

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches

*Join us in the Bride Valley Churches on
April 9th as we celebrate Easter*



*6am Easter Morning Sunrise Service
at Hive Beach*

*9.30am Holy Communion at
Puncknowle*

*9.30am Holy Communion at Litton
Cheney*

*11.00am Holy Communion at
Burton Bradstock*

11.00am Holy Communion at Swyre

*11.00am Holy Communion at
Littlebredy*

*3.00pm Family Communion and Egg
Hunt at Shipton Gorge*

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The Bride Valley News is delivered to every home in the valley and carries not only news of local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. It is entirely produced and distributed by volunteers. Donations to help us continue to provide the magazine would be welcome and if you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:
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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 Registers for March 2023:

Baptism	Nancy Wheeler	Litton Cheney	5 th March
Funerals	Rev Sue Linford	Burton Bradstock	2 nd March
	Valerie Martin	Swyre	10 th March
	Alan Houghton	Burton Bradstock	10 th March
	Ronald Hayward	Burton Bradstock	14 th March
Service of Thanksgiving	for Winnie Jones,	Swyre	15 th March

Editor for the Bride Valley News

The Bride Valley Benefice Council is seeking to appoint a new volunteer editor for the Bride Valley News (BVN). This important role involves collating, organising and editing contributions from village organisations, correspondents and churches and preparing each edition by the monthly deadline for the printers. You will occasionally need to liaise with contributors and Rev'd Jane, either by telephone or email. The role requires access to a computer and a working knowledge of Word or another similar program. Using the existing template and with some initial support and handover from the temporary editor, this volunteer position would require about 2/3 days a month - however, this job could be shared. If you are interested, please call or email Rev'd Jane Williams (details on page 2)

Benefice Treasurer

The Bride Valley Benefice is seeking a volunteer Treasurer, to work with the administrator and have an overview of the administration of the finances for the Benefice. You would need to have access to a computer, some knowledge of excel, be able to be in touch via email, and an interest in looking at and understanding figures. The Benefice Treasurer reports to the Benefice Council and produces a report of the finances for the meetings (bi-monthly) and an overall report for the year. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or discussing the details, please contact Rev'd Jane Williams, bvrector@outlook.com or the Administrator Helen Fry, bvchurchesta@outlook.com

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.

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him, will not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Sometimes it can seem a bit bizarre, all the trappings around Easter, the eggs, lambs, bunnies, crosses, flowers. Nowadays the shops that sell homeware and gifts have been trying for ages to tempt us to put up pink and yellow bunting and hang up Easter decorations that were definitely not a part of the Easters of long ago – you might have painted a hard-boiled egg or made a miniature Easter Garden, but that was all. There were chocolate eggs available for a few weeks before, and hot cross buns were only sold around Easter, not all year round like now.

And yet, despite the awfulness of the manner of Jesus' death – one of the worst and most deliberately shameful methods human power has come up with – we are celebrating and commemorating something awe-some in the true sense of the word. We are remembering the ongoing work of redemption of the whole of creation by our God who loves us so much that he sent his only son, to be human like us, to live among us, to experience our human life in all its joys and sorrows, its loving relationships and betrayals and its pain and death. We are celebrating that there is ultimate hope in this bruised, battered and broken world – that there is redemption for the worst of our human traits – that we are each of us loved beyond all human imagining.

As you eat your eggs and see the new life of spring around us, be reminded that although the stories of Holy Week involve betrayal and torture and pain and death – the worst we humans can afflict on each other – the story of Easter Sunday, of Jesus being alive once more, is that love triumphs over all of that and even over death itself. It is a great and wonderful mystery. We would love for you to come and share with us in any of our services as we once more explore those stories together.

God bless you and don't eat too much chocolate all at once!

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

Bride Valley Gardening Club

The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on Monday 17th April at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a talk from Saul Walker on 'My time as the Show Manager of RHS Chelsea Flower Show'. All visitors are welcome to join us at LATCH, the Village Hall in Litton Cheney, entrance £2, annual membership £8.

On Monday May 15th Paul Bygrave will be speaking on 'Forde Abbey House and Gardens'

Jobs to do in April

Divide hostas to reinvigorate them. Cut back over-wintered pelargoniums and use the material for cuttings to make new plants. Keep container displays watered, the leaves can prevent the rain reaching the roots. Keep sowing hardy annuals for colourful summer displays. If you are buying plug plants, once you have potted them on, protect them until all risk of frost has gone. Plant summer-flowering bulbs. Plant out Mediterranean herbs e.g. rosemary and oregano in free-draining soil; sow annual herbs indoors. When potting on tomato seedlings plant them deeper than they were to encourage new roots from the stems. Sow beetroot, cabbages, carrots, chard, leeks, peas, radishes, spinach and lettuces outdoors; sow celery, melons, sweetcorn, runner and French beans under cover.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Our Night Sky in April 2023

Jupiter will now be finally lost in the setting Sun's glare, but Venus more than makes up for his disappearance and setting about 11 pm.

Meanwhile, Mars will be visible for most of the night, but will be more difficult to see as he has faded from his brilliance last year as he retreats from us. He is still pink, and distinguishable from stars as planets do not twinkle. Meanwhile, Saturn will be rising with the early dawn sky about 5am, but will be difficult to see.

I wonder how many of you saw the delightful conjunction over a number of days, during early March, of Jupiter and Saturn, culminating in a very close encounter on the 3rd. We were lucky to see it as the clouds parted.

We tend to think of the thousands of millions of galaxies that inhabit our Universe as being lonely travellers in space. But, by their very nature, they all have a common ingredient – Gravity. This almost infinitesimal part of any body – just as we as human bodies exert a tiny gravitational attraction towards any other body, so galaxies are attracted towards each other, firstly forming groups, then merging into one another to form even bigger galaxies.

When we consider how tiny our planet is among the thousands of billions of stars in thousands of billions of galaxies, it is hard to imagine that we might be the only inhabited planet in the Universe

Bill Turnill

Bride Valley Book Club – Book Review

Hamnet, reviewed by Maggie O’Farrell

This critically acclaimed novel tells the story of Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare. The focus is on the short life and death of their boy twin, Hamnet, but events from both earlier and later in Anne’s life are also important. Several of us had read “Hamnet” when it was first published. Most - but not all of us - became emotionally engaged with the story of Agnes - married to the unnamed playwright from Stratford. It is interesting that O’Farrell chose to re- name Anne Hathaway and to deny a name to Shakespeare himself despite the novel being quite obviously an imagined narrative of their marriage, bereavement and separation. Of course we know little about Shakespeare’s wife apart from what the parish registers tell us and the puzzling bequest of the “second best bed”. Perhaps the author felt that the name shift/elision gave her a freer hand? Several of us commented on the very real sense of time and place in and around Stratford. We found the description of poor Hamnet being carried off by the plague (although we cannot be certain this is how he died) heart-breaking. In many ways the novel becomes a study in grief from this point on. O’Farrell chooses her language with scholarly care - with echoes of well-known phrases from Shakespeare’s plays. Some of us felt the novel changed direction when Agnes leaves Stratford to seek out her absent husband in London. In some respects the ending up in the theatre and watching his play was a grand finale but in other ways it did not feel a seamless continuation of what had gone before. From down through the centuries - Anne/Agnes is brought to life.

Dorchester Community Play

With a cast of 92 alongside a group of talented musicians, Dorchester's record-breaking seventh community play *Spinning the Moon*, with music by Tim Laycock, is a compelling story set in Dorchester in the turbulent years that followed the Wars of the Roses.

Tickets are available from Dorchester Arts at the Corn Exchange, High West Street, Dorchester, by phone on 01305 266926 or online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk



Bride Valley WI



The Bride Valley WI enjoyed a most informative and highly amusing presentation from Kate Fowler of Lyme Bay BSL and her interpreter Heather who explained and demonstrated BSL (British Sign Language). We learnt various aspects of the language and more interestingly how it is almost impossible to lip read!!

The Bride Valley WI offers a range of interesting topics. Why not come along to Puncknowle Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month and see what is on offer.



News from Portesham Surgery

Partnership Changes

As from 1st March we have new partners at the surgery. Dr Charlotte Hill, who joined us as a salaried GP in September, has accepted the offer of partnership alongside Dr Stephen Scott and Dr John Robertson from the Prince of Wales Surgery. They, and the other GP partners from Prince of Wales, are now working here one or two days per week so you will get to know them all in time. We are aiming towards full merger of the two practices in the summer. The main difference you will notice over the next few weeks is that there are more GP appointments available than we have had for a while, and your registered GP will change.

Health Champions

Our patient volunteers have been meeting regularly and running two projects:

- a Portesham walking group called “**Walk and Talk**” which is proving popular and meets every Tuesday at 10.00am at Portesham Village Hall;
- A **befriending** scheme where patients experiencing short-term problems such isolation, bereavement, loneliness, mental or physical health issues, are given a buddy who is there to talk things through and support them.

If you feel you could benefit from these services, then please do not hesitate to contact our Social Prescribing Lead - Kendal Gourlay.

The health champions are now ready to get their third scheme off the ground, which is to revamp our surgery garden. We are looking for volunteers for the first work party to be held on Saturday 1st April, 10.00am till 12 noon. We would particularly benefit from the loan of a rotavator to get us started!

Please contact Kendal.gourlay@dorsetgp.nhs.uk - our staff lead for the health champions project – if you can help.

White Horse: we are changing the delivery day to Thursdays for your prescriptions. Please make sure that you get your orders to us by the previous Thursday to be sure of collecting it a week later.



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

Our value this half term is **'Love'** and we have been discussing how it links to different rights respecting articles. **Article 6** – 'Every child has the right to be alive and develop in the best possible way' and **Article 24** – 'Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in' are just two of the articles that link closely to this value. Being a Rights Respecting School is important to us and helps shape what we do in school. If you would like to find out more about the initiative, please see <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>.

We celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March with the children dressing up as their favourite book character, discussing the books that they enjoy reading and taking part in other book related activities. We have linked reading to our value of love this half term to create a wonderful 'We Love Reading' display at the front of school.

Children are enjoying being able to take part a range of after school clubs and activities this half term. Our newest offering is Junior Pilates with Felicity which is very popular! Other clubs include Puzzles and Games, Mindful Colouring and Art as well as a range of sporting clubs from Dodgeball to Running.

Our topics continue to be enjoyed by all classes with children in The Nest studying 'Dangerous Dinosaurs!', Robins looking at London in their topic 'Bright Lights, Big City', Kingfishers learning about 'Rock, Relics and Rumbles' and Owls finding out about farming in their topic 'Sow, Grow, Farm'.

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

Adam Gough
Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School



It has been a wonderful start to the new term at school, with lots of plans being made for the (hopefully) warmer spring weather that can only be just around the corner! As a small school, we are incredibly lucky to have such generous outdoor areas and space. In this new financial year we are hoping to invest more money in our play spaces. For our pre-school Fledglings, we will be building some new accessible raised beds to

get them growing and also some new fencing and a gate will be going in to give both them and our Reception class a safe outdoor space in which to play. A new sun sail, together with some trees suggested by Anna Morley and Tanya Polishchuk, will also create some welcome. On the school field, we are also planning to create a new area in the far corner by the running track for the children to dig in and have this edged with sleepers alongside some new play resources for use as the days lengthen. In class, we celebrated World Book Day with the children dressing up as their favourite book character for the day as well as a wonderful "Book-Swap" event run by the TSA. This will be complemented this week by the Book Fair where the children (armed with vouchers!) will be able to purchase from a wonderful new range of titles this year. Tish Roberts came in to deliver a powerful assembly on the plight of families and children in Romania and to launch our collection of clothing for the children which will form part of the next convoy she takes out. The children were struck by how different life was for pupils their age - especially given the relative proximity of Romania.

Several trips have taken place this week with both Litton and Fledglings visiting a local farm and sitting in tractors as well checking on the cows. In Bredy, the children have visited the Tutankhamun exhibition in Dorchester as part of their Ancient Egypt topic in history. It is hoped to plan in more whole school trips this year with days planned fossil hunting at Charmouth and a possible trip to Exeter Cathedral and Mosque in the late summer/early autumn.

Mike Sitch Headmaster

LITTLEBREDY

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St. Michael and All Angels

We welcome two (well, technically three) new households to the village during April. Barney and Charlotte Stevens move into Orchard Cottage, with young Lily, Rose, Archie and Ren (ranging in age from 7 to 1), and also with Charlotte's parents, Steve and Lynne Watts. Opposite them, and also following renovations in the house, Chloe Carter-Miles moves from Litton Cheney into 2, Riverside Cottage, with Herbie (13). All have existing contacts and friendships within the village, so we trust integration will be swift and we wish them all happiness here in the years ahead.

It is only when alterations are visible that we tend to give thought to those whose hard work often goes on unseen or in the background. Some will have met Charlie Dovey when he was understudying Phil Hallett last year; recently he and his father Tim, with various diggers of different sizes, have laboured to cause waters once again to flow where intended, first by eliminating blockages in the sheep dip outflow and then in the drain under the village hill. Thank you to those residents who put up with a day's inconvenience in the latter case, but thanks too to the Doveys for keeping the infrastructure in shape.

Easter Day this year falls on Sunday April 9th. On Good Friday, the 7th, there will be the customary short and simple Litany Service in Church at 10.00am, following which the flower arranging team will swing into action to decorate the Church for Easter. Any assistance from any quarter will be welcome, and volunteers should please meet in Church at 11.30 a.m. that day. In particular (growing conditions permitting), if we are to continue the tradition of decorating the window sills with Easter messages written in bunches of primroses, over 300 bunches of about 20 heads each will be

needed. Many thanks in advance to all those of any age who can contribute to this by picking primroses and bringing them, bunched or unbunched, to Church. It means that the building should look festive and beautiful, as it always does, for the Easter Day service, which will be Holy Communion at 11.00am.

LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

From St. Mary's Church

All are welcome to a joyful Easter Sunday service at 9.30am on April 9th.

Musical Reflections on Good Friday at Litton Cheney 12.00noon

Paul Cheater, organist, will lead us once again on a challenging musical journey to the Cross, through organ music that is not always comfortable to hear, interspersed with times of silent prayer and reflection. Through the music we will embark on our own spiritual journeys, exploring Jesus' seven last phrases, and use the individual pieces chosen, to be with Jesus in his suffering, and to examine ourselves through prayer and devotion, guided by the words and music, hand in hand.

Bride Valley Benefice: A public consultation is now under way regarding the proposal for the amalgamation of the Bride Valley Benefice with the Parishes of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring. Details of the proposal can be found in the church and there is also a link to the details on the village website. Any comments on the proposal should be made to the Church Commissioners by 24th April.

The Village Fete is returning this year as a joint venture with Thorners School. It will be on Saturday 15th July at LATCH 1.00pm– 4.00pm. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the School and St. Mary's. There will be all the traditional stalls, games, teas, etc. and a Grand Prize Draw. More details to follow, but put the date in your diary now!

Our successful Coffee Mornings on the second Monday of the month will be on hold for now, returning in the autumn.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting which will take place on Tuesday 9th May, 7.30pm at LATCH. **The Village Assembly** would normally be held at the same time but this year it has been moved to Friday 12th May at 7.00pm so as to accommodate a visit by local MP Chris Loder who will speak on local and national issues and answer questions from local residents. If you have a pressing issue, you may wish to enquire further by attending this event.

The Queen's Bench – It is sincerely hoped that an installation incorporating a bench and dedicated to our late Queen Elizabeth II will be built and ready for use by Coronation Day on May 6th. A scale drawing of the installation can be found on the village website – www.littoncheney.org.uk

Events at LATCH for April

Weekly:

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

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

18.15 – Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783)

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:

Saturday 1st: Village Cafe in aid of Bride Valley Car Service. 10.00 – see details below.

Thursday 6th: Film Night “Operation Mincemeat” Starts 19.30

Monday 17th: 19.30 Gardening Club meeting

Saturday 22nd : 9.30 – 12.30 Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950
bamboogtc@tutanota.com)

Sunday 23rd: Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Friday 28th: 10.00 – 12.00 Art Group in Meeting Room

Coming Up.....Thursday 4th May: Coronation Writing Competition “The King and I” judging event.

Sunday 7th May: Coronation “Big Picnic”

Monday 8th May: Coronation Bank Holiday “The Big Help Out” at the village playing field.

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
wtlittton@gmail.com

Coronation Weekend – Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May – Deck Your Halls!

Saturday 6th May - Coronation Day Observe the pomp and circumstance of the occasion with your family from the comfort of your own armchair or sofa. Coronations don't come around that often!

Sunday 7th May - The Big Lunch Day from 12 noon until 4 pm at LATCH. Bring your own lunch, or arrange a bring and share with friends. Musical entertainment and family fun. In the evening - Concert at the Palace

Monday 8th May - The Big Help Out Day followed by a big knees up at The White Horse including live music and culinary nosh. In the morning there will be a community gathering at the Playing Field/Children's Playground to tidy up, fix up, clear up and put up. In the afternoon it will be Andy and Liz's turn to provide the entertainment and sustenance. Parents, with regards to work on the children’s playground, this is your moment!

Write Royal Affair

You are invited to enter a ‘SLAM-DUNK’ Short Story Competition on 4th May @ 7pm at LATCH. For more details – www.littoncheney.org.uk

YOUR STORY OR POEM SHOULD LAST NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES AND CAN BE ON ANY SUBJECT & ENTITLED “*THE KING AND I*”.

Litton’s Great Big Little Duck Race – Easter Sunday 9th April

The village’s Easter Sunday Duck Race this year will be on Sunday 9th April. The cry of “They’re Off!” will be at 12 noon, and organisers Sam & Ralph Daubeney will be at the start line from around 10.30 am ready for you to “buy” your ducks. If you can’t wait until then, Liz and Andy at The White Horse will accommodate your purchase in the lead up to Easter Sunday. The ducks may be little, but it’s a great BIG occasion – see you there!

Village Litter Pick

A massive Thank you to the gallant band of village litter pickers who turned out in March and helped clear our lanes and verges of unwanted rubbish, carelessly dropped by others. If you unfortunately missed it, we hope to organise another one at the end of the summer season when the vegetation dies down and reveals more detritus left by the visiting hordes who claim to be in awe of our beautiful valley.

Jurassic Fibre – Ultra Superfast Broadband

We are aware that engineers from Jurassic Fibre have been carrying out surveys in several Bride Valley villages including Litton recently. The village website www.littoncheney.org.uk contains the latest detailed update on the present situation and is well worth a read. If you wish to express an interest in obtaining full fibre you can register that interest at <https://jurassic-fibre.com/>

Artsreach Productions in February – Were You There?

Once again two excellent shows via Artsreach have been given to full houses at LATCH. Monstro Theatre gave 'The King of Nothing', performed during school half-term by two multi-talented young women. We raised almost £60 from refreshments sales, which has been sent to the Earthquake Appeal. A week later 'Love and Spice' was staged by the Balbir Singh Dance Company, whose Kathak and narrative dance with live music was attended by over 100 people.

Many thanks to Artsreach and to all who supported the shows, especially our volunteer helpers.

Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Village Hall. Our final film this season... Thursday 6th April Operation Mincemeat *'a good story based on fact'*. In 1943, the Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe, and plan to launch an all-out assault on Sicily, but they face an impossible challenge - how to protect the invasion force from potential annihilation. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers, played by Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen, to dream the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war, centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: a dead man. Cert. 12+, 2hrs. Doors Open: 7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. Look out for further details on posters or the website.

***Village Cafe in support of the Bride Valley Car Service
(BVCS)***

Why not bring your inner April Fool to LATCH on Saturday 1st April 10am- 12.00 noon. Do come along to our Village Cafe and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a bacon butty or pastry with family, friends and neighbours.

There will be various stalls including cakes, plants, raffle and a quiz.

Children's play area, hopefully outside if the weather is fine! Information about BVCS will also be available if you would like to find out more about what the service offers. If you have any kind donations for the stalls such as plants, cakes or a raffle prize please either contact Pete or do bring along on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 1st April between 10 & 12 noon. For any further information please contact Pete Dennis at: menace2018@outlook.com

The White Horse rides into Spring! Check out The White Horse website for all the happenings in April, over Easter and leading up to the Coronation in May - www.whitehorseinnlittoncheney.co.uk/



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE
& WEST BEXINGTON**
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Holy Trinity Church, Swyre

We send our sympathy and condolences to the families of Winnie Jones and Valerie Martin who died within a day of each other, in February. They were both much loved members of our congregation. Their sure faith and unflinching support for Holy Trinity will be sadly missed, and we are the poorer for their passing. May they will Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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.

Don't Forget

Breakfast Church in the Hall 9.30am on Sunday 23 April. Come and join us for a great breakfast, a hymn, a prayer and lively discussion – all and every one welcome.

The Fete: Just a reminder that this year it will be taking place earlier than usual on Saturday 8 July. Any queries to Geoff Truscott 07800893090

Come and join the friends of Holy Trinity Church, Swyre for an **Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning** on Easter Saturday, 8th April at 10am. There will be cakes, hot cross buns, tea, coffee and squash on sale, plus a raffle. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Church.

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council are looking for:

A Clerk to work 30 hours per month. Training will be provided. The role requires good IT and communication skills.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sally Bowsher 01308 898987 or Geoff Fry 01308 898068.

A new member for its team that represents the areas of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington. As a councillor representing your community you would help to keep it a great place in which to live and work. You would be expected to undertake some training and should be comfortable working electronically.

Generally, councillors are elected by the public every four years. The next election is due in 2024 and we currently have a space for co-option in the interim period. If you think you would like to know more and are over 18, please call the Clerk on 01308 897987 or email puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk. The closing deadline for applications is 30th April 2023.

Puncknowle and Swyre Annual Parish Assembly at Puncknowle Village Hall on 25 April

There will be a presentation by local internet service provider Jurassic Fibre at 7.00pm, followed by a discussion about what is happening in and around our villages. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

It is a great venue for clubs, meetings, events and parties but it needs to be used more regularly so that we can make it financially viable and keep it open for the community. Like many others we have found the last few years challenging and with rising costs, the Hall is currently running at a

loss. Although we have a variety of regular events in the Hall (see details on the noticeboard) it would be good to see more people using it. We have completely refurbished the Hall and it has a fully equipped kitchen, tables, chairs and two table tennis tables. It is also licensed for entertainment and the sale of alcohol. Hire fees start from as little as £6.00 per hour. More information and hiring details are available from <https://puncknowle.net/puncknowle-swyre-village-hall/> or contact Jill Neill on 01308 897479 or by email: jill.neill@live.co.uk or Liz Slater on 01308 897751 or by email: liz@ruddle.org.uk. Another great way to support the Village Hall is to join the 100 Club. This is a monthly draw with monetary prizes. 55% of 100 Club proceeds goes to support the running costs of the Hall. Details are available from the Village Hall website at <https://puncknowle.net/puncknowle-swyre-village-hall/100-club/>. An email will shortly be sent to all previous members of the Club but if you are interested in joining, please contact Carol Kennelly on 07713 508779 or by email: carolkennelly@btinternet.com.

**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

16 April 2023

**Roast beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast
potatoes, vegetables**

**Future dates: 16/5/23 - Pork tenderloin, New
potatoes, Chocolate Roulade**

**20/06/23
18/7/23
AUGUST NO MEETING
19/9/23**

We continue to follow current COVID rules



**PUNCKNOWLE
FÊTE**

In aid of St. Mary's Church

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

2:00-4:00 pm

In the grounds of
PUNCKNOWLE MANOR
Church Street DT2 9BX

Can you help with ??????????
Please contact Geoff Truscot 07800893090

Holy Trinity Church, Swyre will have an
Auction of Promises for further details
contact Sally on 01308 897987
or Sue on 01308 898523

FREE PARKING
ENTRY £1 UNDER 12's FREE

Faster Broadband – update

Jurassic Fibre (JF) is exploring the possibility of providing a higher speed (150-950 Mbs) broadband service to villages in the Bride Valley. The service they would provide is currently broadband only with costs currently varying from £20-£45 (e.g. £22.50/150mbs/24 month contract). Installation is included in contract and also includes routers to any rooms that are not covered by main router. They currently don't provide TV packages. People can stay with their current provider until the end of their contract; JF cable is then for customers only, maybe opening this to other providers in the future.

It is likely to take up to winter this year to get a service to Burton; Puncknowle may take longer due to distance. They are using BT trunking (already authorised) but the wiring (fibre) is separate from BT and will be serviced by their own engineers.

Provision is dependent on levels of interest here and in Burton, so JF need to know whether there is interest from Puncknowle for this service and request that individuals register interest on the JF website – registering does not mean any obligation to go ahead at this stage. Register interest at <https://Jurassic-fibre.com> Contact Penny Jones with any queries penny.jones@jurassic-fibre.com

Whist drive

13th April in Puncknowle Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome. For further information please contact Jenny on 897863.

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

The BVN has to be produced to a very strict printer's deadline, and also within a limited number of pages. Please try to meet the monthly deadlines, which are set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor!

Thank you.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

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EMAIL: bvn@longbredy.org.uk



St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church - for Easter

Everyone is welcome to help **decorate** the Church for Easter on **Saturday 8th April**. Bring a decoration made at home if this is easier. Any Easter gardens would be lovely. There will be a **service at 11.00 on Sunday the 9th April**, and for the Coronation there will be a **service at 11.00am on Sunday 7th May** - followed by 'Pimms and Planes' at **12.00**.

Toast their Majesties with a glass of 'Pimms' (or something non- alcoholic) and some savoury nibbles to celebrate the beginning of their reign.

Their Majesties will be on the 'Balcony' to watch a Fly Past of paper planes down the aisle. These can be made at home (please use A4 paper) or in the Church - materials and diagrams will be provided. A small prize will reward the creator of the plane which goes the furthest.

All ages will be welcome whether attending the service or not. Do join us.

Long Bredy 100 Club February 2023 Draw

£30.00 No.61 M. Bailey

£15.00 No.16 B. Peppiatt

£5.00 No. 136 J. and F. Farley

Drawn on 17/2/2023 at the Pop up Pub by Charlotte, Ruth and Dave.

Race Night

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Race Night on Saturday 4th March in aid of a defibrillator for Long Bredy.

We are excited to announce that thanks to you all, we raised a grand total of £1,455.86!

Thank you so much to all those who helped run the event - Ruth and Dave, Andrew, Eve, Phyllis, Sam and Alan.

Thank you also to all the businesses who sponsored races and to everyone who donated raffle prizes - Duke's Auction House, Lilux Construction, JRS Decorating, Roker Tree Services, Rachel's - Westbay, Jade Recruitment, Morrish & Banham Wine Merchant, Long Bredy Farm, Bride Valley Cleaning, Fruits of the bay, "Plants and Pots" at Litton Lakes, Ruth and Dave, Andrew and Eve, and Jackie C. THANK YOU!!

Annual Village Spring Clean and Coffee Break

Thanks to the efforts of over 40 people, the verges, hedges and ditches in and around the village have been cleared of many bags of rubbish. Jackie Cain presented a cheque for £360.00 from the Christmas fund raiser to Claire Meyers for the GAP project, Gardens and People, which provides gardening areas and support to help those with mental stress.

Coffee Break

This will be in the village hall on **Saturday April 8th** from **10.30 till 12 noon** with a wonderful range of refreshments and a warm welcome to everyone, whether you live in the village or are a visitor.

Come Along Inn

Our village Inn will be open on **Friday April 21st** in the village hall. Drinks served from **5.30 till 9.00pm**..everyone welcome.

Village Coronation Celebrations

Saturday, 6th May – Coronation Day - The 'Come Along Inn' will be open 5.30pm – 9.30pm.

Sunday, 7th May – the Kingston Russell and Long Bredy day of celebration!

There will be a **church service** at 11pm. Please see details above.

During the afternoon will be a '**Royal Regatta**' with boat races down the stream with your homemade craft. Refreshments will be available by the course. Bring your own chairs if required.

In the evening there will be a live screening in the village hall of the **Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle**. This will be a simple affair open to all and bring your own supper and drink. More details on this and the 'Royal Regatta' nearer the date, everyone welcome.

Plant Sale

In case you missed the notice in the March BVN, this will combine with the Coffee Break and be held on **Saturday May 13th**. Contributions of plants and good tools which are no longer wanted will be very welcome. Full details in the May BVN but contact Sue Dyer 01308 482882 with queries.

Village Quiz

Thank you to Caddy Sitwell whose popular village quiz raised just over £100.00 for church funds.

Finally

Many people have commented on the magnificent display of snowdrops lining Long Bredy Hut and the lane to the church. Residents who are new to the village may not be aware that over many years these were planted and divided with painstaking care by Jill Maltby. What a lovely living legacy for everyone to enjoy.

SHIPTON GORGE

Village Correspondent: Richard Hewlett, Greenways,
Shipton Gorge. Tel: 01308 897278.
Email: richard@c-m-sltd.co.uk



St Martin's Church

8th April, Good Friday Litany Service - 10.00am

Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas will be leading this service of quiet contemplation with hymns and readings from the Gospel of St Luke. Everyone welcome.

Easter Day at Shipton Gorge

Everyone is welcome to the 3.00pm Family Service with Holy Communion. After the service, there will be an egg hunt in the churchyard. If anybody would like to donate an egg for the Children's Egg Hunt, please send an email to bvchurchesta@outlook.com

FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR APRIL

John & Sue Porter for daughter Sarah's belated birthday

Geoff & Carolyn Hall for Carolyn's birthday on 15th

and for Geoff's birthday on 19th

Ed & Linda Buck remembering Mum and Dad

Thank you to our generous sponsors for accepting my invitation to light up St Martin's during April for their special occasions. Your response is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to light up the church for the future months, please contact 01308 898657 or put a note through my post box.

Paul Thimont, Treasurer/lighting monitor for St Martins and an all-round good guy, will be taking part in this year's London Marathon on 23rd April. He is hoping to raise money for two very worthwhile Charities, "Whizz Kidz" and "Create". If you are able to sponsor him for any amount, he would be most grateful. His just giving link is:

Paul's team fundraising on JustGiving

For 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.

Village Hall

A new tree, a variety of Mountain Ash, has been planted in front of the hall to replace the Crab Apple which had to be removed.

The tree has been dedicated to the memory of Steve Larcombe and was planted by Sally, Andrea and other members of their family. Janet Lane and her singers joined in with a beautiful tree-related song.

March 2023 100 Club Draw results

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

1 st	£25	No 151	Eleanor Evans
2 nd	£10	No 104	Larry Davie
3 rd	£5	No 150	Duncan Quigley

Village Litter Pick and Tidy Up

Don't forget the Annual Litter Pick and Spring Clean on **Saturday 1st April**, as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Meet outside the New Inn at 10.00am as usual. Please come along and help tidy our village in time for Easter. Rubbish bags, pickers and tabards provided but please bring your own gloves and maybe secateurs or other equipment if you are happy to do some clearing around signposts etc.

Coronation Celebrations

The Parish Council is delighted that the Village Society is organising another of their splendid parties for the village to celebrate the coronation of Kings Charles III. We were pleased to make a donation of £100 towards the cost of this event – which we are all looking forward to!

Annual Parish Assembly

Put **Friday 19th May** in your diaries so you remember to come along to this friendly informal get-together in the Village Hall, where you can have a chat with friends and neighbours over a glass of wine and some nibbles. Usually all the village organisations are present to give a brief overview of what they have been doing as well as what is planned for the coming year – so see you there !!

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th May** 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

Shipton Gorge Heritage



Heritage Gin Club – The winners of the March draw were Ron and Verity Grisedale. A bottle of Lyme Bay Dry Gin has been delivered – congratulations to you both, hope you enjoy it.

Bumblebee Bonanza

SGH is holding a joint event with Bumblebee Conservation Trust on **15th April** in the Village Hall. This will start at around 10.30am with various talks on



how important Bumblebees are and how we can actively encourage them into our gardens, activities for young and not so young throughout the day and a Bumblebee safari. There will also be refreshments and lunch available. More details to follow – please look out for notices around the village etc. For the green fingered among you, perhaps you could plant up or pot on a few bee-friendly plants for sale on the day? The following link could give you some ideas on what plants are good for bees:

<https://beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org>

Saunders Richardson Wood



In mid-February a number of volunteers came along and helped to build up the brash protection around the new trees, with others having a walk round the wood seeing what has been going on over the last few months. We found several amazing fungi in the wood, particularly some Velvet Shank – a glossy golden-orange stump rotting fungus – supposedly edible, but best left where we found them – particularly as we do not pretend to be experts!

Next open day is planned for Monday 24 April at 10.30am through to 1pm if you want to pop along-

either to help or have a walk round. Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

We should have had a chance in March to tidy up the borders in the Orchard - plan is to increase the number of insect friendly plants. We are also going to minimise the amount of mowing again this year, allowing more time for wildflowers to flourish. Unfortunately, hungry rabbits have damaged a few of the apple trees – some quite seriously – we can only wait and see how they fare during the months ahead.

We are going to hold another plant sale over the bank holiday weekend in late May – with proceeds to go to an external charity. Details have yet to be agreed, but if you are starting to pot up seeds, divide perennials etc., you might want to do a few extra for us.

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>

Bridport Clothes Bank

Sadly the need for clothing for the Clothes' Bank, given free to all in need, is ongoing. If you have any clothing that you would like to donate and can't take them to one of the collection points in town please give me a ring and I'll take them in for you. Volunteers to help sort clothes and to staff the outlets are also always needed.

Chris Hewlett 897278

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT Bryan Brown Telephone 01308-897421 bvnburton@gmail.com . Village website: http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org	
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St Mary's Church

Maundy Thursday, 6th April

Holy Communion, with washing of the feet. 7.00pm at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock.

Bride Valley Bring and Share Lunch

Our first Bring and Share lunch of 2023 will take place in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Sunday 2nd April. Doors open at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm start. This follows the Palm Sunday Songs of Praise. Everyone is welcome and please bring a dish of something savoury or sweet.... or both, to share. Dishes may be left at the Hall from 10.00am or bring after the service. Any questions please call Carol on 01308 897273 and leave a message with your number and I will call you back. Looking forward to seeing you on 2nd April.

Carol Brown

"Saints Alive!" - the musical, will not be performed at Pentecost this May, but is postponed until 2024.

Coffee Morning for Ukraine

Thank you so much to those who gave so generously. The final figure was £427, which has been gratefully received by the bakers of Kyiv. (See March BVN for more details)



Tots' Time

I bet you didn't know we have some Master Boat Builders linked to us in Tots ! Well, Daisy (ex-Tots) and Mum, Gina, built for us TEN beautiful origami boats, The Tots decorated them, and then they all took their maiden voyages in February. Tots, using straws blew them along on the water, and everyone had a lot of fun. We are continuing with the theme of Jesus calling his disciples, so the children created large colourful paintings of themselves in their favourite place where they like to play quietly, look at a book, sit and think, or hide. Nathaniel, in the Bible, used to sit and think under a fig tree.

It has been great to welcome some new children recently, and especially to welcome Hattie's little baby brother. He even joined in dancing last week !!

We look forward to a party in the Rectory/Rectory garden. The excuse will be that Matthew, the tax-collector, threw a party for all his friends so they could meet Jesus too!

Do come and join us. Contact Audrey (01308 897227), Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com for more details.



Sunday 7th May Big Lunch - Coronation Weekend

As we know, the Coronation will be on Saturday 6th May, and the Big Lunch is on Sunday 7th May.

While very much in early planning, the Rectory Garden will be hosting the "Big Lunch" for any who wish to attend between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. The gates of the garden will be open at 10.30am for people to drop off chairs, rugs etc.

The idea is for people/families to bring their own picnics and chairs, etc. The School have said they would like to serve teas, coffees and cakes, and use that as a fund raiser for the school. The Parish Council is going to provide a small amount of funding to cover minor expenses. The plan is to keep it quite simple. It will just be an opportunity for folk to share a lunch if not already involved in their own street party or similar. Like all these events, volunteers are valued. More information will be available via posters and flyers throughout the village.

If anyone is interested in helping or needs more information, please contact Audrey Smith on 01308 897227

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who came to the Church to help me celebrate my darling Alan's life. It was such a lovely service and a memorable occasion. Also, many thanks to Hannah, Jaap and their team at The Three Horseshoes. The buffet was delicious and we were very well looked after. My love and grateful thanks to all my dear friends of this truly magical village. *Carole Houghton*

Social Supper Club

The April Supper Club is on Monday 24th April.

Enquiries to Mags Chue 01308 897543.

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 10:00am to 12:00 noon and all are welcome.

Wed 12th April

Organised by St Mary's Church

Wed 17th May

Organised by The Bride Valley Drivers.

Burton Bradstock Films

We will be showing **Downton Abbey – A New Era** on **Friday 28th April**, an absolute must see for fans of the award-winning television series and subsequent spin-off films. All the well-loved characters are there as they leave for the South of France to inspect a villa the Dowager Duchess (Maggie Smith) has inherited. It is a Julian Fellowes story that is exactly what the audience wants to see with the world changing around them and their privileged era and customs slipping away.

Tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office from 1st April, priced £6 each, or on the door, if available on the night, and include a 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.

This will be the last film before we take our summer break and we thank everyone who has supported these events on our return after Covid. We look forward to seeing you again on **29th September** for our next season of the best at the cinema.

Spring Quiz

The popular Village Hall Spring Quiz will be on Sat 22nd April. There will be the normal quiz, with table prizes for 1st, 2nd and last places, plus sensibly priced bar, raffle and a jacket potato supper in the break, with a variety of filling options.

Tickets are on sale in the Post Office now at £10 each. There will be teams of 6 per table with limited tables to avoid overcrowding. You are requested to either purchase 6 team tickets from the Post Office, or contact Richard Ferre for smaller numbers and allocation to a team (details below). Once tickets are purchased you can book your team table with Richard and log your dietary requirements.

The Christmas Quiz tickets sold out in 90 minutes, you have been warned.

Spring Fayre

The Annual Spring Fayre, proceeds from which go to the Village Hall, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May from 2pm to 4:15pm in the Rectory Garden and Hall.

Tickets for the Grand Draw, first prize £100 in cash, will go on sale immediately after Easter.

Full details will be announced in the May BVN, but if you have any white Elephant items you need to donate early please call or email Richard Ferre to arrange collection/drop off.

Richard Ferre contact details. Rwferre99@gmail.com or 01308897648.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

March 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.20	No 92:	Mrs Christine Green
2 nd	£17.10	No 108:	Mrs Linda Bongers
3 rd	£8.55	No 17:	Mr Peter Mayo

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Burton Bradstock Village Society

The Speakers Programme

The last of the 2022/23 season of talks will be on Friday 14th April, and is entitled “**Lost Villages in Dorset**”, presented by Bridport Museum.

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

Notes for your diary:

Friday 5th May Village Society AGM – 7.00pm

As previously advertised the **AGM** has been rescheduled for Friday May 5th 7.00pm and different from that printed in your programmes. Although this seems a long way away, it would really help your Secretary if you would let him know of any agenda items you would like to bring up and if you are interested in joining the committee.

Saturday 13th May, Village Society Plant and Cake Sale

Growers, please bear us in mind for any excess plants (labelled please,) and get planting! Proceeds will go towards the running costs of the Flower and Produce Show.

Wed 21st June. Annual Outing. The trip will comprise a coach trip to Torquay, entry to either Bygones history museum or the Babbacombe Model Village (both excellent), followed by time in Torquay centre, then ending with a visit to the pre-historic Kents Caverns for a tour of the caves, followed by a cream tea.

The cost is £45 per head. To register, either sign up at the next Friday presentation or contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or email rwferre99@gmail.com.

The Society 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, 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.

Alan Pankhurst

Great news.....!!!! The skittles team won their last match by 16 points! Having lost the last two matches – one by a mere point – this was a happy finish to an exciting match against Loders WI. Loders started very strongly and we were nearly ready to pack up and go home after their high-scoring first round. What a good job we persevered and that luck was on our side as, with a few spares being scored, we managed to creep ahead and do well. Thanks go to Loders for an evening full of much friendship, fun and laughter!

We all enjoyed our February meeting at which we learnt about the work of The Horse Course charity, based in Weymouth. It was very thought provoking to see how much good they do for troubled children and adults alike, with the help of their well-trained horses. They should be very proud of themselves for the difference they make to the lives of these people by giving them various strategies to cope with life.

After lots of questions from our interested members we enjoyed our refreshments, served with some

special biscuits that were decorated with green hearts to commemorate our “Green Hearts” evening. This is when we think of environmental issues and this year we were thinking of ways to save energy – that is gas and electricity, rather than our own, although the latter might be a good idea too!

Our April meeting will be our Annual Meeting at which we review

the past year and elect our new committee for the forthcoming one. There will be cheese and wine on offer too, which will no doubt be one of the highlights! Hopefully it will encourage some new members onto the committee! Do come and join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346



Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Library Opening hours

Monday & Saturday afternoon 2.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday morning and afternoon 10.30am-12.30pm & 2.30pm-4.30pm

The library will be CLOSED;

The Easter Weekend, 8th and 10th April re-opening on Wednesday 12th April 2023. It is also closed for all the May bank holidays 1st, 6th, 8th and 29th May 2023.

Easter Holiday Lego Club

There will be another of our popular Lego Club mornings, to be held in the Library on Tuesday 11th April, from 10.00am until 12 noon...all welcome!

Annual General Meeting

Please note that the FBBL Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd May, in the Village Hall. Members will be sent full details and papers nearer the time.

In Our Library:

Digital Champion

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? FREE one to one sessions with Louis, are available to book at the Library. Find answers to your questions and get friendly tuition at a speed you can keep up with. If you would like 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.

Jigsaws and DVDs

There is an extensive free jigsaw lending catalogue and a good selection of DVD's, thanks to all your donations. We are always pleased to receive DVDs donations to help keep the selection fresh.

Contact the library:

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

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Burton Bradstock Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Part-time hours of 45 per month with immediate start. The Parish Council is made up of new members with a maximum of 1 years standing and so support is required to help settle us in and guide us well. An experienced candidate is desired but individuals with backgrounds in administration, finance, legal, business etc., may have easily transferable skills. The candidate should live in or around Burton Bradstock and be flexible on working from home and in the Parish Council office.

Further information available on application by sending an email to I.mealing@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust

We are delighted to announce that Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust now has a website.

It's www.burtonbradstockclt.org and has lots of information about CLTs and what we are doing to try and find a location for affordable housing for local people in the village. Please do take a look.

We are planning an initiative this spring and early summer to involve everyone in getting views on ways of providing units of affordable housing and the site will be updated with news on that soon. Also find us on Facebook @BurtonBradstockCLT and Twitter @BurtonBradCLT
Meanwhile, if you are already a CLT member, thank you for your interest and support. Anyone can join by buying a £1 share (or more!) to become a member and have a say in Burton Bradstock's future. Details are on the website.

Thank you, The CLT Board



By popular demand....the return of Wordsearch

Can you find 15 words about April and places in the Bride Valley? Words may be found in horizontal or vertical directions. Answers in the May edition of the BVN.

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April 2023	1 st Sunday 2 nd April Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday 6 th April	Good Friday 7 th April	2 nd Sunday 9 th April Easter Sunday	3 rd Sunday 16 th April Easter 2	4 th Sunday 23 rd April Easter 3	5 th Sunday 30 th April Easter 4
				6am Easter Morning Sunrise Service at HIVE BEACH			United Valley Service Puncknowle 11am
Burton Bradstock	10.30 Palm Sunday Songs of Praise	Holy Communion with washing of feet at 7pm		11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Café Church	11.00 Holy Communion	
Shipton Gorge			10am Litany	Family Communion and Egg Hunt at 3pm		11.00 Holy Communion	
Swyre	6pm Evening Prayer			11.00 Holy Communion	Morning Worship in house	9.30 Breakfast Church	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion			9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 All Age Holy Communion		
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship		12pm Musical Reflections for Good Friday	9.30 Holy Communion	9:30am Morning prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion				9.30 Morning Prayer		
Littlebredy				11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Prayer Heather	
Chilcombe						6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 5 th April Holy Communion at St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock followed by Light Lunch at 11.30 am							