

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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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

Rector: The Rev'd Jane Williams (01308) 898799
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To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone or email the Rector.

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community. What do we do? We respond to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. In times of bereavement, loss, emotional or other trouble. For as long as it takes. We can visit people's homes or call on the phone. We can arrange lifts to services if needed. We are all trained by the Diocese of Salisbury, and we all have experience, professionally or otherwise, of caring for those in need of comfort or practical help. We can access services where appropriate. If you need somebody then you can either contact the Rector or one of us on the numbers below.

Lay Pastoral Assistants contacts

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Jenny Malyon 01308 898768
Liz Orza 01308 897451.

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 April 2023:

Baptism

Nancy Wheeler at Litton Cheney 5th March

Funerals

Burton Bradstock:	Rev'd Sue Linford	2 nd March
Swyre:	Valerie Martin	10 th March
Burton Bradstock:	Alan Houghton	10 th March
Burton Bradstock:	Ronald Hayward	14 th March

Service of Thanksgiving

Swyre:	Winnie Jones	15 th March
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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.

FROM THE RECTORY

What a momentous occasion we are looking forward to this May! The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on the 6th May. The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, reflect and celebrate something of who we are, and to look forward together. The coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. It is essentially a consecration to service. Happening within a Eucharist, the most basic and the central act of Christian worship, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning. Through it we receive from Jesus the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the king of Kings.

It is, of course, part of every Christian's witness to commit joyfully to a life of service to God and one another; a commitment the King has exemplified throughout his life. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ – the servant King – and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others. The Church of England has the great privilege of a role at the heart of our national, local and community events. That also means we get to work in partnership with those around us – so please consider supporting a community-led event or initiative where you are able to.

My prayer is for the fruitful ministry of Jesus Christ through each of us in these next weeks. As we come together to celebrate this historic occasion in our national life, I pray that we would all know the empowering of the Holy Spirit in each of us, personally and in those with whom we share community. May this be a wonderful time of serving others, reaching out to our neighbours, and celebrating our unity in diversity. As we pray for King Charles, we remember His Majesty's support for religious freedom – and give thanks for the different cultures and religious communities of our nation. However you choose to mark the Coronation weekend, I hope this will be a time of celebrating God's love and generosity, and making that love known in our communities and national life.

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

Bride Valley Bring and Share Lunch

A big "thank you! " to everyone who came to the lunch on 2nd April. The food was delicious and plentiful, and we enjoyed a leisurely time together. The team of helpers did an amazing job in ensuring everything went smoothly - thank you. Looking forward to the next one! Will share the date as soon as we have one. *Carol Brown*

Bride Valley Gardening Club

In April, at our AGM, we welcomed Liz Gibbs as our new Secretary, Andrea Jackman as Show Organiser and Ali Halliday as our Programme Organiser. Our thanks, as always, go to all who serve on the committee and support the club in so many ways. The evening continued with Saul Walker from Dawlish giving us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show. On May 15th, at 7.30pm, Paul Bygrave will be talking on 'Forde Abbey House and Gardens'. Visitors are welcome to join us at LATCH in Litton Cheney, entrance £2, annual membership £8.

Jobs to do in May:

Lift and divide pond plants and add new ones. Begin feeding containers with a weekly liquid feed. Harden off tender plants (flowers and vegetables) before planting out. Plant out dahlias. Plant up hanging baskets and large pots for summer flowering and protect them from any late frosts. Support perennials – it is better to put supports in early. Prune early spring-flowering shrubs once the flowers are over; take cuttings from tender perennials eg pelargoniums and fuchsias. Keep fruit bushes, trees and strawberries well-watered. Continue successional sowings of vegetable crops. Plant up tomatoes and peppers in their final containers. Sow climbing beans a few seeds every 2 weeks to provide a succession of crops. Plant out courgettes, squash and pumpkins at the end of the month.

Cilla Jones

As noted above, Cilla has retired as Secretary of the BVGC and this is her last contribution to the BVN. We thank her for her monthly notes on Jobs to Do and wish her well in her retirement (Ed).

Our Night Sky in May 2023

Venus will be setting at about 11pm in the middle of the month, while Mars will set about an hour later. Meanwhile, Saturn will be rising in the East at about 0300.

On 6 December 2020, samples from the C-type asteroid 162173 Ryugu were returned to Earth by Hayabusa2 in a hermetically sealed container. A total of 5.424 ± 0.217 g was collected from Ryugu, and has been kept as physically and chemically pristine as possible.

The grains of grit and dust have now been found to contain Uracil, a compound found in RNA, the substance that copies and ferries genetic information inside living cells, allowing the production of proteins and therefore enabling life itself to evolve. The scientists also found Vitamin B3, which is important for metabolism, in the Ryugu samples.

The findings of such important materials for life in such a humble member of the solar system raises questions of where else it might be found, and just how widely, and if the basic materials which enabled life to evolve on Earth originated from space, or from the primordial soup that was already here.

There will, no doubt, be further attempts to bring back material from other solar system bodies, ensuring that it is not contaminated before being studied. The outcome might well show that the evolution of life in the Universe is not just here on Earth but everywhere that the complex chemicals required to start it happen to alight. A fascinating thought!

Bill Turnill



Bride Valley WI

What a fabulous meeting we had in March.

Sue from Snooks the hatters in Bridport came to talk to us about all things hats. Who knew that there were so many different types of Trilbies and that ladies are always right?!

We had tremendous fun trying on all manner of hats and finished by choosing our favourite to wear in a group photo.



Our May meeting will be a talk from Sarah Hillyer, a local herbalist, and then in June we will be visiting the RNLI lifeboat station in Lyme Regis. Our monthly walks will change from a Sunday to a Thursday evening for the summer starting in May.

We had a very enjoyable evening playing a friendly skittles game with the ladies from Burton Bradstock WI at our home alley at the White Horse in Litton Cheney. We look forward to playing at their home alley soon.

For more details about Bride Valley WI, check out our Facebook page or email us at bridevalleywi@gmail.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.



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

As I write this, we have just held our annual Duck Race. Although the weather forecast necessitated a change of venue from the playing field to the school playground, it was still a huge success. The Friends of School did an incredible job organising the whole event and we made over £2000 which will go towards the playground redevelopment as well as the other financial support that the Friends offer the school. The amazing total raised at the Duck Race helped to push us past the amount needed for our playground development and we are looking forward to our new flooring and equipment being installed in the back playground soon! Thank you to everyone who has supported this project – the children are very excited about the proposed plans and cannot wait for it to be in.

News from our classes:

Owls: Owls have continued to enjoy their 'Sow, Grow, Farm' topic. We began this half term with a trip to Washingpool Farm and we finish the half term with a trip to Vurlands Farm. Through these visits, we learnt about our local geography and climate and how this influences local farming; we learnt about seasonal produce and cooked kale and potato soup, carrot cake and chocolate beetroot cake and we also learnt about diversification in farming. We are very grateful to Washingpool and Vurlands for welcoming us onto their farms with no cost to our families. We have also planted garden pea seeds which the children have now taken home - we look forward to seeing how these grow and what the children do with their peas when they are ready to harvest!

Wagtails and Little Chicks have had some fantastic learning opportunities this half term. One highlight was definitely our learning about dinosaurs and fossils and the links to where we live. We took a walk to the beach and really enjoyed making an Ichthyosaur out of pebbles, driftwood and seaweed.

We have been noticing and thinking about the seasons, the weather and all the changes that make spring such a special time of year. Our independent art has reflected this, and it has been lovely to watch the children painting from real life objects as well as using their imagination.

Kingfishers: Kingfishers have had an exciting term! They recently performed a fantastic ukulele concert to their grownups after practicing hard all term. The entire school are very proud of them.

Unfortunately, a crime was committed in the Kingfisher Classroom. Children became forensic scientists to investigate the crime. Fingerprints had to be taken. The case is still unsolved...

Children had the opportunity to design and make their own erupting volcano. They had to strategically plan how to make their model then carefully mix their ingredients to create the explosive eruption.

Robins: The Robins have enjoyed their topic of Bright Lights, Big City. In Design and Technology, they made special London taxis. They also gave lots of advice to Marley the Meerkat about where he should visit in London and what he should pack.

Adam Gough, Headteacher

1: Owl Class enjoying their recent farm visit



2: Children from EYFS at Hive Beach with their Ichthyosaur

3: Children from Robins with their new and improved London Taxis!



4: Kingfisher Class held a Ukulele Concert for their grownups



5: Children from Robins with their new and improved London Taxis!



Thorners CE VA School

The start of the summer term has been dominated by extracurricular activities and clubs. The lovely weather in the first few weeks enabled the children to get back on the field and enjoy more space for football and games as well as a quiet reading corner created by Mr White and the older children - who have planted some new hedging by the willow dome to create a shady spot. Also outside, the children are having Forest School sessions each week - led by Rachel Ellman and her team in our wildlife Discovery Area. They are also running two after school clubs for the children as well to give them several great chances each week to work in the fresh air.

Inside, the older children are having Ukulele lessons each week through the Dorset Musicianship Programme - this enables each child to have their own instrument and tuition from a qualified teacher and they then have the opportunity to carry this forward with individual lessons should they wish to. The younger ones are being treated to a visit by an array of different animals later in the term - to give them the chance to get up close to species from both this country and from around the globe.

Our TSA continues to put on some lovely events for parents and the children - such as the Curry and Quiz night at the start of term. Many thanks to Mrs Smith and Miss Grindley for running a film session in school for the children - whilst the parents enjoyed their evening in LATCH. Funds from the TSA go towards a variety of different things such as subsidising trips as well as co-funding larger projects such as our planned outdoor

classroom area - which should give us some sheltered space in our field for the children to have more outdoor lessons in all year round.

Thank you to Barney Stevens for all his hard work in our Fledglings area over the Easter break - the children will enjoy their new sun sail and revamped play area and we look forward to more projects in the coming financial year to brighten up the playgrounds and outside space. Thanks also to Anna Morley and her team of helpers for the 5 new trees in the Fledglings area which should further enhance this part of the school.

Like so many, preparations are underway across both school and the village for the Coronation weekend and the children will enjoy a special lunch in the run up to the big day and long weekend. Special lessons and an assembly will be held to help the children understand the history and significance of this event as well as exploring the role the Monarchy plays in the UK today.

Mike Sitch, Headmaster

STOP PRESS! Just Out – “Down & Out in Bridport and the Surrounding Parishes – 1200 to 1900” by Sylvia Stafford

A history of the poor, sick and elderly in the local community, and the development of Bridport Union Workhouse.

258 pages, 94 photographs, illustrations, maps and tables, glossary, 156 references, index. Cost: £12.00, available from all good Bridport book shops & Bridport Museum.

Twenty per cent of the proceeds from the sale of this book will go to support local charities which strive to help those in need today.

2021 Census Results Paint a Local Picture and Highlight Local Needs

An analysis of recently released 2021 Census results, which has been carried out by the Bridport Local Area Partnership, creates potentially valuable evidence about the area and its needs.

Key findings for the Parish and Town Councils within the Partnership's area are that, when compared with Dorset as a whole and with England as a whole:

- They have a high proportion of older residents who are aged 65 or over;
- They have a low proportion of young adult residents who are aged 20 to 34;
- They have a high proportion of working residents who work part-time;
- Roughly a fifth of residents have a disability or long-term health issue which limits their day-to-day activities;
- Roughly a tenth of residents are providing regular, unpaid care for someone else; and
- Levels of car ownership are generally high, reflecting the paucity of public transport and the journeys often required to reach jobs or services.

The findings from this analysis have real world implications for the area. For example, the economic impact from losing many young adults and their skills, the demand placed upon health and care services from an ageing population and the isolation faced by some who don't have access to a car (especially where there is no alternative transport option).

Whilst some of these findings may come as no surprise to local people, it is hoped that having accurate and up-to-date figures will prove useful as evidence to make the case for local service improvements and to support bids for grant funding.

Census results for individual Parish and Town Council areas can be found in the full report which is available at this webpage <https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/bridport-area-census-profile/>

Further information

Older age groups: all fourteen Parish and Town Councils in the Partnership's area have a high proportion of residents aged 65 or over. Parishes with the highest proportion are Burton Bradstock (48% of all residents), Chideock (47%) and Charmouth (46%). The comparable figure for England is 18% and for Dorset 30%.

Young adults: all Parish and Town Councils in the Partnership's area have a low proportion of residents aged 20 to 34. Parishes with the lowest proportion are Bothenhampton & Walditch, Burton Bradstock, Charmouth,

Char Valley and Chideock (in each case 8% of residents). The comparable figure for England is 20% and for Dorset 13%.

Part-time working: another notable feature is the high proportion of working residents in the Partnership's area who work part-time. Parishes with the highest proportion are Chideock (46%), Bothenhampton & Walditch (45%), Symondsbury (45%), Char Valley (43%) and Allington (43%). The comparable figure for England is 30% and for Dorset is 35%.

Health and care: parishes with the highest proportion of residents with a disability or long-term health issue which limits their day-to-day activities are Bridport (24%), Charmouth (24%) and Bradpole (22%). Proportions for this measure and for residents who provide regular, unpaid care to someone else are quite high by comparison with England as a whole.

Car ownership: car ownership is generally high in the Partnership area. The most rural Parishes have the highest proportion of households with a car – notably Netherbury, Char Valley, Litton Cheney and Shipton Gorge. An exception is Bridport (town) where almost a quarter of households (24%) have no car.

Other topics covered by this 2021 Census analysis include home ownership and renting, employment and unemployment, qualifications held by residents and working from home.

The Bridport Local Area Partnership is a network with around 80 member organisations or groups from the public, private and voluntary sectors¹. They include Bridport Town Council and thirteen nearby Parish Councils. The 2021 Census shows that 21,780 people live in this area, very similar to the count ten years earlier by the 2011 Census.

A Census has usually been held every ten years, run by the Office for National Statistics, to count the population and measure its characteristics right across England and Wales. Analysis by the Bridport Local Area Partnership focusses on findings for the Parish and Town Councils within its area, showing variation between them and making comparison with Census figures for the whole of Dorset and whole of England.

The following Parish and Town Councils are members of the Partnership:

Allington Parish Council
Chideock Parish Council
Bradpole Parish Council
Litton Cheney Parish Council
Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council
Loders Parish Council
Bridport Town Council
Netherbury Parish Council
Burton Bradstock Parish Council
Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council
Charmouth Parish Council
Shipton Gorge Parish Council
Char Valley Parish Council
Symondsburry Parish Council

The objectives of the Bridport Local Area Partnership are to: enable members to share their knowledge and experience; assist better coordination among members who deliver services; provide Parish Councils with opportunities to work together on topics of common interest; identify and facilitate actions which could be taken to meet local needs; and give local communities more of a voice to influence decisions about the area.



BURTON BRADSTOCK
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

SPRING CONCERT

Craig Ogden Guitar; **David Juritz** Violin, **Adrian Bradbury** Cello

Baroque Variations

A path towards the Goldberg

J S Bach The Goldberg Variations BWV 988*
*Arr. for violin, guitar and cello

With music by Purcell, Rameau, Charpentier, Marais, Couperin, Falconieri, Byrd, von Westhoff, Matteis, Oswald, Aranés, Caccini and Marcello

BBF 7pm 19 May St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock
www.burtonbradstockfestival.com

LITTLEBREDY

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St. Michael and All Angels

Many (more) congratulations to our local celeb, Ben Pentreath, who has added to his laurels and been named as the Richard H. Driehaus Prize Laureate at a lavish ceremony at the University of Notre Dame in Chicago in March. The jury's citation isn't noted for its understatement, and includes a description of Ben as "... a luminary within a rising generation of architects... his work encompasses beauty, durability and commitment to place...". We hope his head won't get too swollen by all that – but he'll certainly be able to afford a slightly bigger hat as a result now if it does.

The village entertained a quite unprecedented visitor in March, when an 1884-built London & South Western Railway carriage body (i.e., off its wheels) spent the night on a low loader in the Longlands Farm yard. It has been being lovingly restored in Netherbury by a railway enthusiast who now wants to incorporate it into his house in Portesham, and the whole procedure of lifting, transport and installation needed more than one day. In its freshly applied L.S.W.R. livery of salmon and brown, it looked resplendent in the light of the setting sun at Longlands, and we hope it will give pleasure to the owner for years to come.

Also looking resplendent, as always, was the Church over the Easter weekend, following the efforts of the dedicated crew who created the floral displays – many thanks and congratulations to them. It was all appreciated not only by the customary influx of visitors to the Bridehead Grounds, but by an excellent congregation of over 50 who attended Holy Communion on Easter Day, so thanks too to the Rev'd. Liz Howlett for leading the service that day.

Sunday Cricket, Anyone?

BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB plays (very) friendly games on sunny Sunday afternoons at one of the loveliest cricket grounds in the entire country, in Littlebredy. The standard is wonderfully inconsistent, but the games are always enjoyable, ably bolstered by traditional cricket teas and post-mortems in the pub. If you think you might like to join us in any capacity for the 2023 season – no experience required – then please contact the captain, Justin Gurd, in the first instance on **07791 550886**.

LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN FIRRELL jfirrell20@gmail.com Tel: 01308 482313 Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk	
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St Mary's Church

From St. Mary's Church

A Special Day on Saturday 6th May - The Coronation of King Charles III - which will be celebrated at our morning service at 9.30 on Sunday 7th, prior to The Big Picnic at LATCH from 12 noon, and a sing-along with the newly formed Coronation Choir!

The Village Fete is returning this year as a joint venture with Thorner's School. It will be on Saturday 15th July at LATCH 13.00 – 16.00. 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, with tickets on sale very shortly. More details to follow, but put the date in your diary now!

It was good to enjoy three nights of floodlighting over Easter; many thanks to Pete and Beverly Dennis for their kind sponsorship. The church has

received a £130 donation from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group's Trust130 programme – a big thank you to the unknown policyholder for the kind nomination.

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 7pm 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 dedicated to our late Queen Elizabeth II will be built and ready for use by Coronation Day – May 6th. A scale drawing of the installation can be found on the village website – www.littoncheney.org.uk. An update will be provided on FB and the village website.

Platinum Jubilee Album

A wonderful souvenir album has been produced by Pete and Beverly Dennis, with a little help from friends, of 2022's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village. It will be made available at village events for people to view. It will undoubtedly be pored over by current residents, and indeed residents yet to live in our delightful community. Clean hands please!

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 - 12 noon until 4pm at LATCH. Bring your own lunch, or arrange a bring and share with friends. Village Coronation Choir, and family fun. Bride Valley Fizz available. 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!

A Write Royal Affair – Final Call!

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”

Events at LATCH – for May

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: 16.45 - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

19.00 – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (NOT 11th May)

Special:

Thursday 4th – Evening – Judging of “**The King & I**” short story competition

Friday 5th: 18.00 – Final Coronation Choir practice

Sunday 7th: The Big Picnic Lunch from 12 noon + Coronation Choir

Tuesday 9th: Parish Council meeting 19.30

Thursday 11th: 18.30 – 20.00 Jurassic Fibre presentation

Friday 12th: 19.00 – Annual Village Assembly with Chris Loder MP

Monday 15th: 19.00 Gardening Club meeting

Saturday 20th: 9.30 – 12.30 Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950 bamboogtc@tutanota.com)

Sunday 21st: Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Monday 22nd 19.30: Joint PCC meetings for all Benefice Parishes

Friday 26th: 10.00 – 12.00 Art Group in Meeting Room

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*

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

A huge thank you to all who supported the Village Cafe on the morning of April Fools' Day! It was a really happy event, with something for all age groups, and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the bacon butties and pastries and all the other attractions! We were delighted to make over £700, which will help tremendously with the annual expenses of the Bride Valley Car Service.

Diana Cheater and Pete Dennis – BVCS

Litton's Great Big Little Duck Race – An Absolute Triumph!

You came, you saw, you cheered, you may even have won but win or lose it was a great occasion. It's success was due to the wonderful efforts of Sam and Ralph Daubeney, and their magnificent band of helpers - Liz and Andy from the pub (Andy designed the posters and sorted the public liability insurance, Liz produced the selling sheets and pre sold ducks in the pub), Sam Daubeney (Organising and selling ducks), Ralph Daubeney (start and finish), Rupert Daubeney (Ralph brother's son, down for the weekend, in the water moving ducks), Kelly Winton (selling ducks with Sam), Phil Winton (starting gate and moving ducks in the stream during the race with Rupert), Ian Maston (at the finish bagging ducks and the finishing podium), Nigel Gates (moving stuck ducks with Phil and Rupert), Trish Gates (Announcing the start and prize giving with Sam), Nick Lunn (Preparing the course the week before the event).

Proceeds – All 500 ducks sold (£1000), Prize Money & Event Insurance (£264) – Funds raised £736 for Village Causes – Julia's House £250, Queen's Bench Engraved Plaque £250, Residue (£236) held for other causes, ie Village Christmas Tree and lights. These events don't just happen. Thank you everyone!

Bride Valley Bingo Fundraising Group

Through the BVN I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Bride Valley Bingo Fundraising Group for the amazing Bingo Night at LATCH on 31st March. We raised £1,050 for Weldmar and it was a fantastic evening with lots of prizes donated. Thank you also to everyone who supported us on the night. The next Bingo Night will be in November, ready for Christmas, and the Fundraising Group hope that you will come and support us, and have a great evening into the bargain.

Thanks again – Jackie Horsley

Bride Valley Films

BVF are taking a breather until the Autumn, allowing you to take advantage of the light evenings and the warmer weather.

The White Horse

After seeing a very successful duck race in April we thank the organisers Sam and Ralph for doing such a great job. Big Whiskey after the duck race were superb and Hamish on the Easter Monday was as usual outstanding, so a big thank you to them and our hard-working staff. We are now, at last, starting to see the weather warming up and we have quite a line-up of entertainment for you in May. Live music every Bank Holiday Monday and on the Coronation Monday we have two live bands and Tortilla Cantina (Mexican pop-up street food venders) (not terribly British for the coronation of a British king I know but hey ho we liked the sound of it) alongside the two bands. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page and blackboards for regular updates.

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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.



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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.

The Coronation of King Charles III

To celebrate the coronation there will be a Flower Festival in Puncknowle Church from Saturday 6th May. Let's fill the church with flowers in celebration! If you would like to join us, please bring some flowers to display (large or small), if possible, supplying your own vases. We will be preparing the church on Friday 5th May. Any contributions will be very welcome. If you have any queries please contact Geoff Truscott on 07800 893090.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Hold the date! **Saturday 13 May** at Puncknowle Village Hall. A meeting of all 3 villages (Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington) to discuss the

making of a Neighbourhood Plan. Watch out for more details on fliers and posters or just come along ... 2,3 & 4pm!



**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? If so please contact
Geoff Truscott on 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

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Coronation Events

All residents of Long Bredy and Kingston Russell parishes will have received a programme detailing our Coronation Celebrations in this copy of the BVN. Visitors will be very welcome; please find below the date and times of our celebrations.

Thursday and Friday May 4th - 5th

Everyone will be welcome to decorate the church with red, white and blue flowers in any way you wish...a colourful celebration.

Please feel free to decorate your house and/or garden with flowers, flags, etc. anytime during the week.

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

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

11.00am - service in St Peter's Church. Everyone is welcome to this.

12.00 - Pimms and Planes for everyone whether you are able/wish to attend the service or not.

Toast the King and Queen with Pimms or a soft drink and nibbles and either watch or take part in a 'Fly Past' down the aisle past their Majesties who will be on the Balcony. Bring your paper plane; 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.

In the afternoon we have the 'Royal Regatta' with afternoon tea. Participants are invited to design and build their own boats at home. So, unleash your creativity and let your imaginations run wild! The more imaginative, the better!

- Remember, you have to build your own boat to participate - no sticks, flip-flops, or ready-bought vessels allowed. So, channel your inner sailor and craft a boat that's worthy of the Royal Regatta!
 - There will be three age groups: Under 9s, 9-16 years and adults.
 - All sailors under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult.
 - No mutiny! You won't be able to interfere with your vessel and its crew once the race has started.
 - The first boat to cross the finish line is the winner provided it still looks like a boat. Please note that the judges' decision is final.
- And wait, there's more! There will be prizes for the prettiest and fastest boats. So, bring your A-game and get ready to be crowned the champion of the Long Bredy Boat Race!
- Registration will be open from 2:00 PM onwards. All vessels must be presented at the phone box in Long Bredy by 2:30 PM at the latest to be seen by the judges and enter the Regatta. And then, the races begin!

Refreshments will be available by the course. Contributions to the afternoon tea will be gratefully received so please bring to the table on the day or leave at Manor Cottage or 7, Bedford Terrace.

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 but bring your own supper and drink.

For further information on the celebrations please contact Gwen Kinghorn 01308 482270, email aking44634@aol.com.

Long Bredy 100 Club March 2023 Draw

£30.00	No.1	J. Cain
£15.00	No.104	H. Howell
£5.00	No. 129	R. Maltby

Drawn on 20/3/2023 at the Village Hall following the Parish Council meeting.

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Coffee Break and Plant Sale Saturday May 13th

This will be in the yard of Manor Farm from 10.30am till 12noon with a wonderful range of plants and refreshments. There will be a warm welcome to everyone, whether you live in the village or are a visitor. Contributions of plants will be very welcome but please could these be clearly named. Either bring beforehand to Corner Cottage or bring them to the sale.

Any plants which are left over will be on sale from the gate at Corner Cottage, Long Bredy.

AGM and PCC Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 17th May - at 10.30am in the Church. Anyone is entitled, and welcome, to attend this annual meeting, regardless of whether you attend church services or not. It is a meeting where the election of officers occurs and there is a chance to raise any questions or find out about any aspect of the church in Long Bredy. if you have any questions, please contact Jackie Cain.

Come Along Inn

For the second time in May, our village pub will be open again on Friday May 19th from 5.30 until 9.00pm. Enjoy a drink with friends from the village or further afield.

SHIPTON GORGE

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



St Martin's Church

From St Martin's Church

The Floodlights Sponsors for May are:

Roy Symes for Jessica's 30th birthday

Ed and Linda Buck

Jo Warren thinking of Bob and Jean with love from all your friends

Sally Parker and family remembering Steve Larcombe

John and Sue Porter for their grandson Arthur's birthday

Henrietta enjoying the lights from the Studio

Jo Warren remembering Gary

Our sincere thanks to our very generous sponsors. Your support is very much appreciated. There are still lots of spaces for the months ahead if anyone would like to light up the Church for a special occasion or maybe just for yourself.

Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box (suggested donation of £5 per entry). Please check the cut-off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.

Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge Village Hall 9.30am, Sunday 14th May.

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

Village Hall

April 2023 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st £25 No 118 Verity Grisedall

2nd £10 No 124 Tony Jones

3rd £5 No 108 Tony Mallett

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge Village Society

Coronation Party at the Village Hall

You are invited to the Coronation Party on Sunday 7th May from 4pm until 9pm. There will be a cash bar, beer from Cerne Abbas brewery, red and white wine and soft drinks. Live music will be provided by Chris Deacon, doing a couple of sessions for us. Children's games will be available in the area next to the paddock. Come along with a plate of food to share. Centre piece will be a Coronation cake made by Sally Munns. We will also run a raffle. Offers of prizes would be gratefully received. There is no entry charge. Just come along and have fun with friends.

Graham Garner

Coronation Party Sunday 7th May

Are there any budding musical artists out there hiding their light under a bushel? How do you feel about coming forward and entertaining your fellow villagers with a short stint at the Coronation party? I cannot promise that this will thrust you into the limelight, but I'm sure we would appreciate

your efforts. Please, please come forward to help make this party one to remember. Call me on 897357 to discuss.

Graham Garner

Coronation Party

You may have seen that we are having a party on Sunday 7th May at the village hall, starting at 4pm until 9pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We would like someone to come forward and organise some children's games for a couple of hours. If it would help, we can use some of the games we had for the Jubilee last year. Have you the time to put this together and ensure children are supervised for this time. It would be a great disappointment if this was not part of the event.

Please call me on 897357 for more information.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Graham Garner

Hanging baskets

We have had a fantastic response to create a hanging basket, to be hung outside the New Inn. There are 8 x 14inch baskets still available so please don't delay in requesting one from Sally Parker (897168) who will provide the basket. All you have to do is fill with plants that will look great hung outside the pub. There will be a Sunday lunch voucher at the New Inn for the basket judged to be the best by Cyril from Groves Garden Centre.

We would like baskets to go up by June for judging on 5th August - Village Show/Fete. Good luck.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge has New Bell Ringers

A few of us thought it would be wonderful to hear the St Martin's Church bells rung more often than they currently are. Just 10 weeks ago a call went out for volunteers to learn to ring the bells and since then we have mostly met at Holy Trinity,

Bradpole and sometimes at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, with Association of Ringing Teachers Sue, Janet, Derek, Julian, David and others who put



together a fantastic training programme. With at least 2 sessions a week, the aim is for us to ring alongside experienced ringers in time for the King's Coronation and for all those other important days in the village throughout the years. We have now started practicing at St Martin's and it will be lovely to have experienced ringers alongside us. If you would like to join us, learn to ring or just find out more, please be in touch.

Elizabeth Ferguson 07799 751130

Parish Council

Village Litter Pick and Tidy Up

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the Litter Pick. We collected over eight bags of litter from around the roads and lanes – let's all work together to keep it looking tidy and clean for the coming summer months.



Priority Services Register

Remember to register with the National Grid and Wessex Water to receive extra support and information when there is a disruption to these essential services. You can register if you are over 60 years of age, have a health condition which makes you more dependent on energy or water, have small children or are vulnerable in other ways. You can register by phoning 0800 096 3080 or do it online at <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register>

Contact the Parish Clerk if you need more information or help with this.

Annual Parish Assembly

On Friday 19th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall we will be holding our friendly informal get-together, so do come along, 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 and 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.

Coronation: We wish His Majesty King Charles III a long and happy reign as monarch – God Save the King!!

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

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winner of the April draw was Judy Fox. A bottle of Conker Dry Gin has been delivered – congratulations Judy, hope you enjoy it.



Saunders Richardson Wood

The next Open Day is planned for Monday 22nd May at 10.30am through to 1pm, if you want to pop along- either to help or have a walk round. We would like to clear nettles from a couple of the glades and move some of the log piles so that we can try to encourage more wildflowers to get established. Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

After a very wet session by some keen volunteers, the top borders by the Church are now looking a lot clearer and we can now plant up a selection of insect friendly plants to help with pollination.

A small team including Chris Hewlett and Janet Whight have also laid the hedge in the lower border in the traditional way. It can look a little brutal to start with, but once laid, it simply needs regular trimming to keep it in good order for decades – becoming thicker and creating brilliant habitats for wildlife.



We are holding a Plant Sale over the Bank Holiday weekend 27-29th May – with all proceeds to go to Shelter Box – a charity that delivers aid to families devastated by conflict or disaster. This will be held again on the green triangle at the top end of Cuckoo Lane opposite Rockway. Any donation of plants for this very worthy cause will be very much appreciated.

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>

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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Village website: <http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>



St Mary's Church

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.

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 that 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

Tots' Time

By now hopefully everyone will have had a chance to admire the beautiful Easter Garden that Tots made. It was a case of 'all hands on deck' with compost, moss, shells, pebbles, a 'tomb', a round tombstone, plus three crosses on a hill. There were plants with roots, little cut flowers, and of course, carefully controlled water. Special thanks are due to Liz and Cilla, and to all the little wet compost-covered fingers that worked with such enthusiasm.



We really appreciated the comments you wrote in the book to tell us what you thought of it.

Now we hope to be outdoors much more, as we have had a very long, cold, wet, six months of Tots meeting inside.

We shall be dressing up, playing outdoor games, and doing coronation linked activities, and, as usual, having healthy snacks, stories, songs, dancing and lots of fun.

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

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30 -12 pm. Although everyone from the village is welcome, this is particularly suitable for older people, and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. Do come and join us and if you would like more information, please call Pauline (898327).

St Mary's Church Fete 2023 – Date for the Diary!

Save the date – this year's Church Fete will be on the afternoon of **Thursday 3rd August**. Once again, the Rector has been kind enough to allow us to hold the event in the Rectory Gardens.

We've had our first planning meeting, and as always, there's lots to be done, but we'll get there! Helpers are always needed, to organise and on the day itself, so do let us know if you would like to be involved.

It's a lot of fun and for a worthwhile cause, continuing to support the provision of the Welcome Project, for all generations to enjoy using the church as a community facility.

If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time, please don't hesitate to give Peter Tompkins a call on 01308 897043.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Church Fete Team

Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock

Could you spare a few hours each month to act as the Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock? Village Correspondents are key voluntary roles in the production of the BVN. For more information if you could undertake this role for the village then please contact the BVN editor at bnburton@gmail.com. Many thanks.

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 01308 897648.

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 12:00noon and all are welcome.

Wed 17th May

Organised by The Bride Valley Drivers

Wed 14th June

Organised by the Village Society

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films take a break from May to August and resume showings in September. Look for details in the BVN nearer the time.

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. Full details can be below, including where and how to drop off donations for white elephant, books, bottle tombola and toy stalls.

Richard Ferré

Burton Bradstock Village Fayre

The Village Fayre will be held in the Rectory Gardens and Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May from 2 to 4.15 pm.

There will be lots of stalls and games providing all the fun and interest you expect at a Fayre, children will be able to test their agility on an obstacle course, and there will be tests of strength and skill for all comers. Ice creams, soft drinks, a barbeque and our famous Dorset cream teas will also be on offer.

All money raised helps to maintain and improve the Village Hall.

To make the Fayre a success again we need volunteers to run the stalls and games. It's fun and only takes just over a couple of hours. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Tina Huggins (01308 897384) or Graham Moody (01308 898548).

We welcome donations (clean and in good condition) for the stalls and Bottle Tombola. The contacts are:

Crafts – Val Ellis – 07470372361

Children's Stall – Janet & Chris Pearson – 01308 898346

White Elephant/ Books, CDs, and DVDs - Richard Ferré (01308 897648) or Graham Moody. Books, CDs and DVDs may be left at the Library from mid-May. Please see below for leaving items at the Hall.

Plants and Produce – Cilla Jones – 01308 898473

Plants or produce may be left outside the Hall between 10 and 12noon on the morning of the Fayre.

Cakes and Preserves – Joan Allan – 01308 897511

(Donations may be left in the Hall, not the Kitchen please, on the morning of the Fayre).

Bottle Tombola – Richard Ferré – 01308 897648

Alcoholic and soft drinks welcome. Please contact Richard for collection/delivery or bring them to the Hall on May 27th – see note below.

Generally...

A lot of help will be needed to set up and take down on the day. If you can help, please come to the Rectory Gardens at 9.30am for set up and/or at 4.30pm for packing away.

The Village Hall will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday 27th May to receive items, particularly for the White Elephant, Book and Bottle Tombola stalls.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall 200 Club

April 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

<i>1st</i>	<i>£34.20</i>	<i>No 112:</i>	<i>Mrs Anne Thomas</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>£17.10</i>	<i>No 40:</i>	<i>Mr John Sinclair</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>£8.55</i>	<i>No 14:</i>	<i>Ms Helen Rodier</i>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £8 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme

This season's series of talks has now come to an end. I'm sure that everyone will agree that it has been a fascinating and entertaining programme. Many thanks to all those who have attended the various talks, and of course, many thanks to all of our wonderful speakers. Watch this space for details of next season's talks, starting in September.

Membership

Just a reminder, April was when our new year started, and when annual subscriptions became due. The membership fee is NOT increasing and remains at the bargain price of £5.00 per member.

Existing members should have received an email, or a letter saying subs are due and giving clear options on how they can pay including bank

details for those who want to do BACS. If you have not been contacted, please let Roger know on the number below. If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

AGM and Plant and Cake Sale

The date for the AGM is Friday 5th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee should notify the Secretary, Roger Ashman, at the latest a week before the meeting. There will be entertainment, (maybe a couple of games of bingo?), together with light refreshments and a bar.

The Plant and Cake Sale is on Saturday morning, 13th May 10am - midday. Plants and cakes for sale will be in the Rectory Gardens, while there is coffee and cake in the Village Hall to enjoy with friends. This event is open to everyone with no admission charge.

Alan Pankhurst



Burton Bradstock WI

We were pleased to welcome some extra guests to our March meeting, which was open for anyone who wanted to come and hear Paul Atterbury (of Antiques Roadshow fame) talk about the making of his Dorset Garden. Paul basically started off with a blank canvas - half an acre of field but gradually turned it into an absolute haven over a long period of time. He certainly amused the audience by also talking about his “Earth Centre” – I shall leave that part to your imagination, but if you know, you know!! I wonder how many members were inspired to make some changes to their garden after Paul’s interesting and inspiring talk.

Also in March, 31 members thoroughly enjoyed our annual Spring Lunch in the Village Hall. Susan Allan-Baker, the daughter of one of our members, did a fantastic job with the catering, ably assisted by her husband, and once again her meals did not disappoint – the chocolate pavlova was amazing!

Ten members decided to try their hands at tenpin bowling at Freshwater Holiday Park in March and we all had a really good time. It was obvious to see who had been bowling since their youth but we all did well and quite a

few strikes and spares were scored. Next time though, we may think about putting up the sides of the alley!!!

Our Annual Meeting took place in April and Pauline Tompkins was re-elected as President for a third year. The committee were also all re-elected and we were pleased to welcome an additional member, Sally Lloyd to replace Margaret Thorpe, who has resigned after serving for several years. The rest of the evening was spent enjoying the cheese and wine and stretching our brains to complete a table quiz.

At our next meeting, on 9th May at 7.30pm, there will be a talk by a representative of the Air Ambulance, which will commence after we have given a toast to our new King and sung the National Anthem.

We shall be running a cake stall and a craft stall again at The Village Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May. All the money raised goes towards the upkeep of our Village Hall so hope to see you there.

Janet Pearson

01308 898346

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Library Opening hours

Monday & Saturday afternoons: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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

The library will be CLOSED on all the May bank holidays, 1st, 6th, 8th and 29th May 2023.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Please come to the meeting if you can, as your views and ideas provide valuable input into what the library offers the community, and join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles. There will be a short review of the past year and a look ahead to the next 12 months. Our constitution requires that we elect up to seven Trustees for the coming year. Nominations should be submitted to the FBBL Secretary, c/o Burton Bradstock Community Library, by Tuesday 16th May. All Friends are entitled to vote, and nomination forms are available in the library.

In The Library:

Book Sale - Wednesday Morning May 17th

A sale of books will be held in the Library from 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you have good quality books you would like to donate, please leave them at *the 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. 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 are all sorts of jigsaws to choose from and borrow, including children's. Please let us know if there is a piece missing, maybe it is in the pot on the desk, can you identify it?

Contact the library:

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

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

The Oscar Selfie: Rachel McLean and her audience at Burton Bradstock

A packed village hall welcomed the author Rachel McLean on 30th March, and enjoyed her explanation of how her very successful series of crime novels are written, and how



she selects her Dorset locations. Generous donations, plus a bar profit, were received in aid of the Community Library. Rachel's books can be ordered and borrowed through Burton Library and Libraries West.

Burton Bradstock Festival Spring Concert

The Burton Bradstock Festival Spring Concert will be held on **Friday 19th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church**. David Juritz (violin), Craig Ogden (guitar) and Adrian Bradbury (cello) will perform **Baroque Variations - A path towards the Goldbergs** by J S Bach The Goldberg Variations BWV 988*

**Arr. for violin, guitar and cello*

With music by Purcell, Rameau, Charpentier, Marais, Couperin, Falconieri, Byrd, von Westhoff, Matteis, Oswald, Aranés, Caccini and Marcello.

Spring Concert Tickets can be booked through the Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901. More information at www.burtonbradstockfestival.com

We are delighted that following the success of last year's Festival, this year we will be back to a full programme in August. The main 2023 Festival of Music and Art will run from 12th to 20th August with brilliant classical, jazz, and world music with internationally acclaimed performers and an eight-day art exhibition featuring some of the finest art and ceramics in the South West. Watch this space for more information.

Jenny Malyon, Chair of the Festival Committee

Supper Club

The May Supper Club is on 22nd May.

Any Enquiries please phone Mags Chue 01308 897543

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

March and April have been busy months for the Parish Council so far. We are pleased to announce that we now have the services of a Locum Clerk, Mrs Joanne Hughes, who has kindly agreed to step in for a period and assist our very new councillors as we find our feet. The village has rallied, and we now have 9 councillors; we are pleased to welcome Cllr Alison Hawes, Cllr Bob Ward, Cllr Derek Rigby, Cllr Graham Skinner, Cllr Joan Allan, Cllr Janet Pearson and Cllr Nichola Riches who together with Cllr Henderson and Cllr Lianne Mealing (chair), now forms our present council.

Our team is keen to crack on with matters that concern our community and would really welcome your feedback. So please do email our Clerk, Joanne, theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org with any suggestions.

In the meantime, we have a few items we are putting forward for you to consider:

20 mph zone in the centre of the village - Would you support this proposal?

Dorset Council has a policy on this but in order for the village to be considered for any change, we need to gather the views of our village. Please provide your thoughts on this.

What area should be covered?

Any other comments with regard to the roads through the village, such as safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist? On what roads and paths?

Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council is providing some funding for the village picnic which is to take place in the Rectory Gardens on Sunday 7th of May 2023. The school is organising some refreshments and dessert items to raise much needed funds. **A new bench** dedicated to King Charles III will be sited on the corner of Annings Lane and Norburton – look out for the special launch ceremony details which will be announced on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Jurassic Fibre – Please Register Your Interest.

For those of us without a **Bus Pass**, the £2 bus fare period has been extended until the end of June. Timetables at travelinesw.com.

Best wishes to all from your Parish Council.

Wordsearch answers from the April BVN puzzle

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May 2023	1st Sunday 7th May Easter 5	2nd Sunday 14th May Easter 6	3rd Sunday 21st May Easter 7	4th Sunday 28th May Pentecost
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Café Church	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	6pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	Joint Breakfast Church
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship with Baptism
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Service
Chilcombe				6pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3 rd May Holy Communion at St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock followed by Light Lunch at 11.30 am				
Thursday 18 th May Ascension Day Service at 9:30am at Litton Cheney				