allotments are available for anyone living in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington.

Please contact Lyn if you are interested

Lin Hampton

07730676956

pedrohampton@icloud. com

Winter Fun Club

Welcomes everyone to two great occasions in Puncknowle Village Hall
10.15 – 11.45 am

February 2nd Dreams & dreamcatchers

We shall enjoy making our own dreamcatchers while we talk about dreams and dreamcatchers.

February 16th Hearth and heart

Prize-winning performance poet and writer Peter Roe, a former Bard of Dorchester, will entertain us with poems about Love, Life and Living. He will take us on a whistle-stop tour of the local area, pausing occasionally to appreciate the wonder of the place in which we live. As well as some old favourites Peter will also read poems from his forthcoming 4th book, *Love Hertz*, copies of which will be offered for sale at just £5 each.

Future Winter Fun Club dates March 2nd & 16th

Any query, offer of help or request for transport? Please call/text Marion Derbyshire 07815 661973

Thank You

A huge thank you to Peter Northover for giving us such an interesting and entertaining insight into Victorian Swyre last month. It was very much enjoyed, and already a sequel is planned which will be illustrated with copies of maps, surveys and rentals to throw light on the Victorian residents of our village. Watch this space for a future date!

**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.

LUNCHES COST £6.00

21 February 2023

**Steak casserole with puff pastry, mashed
potatoes, vegetables**

Treacle Tart with Ice cream

Cheese and Biscuits, Tea/coffee.

Future dates: 21/03/23 - Chicken in White Wine,
Cream & leek sauce, new potatoes, Fruit crumble,
cream or custard

18/04/23

16/5/23

20/06/23

We continue to follow current COVID rules

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

Tots' Time

Of course there was NO DISASTER involving dropped stones and spilled paint when we decorated pebbles with painted stars - it was a really happy time, helped by the children from reception who joined us on that day with Mrs. Geraghty. But, when they had returned to school we over-indulged at Tots - there were some very chocolatey faces enjoying tasty nibbles. Thanks are due to the parents and staff for providing so many delicious goodies, even some made by the children!



Rev'd Jane had told the Christmas story to all the children, with a lot of enthusiastic involvement. Since then, in January we have had splendid kings/wise men parading in their glorious crowns and looking through home-made 'telescopes'. Later, when thinking about Jesus, going to Egypt as a refugee fleeing Herod, and the long journey, it seemed entirely appropriate to make 'Rocky Road' nibbles. Oh no, not more chocolate!!! Now we are into growing things, so watch this space to see what we have been up to in the next issue. Come and join us every Friday in term time from 2.00 to 3.00 or a bit later depending on when you need to leave. Need more details? Contact Audrey on 01308 897227, Heather on 01308 897780 or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

St Mary's Church 'Songs of Praise!'

The theme for our Songs of Praise service on Sunday February 5th will be 'Light' when we celebrate Candlemas - the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. With several readings, six hymns and a musical item it will be led by the Reverend Edward Tildesley. 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. Refreshments will be served after the service. Come and join us for these inspiring services!



Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Coffee Mornings

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below.

They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome.

Wed 22nd Feb Village Society

Wed 15th March Burton Bradstock School

Regrettably, there has been a small increase in prices to reflect increased supermarket costs.

Burton Bradstock Films

The next film in the Village Hall will be Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris on Friday 24 February 2023. It is a whimsical, special story about a widowed cleaning lady who lost her husband in the war and now well into middle age. She is resilient and much respected by her employer but is smitten by an expensive Dior dress she saw in her employer's closet and wants one for herself. Based on the book by Paul Gallico it is a treat to watch her

dream come true. Tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post office from 1 February 2023 priced £6 each, or on the door if available on the night, and include a large glass of wine or a soft drink. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. See posters in village for full details.

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Trust AGM will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 19:00 in the Hall. All are welcome to hear a short update on 2022 activities and finances, plans for 2023 and committee elections followed by free wine and nibbles. The Hall is an amenity for all the Village, please come along and contribute your views, or just listen and enjoy a glass of wine.

Diary Date

The Village Hall Spring Quiz will be on Sat 22nd April, look for more details in next month's BVN.

Richard Ferré

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

January 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£33.80	No 19:	Mrs Susan Moores
2 nd	£16.90	No 101:	Mr Sam Smith
3 rd	£8.45	No 106:	Mrs Gill Robertson

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £11 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. *WDDC Licence no: SL0080*

Soup And Pudding Lunch

The Inner Wheel Club of Bridport is holding a Soup and Pudding Lunch in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 4th March 2023 between 12.00 and 2.00pm in aid of The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Tickets at £8.00 each available from Chris Green 897215 or Mo Williams 897512.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Library Opening hours

Monday & Saturday afternoon: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday morning and afternoon: 10.30am to 12.30pm & 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Contact the library:

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

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Digital Champion

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? Book a FREE one to one session with Louis, at the Library. Find answers to your questions and get friendly tuition at a speed you can keep up with.

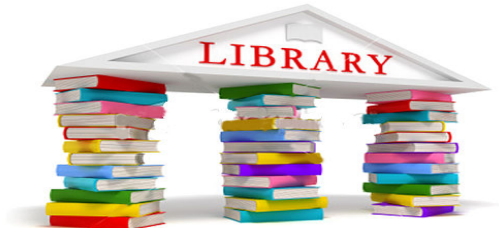
To book an appointment, please leave your name and contact details at the library or email Info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk. Tell us what device you need help with, an idea of the problem and Louis will be in touch.

LEGO in the Library on Tuesday morning 21st February



The Library welcomes all Lego Builders, young and old, on Tuesday morning during the half-term holiday. No need to book, the session will start at 10.00am and run for a maximum of 2 hours.

Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The format of the session will very much depend upon the numbers on the day.



New Trustees Wanted

The Library Trustees are looking for two new members to join their small management team. Looking after all aspects of the library building, including raising funds to pay all costs, provision of the library service and organising community events, provides a varied and rewarding agenda. Would you like more details? Please give me a ring on 07887 533408 or leave your name at the library desk.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th March, enjoy an evening with author Rachel McLean. Rachel writes thrillers including the Dorset Crime Series. All titles are available to order from the Library Catalogue.

FBBL Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday 13th April

Saturday 4th November – Annual Library Ploughman's Lunch

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Village Society

The Speakers Programme

The January Village Society evening saw retired Squadron Leader Bill Turnill give a fascinating presentation to a packed audience on his trip around the world in charge of a Vulcan bomber. Sharing a mixture of details as Captain of a V bomber, everyday incidents while flying, that would turn most people's hair grey, and the attractions of exotic destinations visited during a world tour, the highlight of which was joining an air display in New Zealand, his vote of thanks was greeted with resounding applause from all. In the January BVN I mistakenly promoted

Bill to Wing Commander, whereas he was a Squadron Leader, my sincere apologies Bill.

February's meeting, on Friday 10th, is entitled "Bridport's History of Supporting Refugees" by Prof Karen Hunt. Karen is Chair of Bridport Museum and an active historian. Having retired from teaching at Keele University where she was Professor of Modern British History, Karen continues to publish books and articles on women's history in Britain and beyond. She has also become fascinated by Bridport's long history of supporting refugees from around the world.

Entrance will be £1.50 a head for members and £5.00 for non-members. 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.

Annual Outing

After a 2 year break due to Covid, the Village Society will resume its annual outing this year. Details are still being finalised, but the plan is for a trip to Torquay on Wed 21st June, first visiting either the Babbacombe model Village (brilliant) or the Bygones Museum. Both are excellent venues, sharing the same car park, you will be able to choose your option. Then you will get dropped off on the Seafront in Torquay, near the harbour and shops for time to explore. Mid-afternoon you will be taken to Kent caverns, a truly amazing set of underground caves millions of years old, for a tour and cream tea before heading home. Costs will be between £40 and £45 per head (unfortunately all costs have gone up dramatically). Final details, including exact price and timing will be available at the next VS Friday presentation on Friday 10th Feb, along with the opportunity to register for the trip. We hope that after the long break, members will want to resume the historically popular outing.

Flower and Produce Show, Saturday 15th July

To keep villagers entertained here are the subjects for the following classes:

Limerick: “Prime ministers.”

Art (2 Classes): A painting in water colours or a painting or drawing in any other media with the subject title “My favourite season”.

Photography, (2 classes): “Friendship” and “Through and Beyond”

We will publish the rest of the Schedule in due course.

The Society needs YOU!

After last month’s appeal, Chris and Mike Green have kindly offered to take over running the raffles at the various Society events, and we very gratefully welcome them on board.

However, The Society still needs you! Two of the current committee members are retiring after the AGM, one of them (me), holds the role of publicity secretary. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the committee please contact Roger Ashman on the above number, or for more details on the publicity secretary role, contact Alan on 01308 898049.

Membership

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

Supper Club

The February supper club will be held on the 20th February
All enquiries to Mags CHUE 01308897543

Ukraine Orphanages Appeal Thanks

A big thank to the residence of Burton Bradstock & surrounding villages for your generosity in giving warm clothing, items & toys for the people of Ukraine.

Both vans were packed full.

Nothing went to waste.

It was quite a perilous journey.

The team were in an area of constant bombing & sirens sounding but they were not daunted & managed to get to a home for the elderly, three orphanages & then on to the front-line.

The children were really excited to receive Christmas presents & warm clothing. The elderly residence & those fighting at the front-line were extremely grateful for the hats, scarves, warm coats leggings and sundry items.

My son-in-law Hank & team asked me to convey their deepest appreciation.

Let's continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Patricia Davis



Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30 in the Reading Room. Once again this will be a Hybrid meeting and a zoom invite will be published on the website the week before if you would like to attend virtually.

Parish Council Vacancies: The Parish Council currently has a number of Councillor vacancies and is looking for community minded people to join it. 2023 will be an exciting year for the Parish Council with the development and delivery of a number of exciting projects in Burton Bradstock. If you would like to support your village by representing residents of Burton Bradstock, then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk by email at theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org for a co-option form.

New Parish Clerk

Introducing Paul Russell, our new Parish Clerk and Finance Officer. Paul is a seasoned local council Clerk, a prominent member of their professional body, and has experience of working with parish and town councils stretching back for more than 30 years. Say hello to him if you see him around the Village, as we're sure he will to you! You can come and meet him before and after our meetings, where he'll be happy to help with any problems you have and to discuss your suggestions.

Contacting the Parish Council

We welcome your involvement and suggestions. To contact the Council please email the Clerk: theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org
Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

Burton Bradstock Parish Council social media

On Facebook you can keep up with all the latest events, developments, planning, road closures by following @burtonbradstockparishcouncil and The Parish Council also has a new Twitter account. Please follow us at @BBParishCouncil (Burton Bradstock Parish Council).

Additional Dog Bins

While volunteer litter pickers keep the Village looking good, the Parish Council is keen to provide additional bins particularly aimed at helping to reduce dog mess. We'd like you to suggest suitable locations noting that these need to be near a road for ease of emptying. Please note that Council may not be able to provide bins at all the suggested locations submitted but will work with Dorset Council to help improve coverage.

Parish Council Consultations

The Parish Council has extended the consultation period on the two consultations it is currently carrying out. Please contact the Parish Clerk at theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org with your views.

Basketball

Council is considering the replacement of the rather dilapidated basketball hoop on the playing field with something bigger and better. What do you think? Would you or someone you know use it? A good idea or a waste of money?

Future of the Reading Room

Council has been considering the future use of the Reading Room, our base in the village but a very underused facility. Ideas being considered include the provision of a “hot desk” facility that could be hired by local people or those wishing to start up a new business.

Many projects could be considered as the two storey building sits in a prime location on the High Street, has toilets and a very small kitchen facility. Ideally, we would like ideas for the space that would enhance the daily life of our residents.

Please let us have your views on the two items above by the end of February by emailing or writing to the Clerk or posting on the Burton Bradstock Parish Council Facebook page.



Burton Bradstock WI



At our January meeting we had a wonderful cruise along the Jurassic coast - not a bit of wet weather or rough sea in sight and not a single person was seasick!! Steve Belasvo, who is a marine photographer, talked us through the journey from the comfort of our seats in the warm village hall! He not only showed us some spectacular photographs of the Jurassic coast, taken from his boat, but also gave us lots of information about the rock formations and the various scenes. Added to that we learnt about the

wildlife, people, cruise ships, boats and even the pirates and smugglers that make up the fascinating story behind our beautiful coastline. Maybe we should organise a real boat trip along the coast sometime!!

Also at our meeting members voted for which of the four resolutions they wanted to put forward for further consideration by the National Federation of WI's. These were concerned with saving water, cleaner rivers for wildlife and people, fair pay for tea pickers and online gambling harm. Not all the votes have been cast yet but so far it seems that members are most concerned about the state of our waterways. We shall be considering the environment more at our February meeting, which we refer to each year as Green Hearts Day as it is linked to the red hearts of Valentine's Day. It is particularly appropriate this year that the meeting actually falls on Valentine's Day, so there might be a little extra something in store. The speaker on that day - 14th February at 2.15pm - will be Rene Dewhurst from "The Horse Course", which is a local charity specialising in equine-assisted interventions to help people who have complex needs. It will be interesting to find out more about the work of this charity which is based in Weymouth.

Apart from all that our Skittles and Kurling groups are back in action and the Crafts, Book and Mah Jong groups are also as keen as ever. Do come and join us! Your first meeting is free and we always welcome new members.

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

Coracle, Sunday 19th March
Burton Bradstock Village Hall
7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)



Coracle fuse traditional with contemporary in an exhilarating voyage which has British folk tradition at its very heart, cut loose by contemporary classical and splashes of early music.

Coracle combines the talent, imagination and creativity of three contrasting musicians; accordionist Paul Hutchinson (Belshazzar's Feast)

is a BBC Folk Award Best Live Artist nominee. Dorset based Karen Wimhurst is a widely commissioned composer and clarinet player, influenced by traditional, jazz and contemporary classical music. Anna Tam was shortlisted as Fatea's 2021 Instrumentalist of the Year, and adds nyckelharpa, viola da gamba, hurdy gurdy and cello to her crystal clear vocal.

The trio came together during lockdown, when individually they were experimenting beyond their usual repertoire and looking to embrace new influences and sounds. Improvising and recording with other musicians around the world with a similar sense of musical adventure, they were inspired to take things further. Coracle is the result and their debut album, Murmuration, was released in autumn 2022.

Expect ethereal to turn gutsy, passion to be tempered by a good laugh and a tide of improvisation which means no two evenings are ever the same.

www.coracleband.co.uk

Tickets (£10 adults, £5 under 18s, £25 family) may be available on the door but this show is likely to be very popular so if possible please book in advance, either online at <https://artsreach.co.uk>, or telephone Bryan & Sue on (01308) 897421.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS

THE RATS by AGATHA CHRISTIE

and

LAST TANGO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY by DAVID TRISTRAM

ON THURS 16TH, FRI 17TH & SAT 18TH FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. BAR AVAILABLE

Please note this is an Adults Only production

TICKETS £8.00, AVAILABLE AT BURTON BRADSTOCK POST OFFICE

Gigabit Broadband – internet connectivity for the future!

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We know our village suffers from slow broadband speeds and poor mobile signal strength. With BT’s announcement of the ‘Copper Switch Off ‘ in 2 years’ time (yes, no more traditional copper phones lines by 2025!), Gigabit technology is the foundation for addressing these issues. Burton Bradstock has had an application for this faster broadband since June 2020 and although progress has been slow it is progressing. Previous details can be found on the village website under the News and Events heading – ‘Our Gigabit Broadband Application’.

In February there will be a Question & Answer session on Gigabit broadband in the village including a visit from Jurassic Fibre, a local internet service provider. We invite all those interested to attend so that we can move to the next important stage. The more interest expressed the better the chances of getting vouchers and the quicker we can get this technology into our village.

Jurassic Fibre is looking to bring its full fibre network to Burton Bradstock. In the first instance, the team is seeking to engage with the local community to explore local connectivity issues and ascertain interest in its service.

The Jurassic Fibre build is dependent upon demand, so if you are interested in better broadband but unable to make it, please do register your interest online at <https://jurassic-fibre.com> (Enter your postcode under “Can I get Jurassic Fibre?” and follow instructions to register.)

Registering your interest does not commit you to signing up with Jurassic Fibre; rather it creates the case for them to come to us.

Residents of Burton Bradstock are encouraged to attend the session in February to find out more about Jurassic Fibre and meet the team. Please keep an eye on the local Facebook village, library and parish council sites as well as noticeboards around the village for the date, time and venue. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

In the meantime, if you have any questions on the application please contact either Louis, the village's application lead, at louis2again@gmail.com or Penny, the Community Engagement Ambassador at Jurassic Fibre, penny.jones@jurassic-fibre.com

Louis Van Zyl

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

Email: pw@bridehead.com Tel: 482232



St. Michael and All Angels

This was originally anticipated to be giving prior notice that we would be saying farewell – or at least au revoir – to the de la Mare family, whose time at Orchard Cottage would be coming to an end at the end of February. However, circumstances changed and in practice Tom and Rosy and the youngsters left the village for a new home not far away, in West Chelborough, shortly before Christmas. We wish them all happiness there, and suspect (and hope) that Littlebredy may not have seen the last of them entirely.

They did indeed make what was technically a return visit for the annual Boxing Day duck race from the waterfall to the Riverside bridge, which was the culmination of the village's Christmas celebrations. These had included an exceptionally well-attended Christmas Day communion service in Church, when there was hardly a seat to be had. Many thanks as ever to Rector Jane for leading the service and of course for the commitment she and her fellow clergy and lay ministers always have to put in on what are so-called "festivals" for the rest of us.

As for the duck race itself, it was the customary enjoyable success in both social and financial terms, raising £600 for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. It was a more interesting course than usual, because of the still-overflowing sheep dip, and the winning duck was owned and trained by Ben Pentreath, who presumably celebrated with some local Sauvignon Blanc, as he and Charlie were in New Zealand on the day of the race. Congratulations to all concerned, especially Edgar and Jacqui Moxom for all the organisation they had put in.

Possibly at this end of the valley it is mainly those who are concerned with the local production and distribution of the Bride Valley News who are aware of the sudden and unexpected death in early January of Anne Gillson, who has been the Editor for the past several years. Getting the magazine out each month is a major task, and her great contribution has been much appreciated. We use this column to send our condolences to all who are close to her and are grieving her loss.

FEBRUARY 2023	1st Sunday 5th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	2nd Sunday 12th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	3rd Sunday 19th February Sunday next before Lent	4th Sunday 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent
Burton Bradstock	10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30 Family Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church	3.00 Pet Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	9.30 Breakfast Church joint Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	
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 Morning worship
1 st February	11.30am	Midweek Holy Communion		Burton Bradstock
2 nd February	7pm	Candlemas		Puncknowle
22 nd Feb	3pm	Holy Communion with ashing (Ash Wednesday)		Swyre