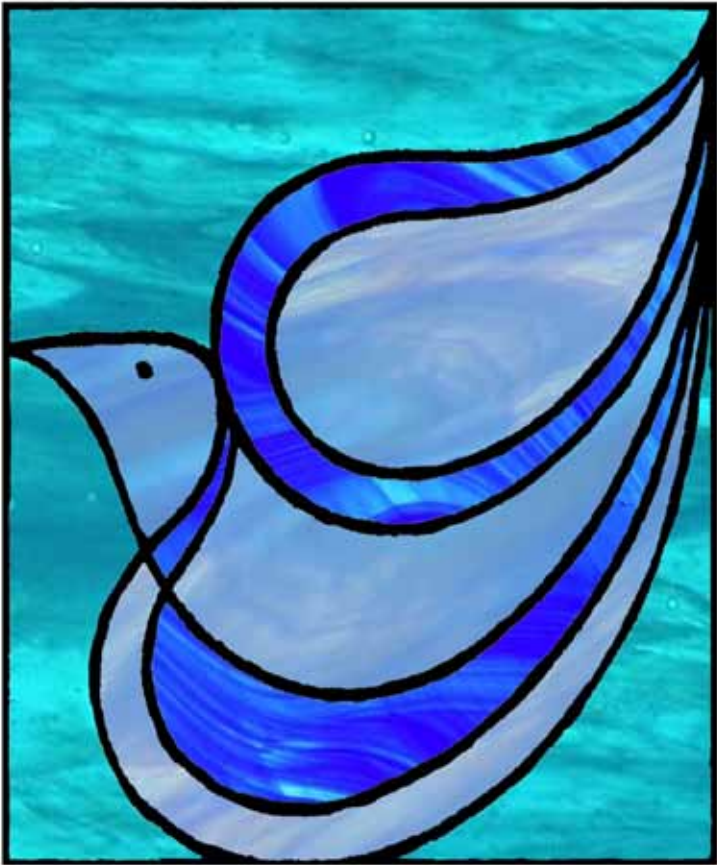


BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



February 2024

Bride Valley News – the magazine of the Bride Valley & Chesil Churches and the Bride Valley Communities

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

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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
St Nicholas, Abbotsbury
St Peter's, Portesham
St Peter's, Langton Herring

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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, responding to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. If you need help please contact the Churchwardens, Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator (01308897260) or one of the Lay Pastoral Assistants who are: *Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169, Pauline Woodford (Burton Bradstock only) 01308 898327, Jenny Malyon 01308 898768 or Liz Orza 01308 897451.*

From 'Open the Book'

In the middle of February comes St Valentine's Day which, in times past, was a declaration of romantic love. In more recent times this has become a celebration of love and now cards may be sent to express love between family and friends. The Bible contains two commandments about love that are of paramount importance: to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbour as yourself. These are the first two of the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament and are reinforced by Jesus, who was the exemplar of them, in the New Testament.



The logo above represents Open the Book (OtB), which is an organization that was started by a couple in Bedford who formed a team from local churches to dramatise Bible stories for primary school children in a simple and enjoyable way during a school assembly. Each story concludes with a quiet time of reflection for the children which is based on love; either by the knowledge that God loves and cares for them or by asking them to think about ways to help others thus showing love.

OtB spread to sixty plus schools in the area followed by others all over the country until it grew so large that it was taken over by the Bible Society in 2013 and is now used by many other countries around the world. The stories used are from the 'Lion Storyteller Bible' and later supplements by Robert Hartman. In the Bride Valley we have a team made of volunteers from local churches attached to each of our primary schools. All teams must be registered with OtB, agree to a strict code of practice, have a DBS check and fulfil safeguarding requirements. They must also agree to 'uphold the integrity of OtB by sticking to the text to ensure the material can be used in a Christian or multi-faith context' and thus not seek to proselytize. As leader of the Burton team, I can only speak for what happens here where the majority of parents of our primary school children will probably have heard their children talking about these Collective Worship sessions as they are very popular. Our team of adults dress in costume with accompanying props and use the older children for minor roles and extras. It is often great fun and provokes lots of laughter

as children and adults get together. OtB is welcomed by both schools and parents as it contributes to the children's religious, spiritual and moral education and their understanding of the nation's cultural heritage as well as helping schools meet the statutory requirements of OFSTED and SIAMS. I hope this provides a background for parents about the OtB Friday Collective Worship so that when they come home and tell you about the boy who stoned a giant, an Egyptian army drowned in the sea or a young chap thrown in a lion's den it may sound violent but the concluding reflection is always based on well ... Love, actually!

Pauline Woodford

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: Ian Ibbotson 898484, Shipton Gorge: Phyl Webster 898657, Litton Cheney: Freddie Spicer 482617

From the Registers:

Wedding Blessing

27th December: Mariana and Eliot Jones at Puncknowle

Funeral:

21st December: Jim Wild at Puncknowle

Bride Valley & Chesil Benefice

Bring & Share Lunches in 2024

Save the dates!!!

In Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 12.30 for 12.45

Sundays: 3rd March, 5th May, 7th July, 1st September and
3rd November

Please bring something sweet or savoury, or both to share! Or just come for lunch and good company.

This is a free event, open to all. For more information, call 01308 897273 and leave a message with your name and number

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

The children have returned from the Christmas break ready for the challenges of the new term. We have welcomed some new pupils into our Preschool and also a new member of staff into our Year 5/6 classroom. Mrs

Holloway joins us with a lot of experience and has already settled in really well. All classes have started their new topics. Robin class enjoyed the start of their topic 'Magnificent Monarchs' by thinking about what they would do if they were King or Queen for the day!

During December and the beginning of January, we hosted the Scholastic Bookfair at school. Families were able to buy books with a percentage of all



money being spent going back to the school. As a result of this, we were able to buy £175 worth of books for our classrooms and school library and update some of our class reading books



which staff read daily with the pupils. We hope to hold another bookfair in the summer term.

This half term, our value is Friendship. As part of our planned Collective Worship, we will be looking at the way that Jesus showed friendship in the bible, looking at how this links to the UNCRC, especially Article 15: *Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.*



Although this is a short half term, we have lots of plans to get out and about. Kingfisher class are heading to the beach next week, Forest school is happening weekly, there are sports events planned as well as a whole school visit to the Bridport Players Pantomime. I look forward to letting you know more next month.

Adam Gough
Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

Thorner's Primary School Report

Our teachers have been very busy this term working hard on different areas of the curriculum and engaging in some superb CPD with other small schools in the West Dorset Collaboration. We have all received an excellent training day on a variety of areas of SEND and we also have undertaken several smaller sessions - in which classroom teachers, TAs, SENDCOs, Mental Health Champions, Maths and English Co-ordinators as well as RE and PE leads in our respective schools have had the chance to share best practice with other teachers in small schools like ours. These sessions have been invaluable in creating working groups in which staff can bring concerns and suggestions about how best to cover all of the required areas in the curriculum in a manner which stimulates and excites the children.

Our approach at Thorner's has been to formulate a series of 60 Big Questions - the required knowledge to answer these questions is then built up over the 6 years the children study the National Curriculum with us and also lead into the subjects they will undertake in Yrs 7-9 at secondary school. The children have also recently applied to become Subject Ambassadors for their favourite subjects which has created a group of pupils keen to talk to teachers and governors about how best to move their subjects forward and what resources and trips we can plan for to make each Big Question more memorable and exciting.

Out of class, Mr White and our Eco-Committee have been adding their persuasive weight to an application the school has made for some solar panels on the south facing roof of LATCH. The children have written a letter to Low Carbon Dorset setting out all the reasons why solar panels would benefit us as a school in the space where we have our assemblies, lunches, PE lessons, after school clubs and performances. As an Eco-School we are always looking for ways to be greener and as a small school the possible associated savings on energy also help us direct more of our budget into things for the children such as trips and resources. The Eco-Committee have also set up a system in which not only is our paper/cardboard and food waste all recycled but now we have a process in which we recycle all the 'springback' plastic that the school produces too - these steps are really helping us become more

sustainable and giving the children fantastic insights in to what can be done through collective action. As one child put it so well in an assembly - "You can't really throw things away - as there isn't really a place called 'away' - it just becomes someone else's problem"

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

Our Night Sky in February 2024

Saturn will be setting shortly after the Sun, while Jupiter continues westward until it sets in the North-west about midnight, while Orion sets about 1.00 am. Venus and Mars rise in the South-east shortly before the Sun, but will be lost in increasing daylight.



There were five total NASA-sponsored payloads on a spacecraft called the Peregrine Lunar Lander (named for the fastest flying bird on Earth) which was launched towards Moon on December 24th. It was due to touch down on a region of ancient lunar lava flows known as the Bay of Stickiness, or Sinus Viscositatis. However, Peregrine suffered a fuel leak and as with so many previous missions which have not succeeded, it illustrates how difficult this type of flight is, especially with a new and previously untested craft. However, if you don't try you learn nothing and history is full of initial failures.

The mission will have set back the manned missions to the Moon planned by NASA, and we will have to await further information when a full analysis has been undertaken.

Bill Turnill

Kyiv Bakery - Ukraine

Everyone is invited to a coffee morning on Thursday, February 22nd from 10.00am to 12noon at 25, Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock in aid of the bakery in Kyiv. They supply free bread to those who cannot afford to buy it, to widows, people whose homes have been destroyed, and those on the front line. For more details please phone (01308) 897780.

Bride Valley WI

Happy New Year to all in the Bride Valley. We hope your celebrations went well. The WI held their own Christmas Party with a Christmas quiz, games and a bring and share supper. There was of course our traditional blind tasting. This year we sampled Christmas chocolate coins, Sainsbury's coins being chosen as the winner. Our 2024 programme has been published and includes talks, activities and outings - your first visit to the WI is free so come and see if it's for you or take a look at our FB page. Meetings are held every third Thursday in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7:30pm. Congratulations to our skittles team who have reached the semi-final which will take place on 30th January. Good Luck team.

If you need any information about our Bride Valley WI please email Bridevalleywi@gmail.com

Book Review: Bride Valley Book Group

Book Review: The Confessions of Frannie Langton, by Sara Collins

We celebrated the new year with a lunch at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock. I regret to say that the majority verdict was a thumbs down on this novel. Written as a first person narrative by Frannie, a young woman raised on a Jamaican plantation as a house girl in the 1820s. Ignorant of her mixed parentage she is educated as a (Rousseau-like) experiment but without any moral compass. She then travels with her owner (who turns out to be her father) to London where she is "gifted" to one of his financial backers. The novel deals with some very dark subject matter, early eugenics experimentation, opium addiction, the abolition of slavery in name only and finally a trial for murder. Some people did not finish it - feeling this was a novel clearly not to their taste. Others did finish it despite misgivings. There were various complaints; there were no likeable characters, Frannie herself as the narrator was difficult to empathise with, too much content had been included, it was hard to believe the events described, etc. Two of us were the exceptions in finding the novel interesting - though not without its challenges. However, our discussion did touch on some interesting questions. How necessary was it to understand the literary/philosophical references? Did we need to know that this was a reworking of the original gothic novel style so popular in the early 19thC? Given the very dark subject matter of what took place on the plantation - was this a suitable subject for a work of fiction?

Happy New Year to you all. *Liz Pinfield*

Bride Valley Gardening Club

A Passion for Snowdrops

Although the Bride Valley Gardening Club doesn't meet until March, I'm sure there is plenty of activity in the gardens of members who I'm sure do as I do and walk around examining the ground for signs of life and admire the odd winter bloom - of hellebore or winter sweet perhaps. I could never holiday in February as my many varieties of snowdrop are at their peak and it is now that I must make note of those in need of division or being moved and occasionally marking the site of a 'no show'. It was never my intention to collect snowdrops but over the years the collection has grown into the hundreds and I love observing the variation in leaf, bloom and markings, knowing I can look forward to flowers from early December into March. A much-loved neighbour used to enjoy winding me up declaring them all to be the same and resisting my attempts to prove otherwise since she could no longer kneel to look! Well, I can't kneel nowadays either but I know their differences and having this great interest during a dismal, often grey month is a real pick-me-up. I urge anyone who hasn't yet discovered how diverse snowdrops can be to consider planting a few named varieties. Experts prefer to sell and plant while bulbs are 'in the green' so now is the perfect time to dip into the gardening budget even if for just one bulb. Avon Bulbs, Broadleigh Gardens, Ashwoods, Elworthy Cottage, Beth Chatto and Cambo Gardens all have good websites to whet the appetite and suit the pocket.

Wishing everyone a good gardening year,

Ali Halliday

email balletboots@live.com

Compton Valence Snowdrops

Village Hall Lunches and Teas

Saturday 3rd February - Sunday 11th February 2024

COME and WALK/DRIVE through our beautiful village and see the stunning white drifts of snowdrops. (The village hall is below the church)

OPEN (WEATHER PERMITTING): 11.00am-3.30pm daily

To book please ring or email so we can cater accordingly:

Tessa Russell tel: 01308 482227 or email: tessa@cvfarms.co.uk

or Pippa James 01305 889338 m 07880882985 email: enquiries@dovehousedorset.co.uk. Pre-booked guests will take priority as the hall is small. In bad/icy weather we may not be open. Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you where to go. We very much look forward to seeing you. CASH PLEASE

National Coastwatch

Burton Bradstock's very own coastal lookout, NCI Lyme Bay situated at Hive Beach, have reported 2023 as being their busiest year since the pandemic. A total of 15 incidents were recorded during the previous 12 months compared to a total of 7 during each of the previous 2 years. The type of incident has varied from live ammunition found on the beach, dead dolphins washed up, to swimmers either not seen for a long period of time or seen in distress in the water.



Following an increase in the number of qualified watchkeepers in recent years it has been possible to increase the number of daily shifts from 2 to 3 during the busy summer months of July and August. The NCI are always looking to recruit new members, both to further increase the number of shifts during British Summer Time and also to replace those who leave the organisation over time.

If you would like to see the inside of the lookout feel free to 'pop-in' for a friendly chat. Provided that there isn't an incident in progress you will be warmly welcomed. Should you like what you both hear and see then NCI Lyme Bay would be more than willing to welcome you to the fold. No prior knowledge of the sea is required. Full training is provided and trainees can learn at their pace.

Anyone interested in joining can also contact Judy Clarke, Manager, NCI Lyme Bay on either 07786 354403 or email judy.clarke@nci.org.uk.



Behold Ye Ramblers

A new play by Neil Gore

7.30pm, 24th March,
Burton Bradstock Village Hall



From the voices of ramblers and campaigners to the songs and poetry inspired by past and current struggles, 'Behold Ye Ramblers' is a new play about *The Clarion* newspaper and the organisations formed by its readership, including the famous rambling clubs, like Sheffield's Clarion Ramblers, the Clarion Cyclists and Clarion Vans. These early Edwardian pioneers promoted healthy outdoor pursuits, organising expeditions across open moors and mountains whilst campaigning for the right to roam, bringing them into conflict with landowners' hunting and shooting activities and laws that prioritised private property over the wellbeing of others.

Featuring music and songs, 'Behold Ye Ramblers' celebrates The Clarion Ramblers and their mission to escape from overcrowded industrial homes, factories and long working hours to the great outdoors.

Recommended 11+

Cash Bar Available

Booking online at artsreach.co.uk, standard ticket £12, under 18s, £5, family ticket £30,
or book by telephone to Alex on 07821 363316

Burton Bradstock

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Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.



'Looking for the Light' - Sunday 4th February, 11.00am at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock

Everyone is welcome to our first Sunday of the month service which will be a service of hymns, praise, readings and reflections on the theme of 'Looking for the Light'. Enjoy singing a selection of hymns and share the readings and reflections during this service, which will be led by Alastair Wheeler.

Tots' Time

"I have a question for you...What's missing?" said the Questioner. "The Baby" replied the congregation en masse, as the Cardholder displayed the words. Former and present Tots eagerly took part in the Crib Service; face-painted 'sheep' crawled, bleating, down the aisle; sparkling 'angels' processed and announced good news to the 'shepherds', who were trying to light a 'fire', and 'wise men', telescopes in hand, accompanied by a camel and donkey, paraded round the church to oriental music on the organ. "Like a Christian pantomime" was one visitor's comment. The four Marys and one brave Joseph were a delight. The climax came when the adult Mary held the baby high and said "Jesus is the Saviour of the world! Jesus is my Saviour too. But just for now He's my baby boy" and cuddled him. The whole congregation applauded and then sang 'The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Glory, glory, Hallelujah'.



Thanks to all who took part, especially as we had no rehearsals! Well done, everyone. As I write, we are still on our Christmas break, but look forward to

more fun with play-dough and paint, or glue and glitter. We hope to watch more seeds grow and to eat exciting nibbles put together by Tots. Wherever possible, as the weather improves, we shall be outside in the church garden, enjoying fresh air and sunshine (we hope).

Like the snowdrop bulbs that we planted earlier, numbers at Tots' Time are growing, but we still have room for more little ones, from bumps to school-age. For more details contact Audrey (897227), Heather (897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Coffee Morning Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning in support of the Post Office and Stores on the 22nd November 2023. Also, to everyone who donated to the purchase of a new chiller, which has now arrived and on the right it is a pictured with Gill on the day of its arrival!

We would also like to thank the Village Society for all their hard work in making the event happen.

But the bottom line is we need you to come into the shop on a regular basis to purchase so we can keep going and be a surviving business and keep the shop and post office facilities in the village which hopefully benefits everyone.

Thank you again

Pete and Gill Mayo



Gill pictured beside the new chiller

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)

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

Wed 21 st Feb	Village Society
Wed 13 th March	Burton Bradstock School

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing THE GREAT ESCAPER on Friday 23 February in the Village Hall, with superb performances from Michael Caine (now 90 years old) and the late Glenda Jackson. A 'not to be missed' true story of an old soldier who wants to go to the 70th anniversary of D-Day in France in 2014. Encouraged by his wife, who understands how important this visit is to him, he sneaks out of his care home for one last reunion to reminisce about his wartime service. "The final shots of the two of them on the promenade suggest two epic acting careers that are coming to a close – and suitably doing so hand-in-hand" -Radio Times. Tickets are £6 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be bought prior to the evening from Burton Bradstock Farm Shop and Post Office or, if still available, at the door on the night.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

January 2024 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£32.60	No 19:	Jenny Malyon
2 nd	£16.30	No 156:	Gayle Acors
3 rd	£8.15	No 68:	Christine Hynds

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February 2024 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £11 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. *WDDC Licence no: SLO080*

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY 7.30pm
FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY 7.30pm
SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Fancy dress competition for children

Goldilocks and the three bears

Refreshments

ADULTS £10
 UNDER 16'S £5

Pantomime presented by Burton Bradstock Players
 By kind permission of Limelight Scripts
Burton Bradstock Village Hall
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 3rd JANUARY 2024
FROM BURTON BRADSTOCK POST OFFICE OR CONTACT
THE BOX OFFICE ON 01308 898707

Raffle

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BRIDPORT PRESENTS
 A SOUP AND PUD LUNCH PLUS TOMBOLA
 IN BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL ON 9th MARCH 2024
 Tickets £8 AVAILABLE FROM
 MO WILLIAMS (897512)
 AND MAVIS GURD (423491)
 AND THE VILLAGE POST OFFICE & SHOP
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
 THE DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE
 For further details please contact mowilliams70@icloud.com

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

Writing this piece on an extremely frosty morning, can I encourage you again to make use of your Village Library for borrowing books, jigsaws, etc to occupy the chilly winter days? Our book stock is still being refreshed every week and

there should be something for everyone. You can check the catalogue of Libraries West online and order books to be collected in Burton Bradstock Library – all free of charge with a library card.

Brenda Oliver is doing a grand job keeping our jigsaw collection fresh and has created a catalogue of items which are new to the Library. Thank you to everyone who has donated jigsaws, so come in and browse our stock.

Your Library needs you! Christine Lewis would still like a few extra library cleaners to join the rota please. If you would like to know more, call her on 01308 897304.

Normal library opening times are:

Monday 2.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-12noon
Thursday & Saturday 2.00-4.00pm

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com
www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library
01308 897563

Sue Brown
Chair

Burton Bradstock Village Society

February Society Talk

The second talk of the New Year will be given by Alan Hooley and as a special treat, after the refreshment break, village resident Audrey Gates will give a short performance. At 90, after a long career in professional Musical Theatre, Audrey has decided to stop performing but not before she does her swan song and entertains us at the February talk.

Alan has been involved with guitars, bands and theatre for much of his teenage and adult - he says that is a long time! During Alan's talk, and in an arts-filled evening, he will introduce us to some of the guitars that joined him on that journey.

And what a journey it has been. Although he was initially taught drums by his father, he was more mesmerised by the guitar boom of the 1960s. Armed with Bert Weedon's 'Play in a Day' book and a second-hand Hofner guitar he set off

to conquer the musical world...but ended up joining the army. Well, it worked for Elvis!

He formed his first band in 1964 aged 16 and performed wherever the army sent him. As a taster for the talk, we can tell you this included the UK, Hong Kong, Berlin, Cyprus and Borneo playing skiffle, rock, pop, folk and country music. His music influences are drawn from through the decades and include Tommy Steele, Little Richard, Sam Cooke, Hank Williams, Buddy Holly and the Creedence Clearwater Revival.

The talk will be on **Friday 9th February** in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £1.50 for members and £5 for non-members. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served, and there will be a raffle and wine available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your friends.

Village Society Coffee Stop

February's Coffee Stop in the Village Hall will be hosted by the Village Society on Wednesday 21st.

Recruitment

Please consider joining the merry band of volunteers that successfully organises and puts on events and activities for all the village residents throughout the year.

The Village Society is looking for two new Committee members: one to handle the publicity for the events and activities; and, the other to help run the Society activities. These include monthly presentation evenings, the annual Flower and Produce Show, an annual outing, as well as putting up the Christmas tree, lights and decorations.

No specific skills are needed just an enthusiasm to get involved with village activities - it's very rewarding to see all the smiling faces at the events you have helped make happen. If you are interested in the publicity role it would be great if you had some PC skills, however, help and advice will be available to you.

If you would like to find out more or volunteer, please contact either Richard or Roger using these contact details:

- Richard Ferre, Chair, tel: 897648, email: rwferre99@gmail.com

- Roger Ashman, Secretary, tel: 898442,
email: bbvillagesociety@gmail.com

Hold the date

The 2024 Flower and Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th July - the details will be published in February on the village website. In the meantime, the limerick subject is “General elections” and the photography subjects are “Water in all its forms” and “A favourite place”.

Supper Club

This month’s supper club is on 26th February. Any enquiries please phone me on 897544

Mags Chue

Burton Bradstock WI

The new year got off to a good start with our speaker for January, Jane Silver-Corren, who gave an enlightening talk entitled “My Jewish Home”. Not only did we learn many interesting facts about Jewish religious traditions but we were able to see samples of a Torah scroll, a mezuzah, kippah and prayer shawls to name but a few of the artefacts that Jane brought along to show us. We were not expecting to join in with songs or even dance but this definitely added to the fun. Jane was also kind enough to bring along some typical Passover bread, which we shared during our tea break. Thank you, Jane, for a most enjoyable evening and increasing our understanding of the Jewish way of life. At this meeting members also voted for the resolution that they wished to go forward for further consideration by the National Federation of the WI. There were four to choose from concerning Dental Health, Poor Housing, the Advertising of Gambling and Women in Prison. Most members considered the current shortage of dental provision was the most important to them but all votes will actually go forward.

We are determined to organise more events during the coming year and February brings us another Lunch Club outing to the Stableyard at Redlands in Broadwindsor and also a trip to see the Snowdrops at Compton Valence, where soup and a roll, coffee and cake will surely warm us up after our stroll around to marvel at these beautiful swathes of flowers.



The kurling team will be taking part in the Dorset Federation Kurling competition and hopefully will be able to repeat this incredible Bullseye achieved by one of our members during our fortnightly practices.... Well done Val Ellis - none of us have ever done THAT before!



Our February meeting on Tuesday, 13th at 2.15pm promises to be another energetic session when Barbara Cohen is coming to demonstrate some chair yoga. That'll certainly warm us up on these chilly afternoons as well as improving our well-being. It happens to be Shrove Tuesday as well on this day and we shall also be commemorating our annual Green Hearts Day on which we think about helping to preserve the environment – so watch this space!

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. All residents of the parish are welcome to attend meetings of the Council to observe proceedings. There is an opportunity at the beginning and end of every meeting for residents to ask questions or make a statement.

Parish Council Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy on the council due to the resignation of Cllr Derek Rigby. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Derek for all his hard work and commitment to the village during his time as a Councillor. If you would like to be involved in the life of Burton Bradstock and wish to support your village by representing residents then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk by email at clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk for a co-option form. We also have elections in May so if you are interested in giving something back to your community and are thinking of becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Defibrillator

The 3rd defibrillator is now installed and ready to use in Annings Lane. We would like to thank Oliver from Tyne Electrical for connecting the electricity supply and also special thanks to Cllr Mike Henderson for all the time and effort he has put into this project. The defibrillator training, we recently held at the Village Hall, was well supported and we are hoping to put on another session for all those that missed out.

Future of The Reading Room

We are currently in the process of setting up a Sub-Committee for the Reading Room, the venue is available for hire at £7 per session but we do feel it is a very underused facility. If you are interested in being part of this and would like to put your ideas across, please contact the Clerk by email clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

Please note our new website address is <https://burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk>

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 submission deadlines, which are normally set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. If you can, please submit articles set to A5 format, with pictures and illustrations set to 'wrap text square' (if using Word). Our font is Franklin Gothic Book 10.5pt for the main text (14pt for headings) and if you can use those settings the editing job will be easier!

Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor!

Thank you

Littlebredy

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It will be February – or nearly – before this is read, and the festive season may seem well behind us, but it was celebrated in several ways in the village, all thanks to the efforts and initiatives put in by various people.

In sequence, the Village Christmas Crawl was enjoyed by all those who took part and/or provided hospitality, and it became somewhat more bucolic as it went on. The next two celebrations were both in Church: the candlelit carol service shared with Longbredy (but attended by many from much further afield) and the Christmas Day Holy Communion, also memorable and again with a congregation greater than usual. The Church decorations were wonderful as one might expect from a team co-ordinated by Charlie McCormick (who with Ben also provided much of the hospitality at the end of the carol service, which was much appreciated), and we must thank Sandra March who played the organ on both occasions, as well as Paul Cheater and the Revd Jackie Shaw who led the two services respectively. The reading by two of the Stevens daughters at the carol service was a particular highlight.

Finally, partly as a result of the repairs to the sheep dip in 2023, the Boxing Day duck race could be “run” over a longer course than usual, and resulted in victory at the entrance to the walled garden for the duck trained by Sofia Williams of London and Bridehead. Thanks go to Christine McFadden for her conscientious judging of the best-decorated duck beforehand, and especially to Edgar and Jacqui Moxom, who organised the whole event with their usual panache.

Shipton Gorge

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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

SHIPTON GORGE
VILLAGE DIARY

St Martin's Church

February 2024 Flood light sponsors.

Henrietta Hoya Miller

Andrew and Ginny for Mary George Murphy

Viv Garland in memory of her dad William Berry, who would have been 100 years old on 24th Feb 2024

John & Diane

Ann & Tony for their Grandchildren Ollie's 19th and Lucy's 17th birthday

Karen Gould for Dave her Valentine!

Stephen Symes remembering Percy on his birthday on 22nd

Janet & Brian to celebrate Millie's 11th birthday

January sponsors:

Jo Boughton-White for Mary's birthday, her own birthday and the late Arthur Boughton.

Jane Mallet for her birthday and Edi's birthday

Jenny & Peter wishing all their friends and family a happy 2024

Thank you to all our sponsors for lighting up St Martin's. Your contributions will help keep the floodlights shining over the village. If you wish to sponsor, a suggested donation of £5 would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Phyl

Webster on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post-box. If you would like your name to be published in the BVN, please let me have your sponsorship request before the cut-off date which is in the front of the BVN but should you miss the date, your name will still appear on the posters.

A big thank you from St Martin's to the Tuesday morning Table Tennis Group who have very generously donated £100.00 to the church funds.



Sunday 11th February: 9.30am Breakfast Church in the Village Hall

Sunday 18th February: 3.00pm Pet Service

(all makes of pet very welcome!)

Sunday 25th February at 11.00am Holy Communion



Shipton Gorge Parish Council

There are going to be local council elections in May of this year and that includes parish council elections. Most of the present councillors will not be standing for re-election as they have all served for many years. There is, therefore, a need for parishioners to stand as councillors, so please consider becoming one. Not having a Parish Council is not an option. The question is do you want a Council elected by parishioners or one nominated by an outside authority not directly involved in the parish concerns? In our case, it will be by Dorset Council. Furthermore, funds allocated for funding the Parish will also

be controlled by the same authority. All residents should be encouraged to consider how they can help to maintain control over local matters with an elected Parish Council. If there are insufficient parishioners willing to take on this role, Dorset Council will nominate personnel to run the Council which is not an ideal solution.

The Parish Council is your voice as it is consulted by the Dorset Council and government to act for you. It gets consulted on all planning matters and if there are any major issues, will be asked to represent you. It is therefore important to have a strong council. The playing field is another area that the Council is responsible for, and as a village our field is well maintained and used. Some parishioners have criticised the Parish Council either rightly or wrongly so if you want a proactive and reactive Council, it is up to you to become a Councillor and serve the village community and improve it for all. There will be a public meeting held in the Village Hall in February to inform and answer any questions regarding what the Parish Council and Councillors do. The nomination and election process will be explained if you are unsure how it works. Please come along if you are interested. In the playing field, the basketball should now be back in action for all the keen basketball players. Councillor Andrew Fry managed to remove the post which was firmly wedged in the hole, and Councillor John Porter with his team of volunteers will replace the broken hoop and back board and re-instate the post. So, our thanks go to those involved. The roundabout will shortly be repaired. It has been too wet to remove the central spindle, but with the drier weather progress in the repair is expected. It will be good to have all the equipment working properly.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March, and the Parish Assembly will be held in April. These will be the last meetings that this council will run, and then it is over to the new council, which could involve you.

Hilary Cunningham, Councillor

Village Hall

January 2024 100 Club Draw results

1st	137	£25	David Bass
2nd	122	£10	Keith Garner
3rd	52	£5	John Turner

Congratulations to all winners

Artsreach presents
Luke Wright's Silver Jubilee

Thursday 1st February, Shipton Gorge Village Hall, 7:30pm

Luke Wright is one of Britain's most popular live poets. In his most confessional show to date, drawing on the discovery of his birth mother on Facebook, Wright navigates his audience through a warm and honest hour of poems and stand-up. With some wild experiments in form, a nervous kitten called Sir John Betjeman and a healthy smattering of drum n bass, Wright manages to navigate some heart-wrenching material and keep the laughs coming. This show debuted to a packed arena at Latitude Festival before a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe where it was the toast of the critics. Expect humour, rage and passion. Don't miss it!



Tickets £12, £5 (u18s)

Suitable 14+

Tickets available online at www.artsreach.co.uk / 01308 897407

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winner in the January draw was Christine Huxtable. A bottle of Lyme Bay Winter Gin has been delivered. Congratulations Christine.



Saunders Richardson Wood

It has been fairly quiet in the wood recently. We have put mulch mats round the trees recently planted and refurbished some of the halos. Thankfully, despite the recent storms, the trees seem to have got through relatively unscathed.

There was some damage around one of the gateways and the course of the stream has changed slightly and is deeper in places – hardly surprising with the amount of rain which fell and the volume of water which poured through the wood. We are hoping to get some



more nest boxes installed – bird, bat and dormouse ones – ready for when they all start to think about pairing up in early spring. Also planning to do some monitoring of bird species in the wood – would be good to know what is visiting and making use of the boxes etc.

There are frequent sightings of deer in the wood which is lovely. We trust you have had a chance to admire the layed hedge along Smacombe Lane. We are hoping to arrange a further hedge laying session in early 2024 – please look out for notices. Please note that the open wood sessions this month will be on Sunday 18 & 25 February 11am-12noon. Any changes to this, we will advise via village Facebook and email. Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

One of the gateposts into the Orchard has rotted – repairs are underway, if not complete.

On Sunday 4 & 11 February, we will be working in the Orchard 11am-12noon. The plan is to plant up the Old-Fashioned Greengage, clear grass etc under the trees and do any other maintenance required. If you would like to help, you are very welcome to come along.

The fruit tree pruning sessions hosted by David Squirrel should have taken place and a small number of the trees will have been treated to a tidy up – hopefully, encouraging some strong new growth and fruiting spurs in the spring. We will also have taken some scions ready for our grafting workshop on 18 March at 10.30am.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635 or email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com

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>

Litton Cheney

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St Mary's

A grand total of £360 was raised by carol-singing around the village on the Friday before Christmas. This was a tremendous total and we are very grateful to all who joined in the singing and those who enjoyed the carols from their doorstep and contributed financially. The proceeds have been donated to Julia's House. Many thanks too to Tricia and Nigel Gates who provided splendid and very welcome refreshments at the end.

Our next coffee morning will be on **Monday 5th** in church from **9.30am to 11.30am**. There is a **warm** welcome for all – the young and the not-so-young. Hot drinks, cake and biscuits are free and we have a good selection of toys. If you would like a lift to the church steps, do let us know.

The post of Rector for the Bride Valley & Chesil Benefice has now been advertised, with visits and interviews planned for the end of the month. We're hoping and praying that there will be several applicants and that an appointment can be made very soon.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on 7th April after the morning service. If you think you might like to join the PCC at what will be an interesting time in the life of our church and the Benefice, please do contact us for a chat. We should be very glad of some younger members!

Church Warden John Vercoe 01308 480768 or Secretary Wendy Firrell 01308 482532.

Floodlighting St Mary's Church

The Church was well lit over the Christmas and New Year period. Many thanks to the following for sponsoring the floodlights in memory of friends and family departed, events, personal celebration or just because they like to see the lights – Mary and Hugh Lantos, Pete and Beverly Dennis, Sally and Philip Dyke, Peter Strange, Lyn Lacey, John and Wendy Firrell, Ariadne Blyth, and

Lesley and John Salvetti. Despite escalating electricity prices the nightly contribution for the lights is still £5 and they are not just for Christmas but can be requested at any time during the year – telephone Freddie Spicer 482617.

Cockerel Weather Vane News

The excitement builds, the cast aluminium bird has arrived and is now with the gilder. We are advised the longer the gilding process is allowed to settle before he's set up on his roost the better so by Easter we should see the work completed. Not too late therefore to contribute to the cost if you've not already done so (see previous notices or contact Freddie Spicer 482617).

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March, 7.30pm at LATCH. At this meeting our new Parish Clerk, Lucy Beasley, will assume her role, having taken over the reins from our present Clerk, Maggie Walsh. Maggie has been invited to attend the Village Assembly on 14th May when we will formally wish Maggie goodbye and express our huge appreciation for a job well done.

Election Alert – Council elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May. This will include Dorset Council, Police Commissioner and Parish Councils. We are looking for candidates to stand as parish councillors. If there are more than seven candidates an election will be held. Please give this considerable thought if you feel you would like to give something back to your community, and serve in their best interests. Details regarding standing as a candidate can be found on the Dorset Council website and also from our Parish Clerk – contact details can be found on the village website – www.littoncheney.org.uk

80th Anniversary – D-Day Landings

On the 6th June this year we will be commemorating 80 years since the D-Day Landings in 1944. The area in and around Litton and The Bride Valley served as a gathering point for many of the personnel who were to take part in the landings. It is hoped to provide an exhibition of memorabilia in early June. If you have a story to tell – perhaps your house was used to provide board and lodgings for the landing force, or to act as a unit HQ – let us know on 01308 482313 or email jfirrell20@gmail.com This is part of our history, and it must be remembered by and for generations to come.

Full Fibre

For up to date details on the installation of Full Fibre in the immediate Bride Valley area visit the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk All being well it would appear that Full Fibre will be with us at some point during the coming year.

Christmas Tree

Once again, our collective thanks to Elizabeth and Paul Kingston for providing the village Christmas tree, and to members of the Premier Crew who both erected the tree before Christmas, decorated it and then took it down in January when it was transported to the amenity tip.

And Finally: On Saturday 13th January a Memorial Service was held for Robert Dewar in a packed St Mary's church of family and friends, both local and from afar. It was a fitting send off for gentleman Robert who has figured in village life for many years including a period as internal auditor for the Parish Council. Held in high regard amongst his peers in accountancy, it could be said that had he been involved in auditing the Post Office it would have been dealt with many years ago.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall

Events at LATCH – for February

Weekly:

Mondays: 3.30 – 4.30pm Big Q Church

Tuesdays: 4.45 – 5.45pm Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

6.15pm – Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783)

Wednesdays: 4.45pm - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

7.00pm – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Thursdays: 9.15 – 11.15am First Steps Toddlers (fortnightly) 8th & 22nd

Special:

Thursday 1st: 7.30pm Film Night “Barbie”

Friday 2nd: 3.45pm Matinee film show “Matilda, the Musical”

Thursday 8th: 7.30pm. Special film show “Matilda, the Musical”

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th 9.00am-3.00pm, Sport Explorers children's activities. (admin@sportseplorers.co.uk) or see their poster on the Litton Cheney Observer Facebook page.

Friday 16th: Artsreach production – morning – see details below.

Saturday 17th: 9.15am – 12.45pm Tai Chi

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

**HALF TERM 'ARTSREACH'
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
WILL TELL & THE BIG RED
BARON
Litton Cheney Community Hall
Friday 16th February**



**An action-packed comic
adventure for all the family
(suitable for ages 3+)**

Join plucky Will Tell as she sets off on a quest to rescue her dad from the Big Bad Baron's deepest darkest dungeon. Inspired by the adventures of Robin Hood, this action-packed comic adventure promises capers around castles, medieval Strictly Come Dancing and a jaw-dropping joust on life-size horse puppets! (for more info see www.fiderifidera.com). After a short break for refreshments (cash only please) the main show is followed by an optional creative workshop where children will play games and learn songs and movements from the show.

Main Show (10.30am-11.30am) Adults £7, Children £5.

Workshop (45 minutes) £3. (Children aged 4+ and must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets available from Patricia tel 01308 482514 or on-line from Artsreach.co.uk

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

A bonanza of films in February at Litton Cheney Community Hall!

THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY "BARBIE" 'clever, funny, and poignant with a great overall message'

Starring **Margot Robbie** and **Ryan Gosling**. To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or

you're a Ken. Cert. PG-13 2hrs. Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m.
TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

Friday 2 February and Thursday 8 February – 2 screenings ...

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY at 3.45pm. Tickets: Adults £3, Children £2
“MATILDA THE MUSICAL” ‘a spirited adaptation of the book and stage musical’

Matilda Wormwood (Alisha Weir) is a little girl with big curiosity, a sharp mind and a vivid imagination - and the worst parents in the world (Stephen Graham and Andrea Riseborough). On meeting her inspirational teacher, Miss Honey (Lashana Lynch), Matilda is encouraged to discover the power she has to help others change their stories, and take charge of her own destiny.

Also starring Emma Thompson and Sindhu Vee.

Cert. PG 2hrs.

THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY Evening screening of “Matilda the Musical”

Doors Open: 7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY “THE GREAT ESCAPER” ‘a masterclass from two legends’

In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He had staged a “great escape” from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary. It was a story that captured the imagination of the world as Bernie embodied the defiant, “can-do” spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing. Cert. 12, 1.5 hrs. **Doors Open:**

7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

The White Horse

We have returned from our winter break raring to go. "Burns Night" on 27th January came piping hot, supplemented with a few drams of amber liquid, and as we edge further into 2024 we can announce that "Howling at the Moon" has been booked for St Patrick's on 17th March which surely bodes well. In the meantime we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024, and many thanks for your support in 2023.

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

Village Correspondents:

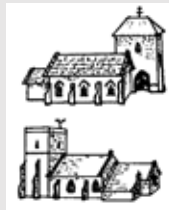
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Christmas at Puncknowle Church

Over Christmas the church was full on three occasions.

The first, sadly, was the funeral service for Jim Wild on Thursday 21st December. During the service there were many accounts of Jim's life, some humorous, some deeply poignant, recalling the life of a big, vibrant and quietly generous man who we will all miss. We give our thoughts and prayers to Sarah and the family.

The second was on Christmas Day when we held a Christmas Day Praise service. It was a festive service full of carols and good cheer – especially when we went to the Crown Inn afterwards for coffee.

The third was the wedding blessing for Eliot and Mariana Jones. It was a beautiful service where the couple re-made their vows in the presence of friends and family, a joyful occasion.

Candlemas at Puncknowle Church

Friday 2nd February at 7.00pm: Come and join us for a quiet candle lit service of meditation to celebrate "Christ the light of the world". There will be a buffet provided at the Crown Inn afterwards.

Puncknowle 100 Club

Here are the draw results for November

1 st Prize	Marion Hurley
2 nd Prize	Denise Luff

Whist Drive

Thursday February 8th in Puncknowle Village Hall 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.
All are welcome – the more the merrier! For further information contact Jenny
on 01308 897863.

What's on at Puncknowle Village Hall in February

REGULAR EVENTS		
Mondays	10.00 - 11:00 am	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Mondays	1:30 - 4:00 pm	Pilates Contact Sarah on 07885 037340 or by email sarah@modified-pilates.co.uk
Wednesdays	10:00 - 12:00 am	Table Tennis Contact Brian on 01308 897987
OTHER EVENTS		
Thursday 1 st	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Craft Club Contact Brenda on b.oliver@btinternet.com
Tuesday 6 th	7:30 - 10:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting Open to the Public
Thursday 8 th	7:00- 10:30 pm	Whist Drive Contact Jenny on 01308 897863
Tuesday 13 th	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Nurture Night - Wellness/Yoga Contact Francesca on 07990 514948
Thursday 15 th	7:00 - 9:30 pm	Bride Valley WI Contact Natalie on nataliegreen@me.com
Tuesday 20 th	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Luncheon Club Contact David on 01308 898492
Wednesday 21 st	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public See: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Friday 23 rd	10:00 - 12:30 pm	Art Club Contact Sally on 01308 897987

3 Villages Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group held two meetings in January: on the 10th to hold a workshop on forming the Plan Objectives and on 17th to meet with members of Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan group. The Chesil Bank Plan covers the villages of Abbotsbury, Portesham, Fleet and Langton Herring and was adopted by Dorset Council in November 2023 so we felt their recent experience would be worth hearing about. The other areas we are working on are developing a really good website for the Plan as part of the Parish Council website, beginning collecting and collating our evidence base and sourcing finance from Locality – the national organisation that supports neighbourhood planning. The next Steering Group meeting is at pm on Wednesday 21st February at Puncknowle Village Hall. This is an open meeting. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Brian Bowsher on 01308 897987.

Long Bredy

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Follow the Star and Live Nativity at Christmas

A big thank you to everyone who decorated their houses and gardens so beautifully to celebrate Christmas - so many stars to follow! Gerald (the Donkey), Hettie (the sheep), Quince (the dog) and Thomas (baby Jesus) brought their families to the Church on 17th December 2023 for the Live Nativity. All were magnificently dressed, and a full church celebrated with Christmas carols and refreshments after. The three Kings were in attendance - at the beginning of the lane and in the field by the church - many thanks to them and all who participated in any way.



Notes from the Belfry

On 16th December 2023 a visiting team from the Dorset Association of Church Bell Ringers (DAC) came to ring a quarter peal at St Peter's Church.

This was part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the DAC. The 'Ruby' ring consisted of 1860 changes of Plain Bob Doubles and was rung in 57 minutes. Quarter peals for the same celebration were rung in Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney and Abbotsbury on other days.

On a lesser note, but equally successful, was the St Peter's ringers ringing for the United Service on 31st December 2023. An almost faultless 'Twenty All Over' was achieved and this also left time for a method ring on the new bell chiming system.

Long Bredy 100 Club December Results

£30.00	No 52	D. Bailey
£15.00	No.55	J. Bailey
£5.00	No.69	S. Dyer

Super Draw Results

£155.00	No.151	C. Macey
£105.00	No.56	J. Cain
£55.00	No.63	C. Kinghorn

Coming up this February

Coffee Break

The February Coffee Break will take place on Saturday 10th February 2024 from 10.30am – 12:00pm in the Village Hall. Join neighbours and friends to catch up after the busy Christmas period and enjoy some refreshments. All are welcome!

Come Along Inn

The Come Along Inn will open its doors on Friday, 16th February 2024 from 5.30pm to 9.00pm and there will be a hot supper available. For further information or to book supper please ring 482270 or email: aking44634@aol.com.

Things to look forward to...

Candlelight Supper at St Peter's

On Saturday, 9th March 2024 the monks of St Peter's Church invite you to join them for their candlelight supper! Space in the church is limited so you are advised to book early for this special event. Your place at the table for the evening will have a charge of £12.00 towards the fare. You can book through Brother Kinghorn (aking44634@aol.com, 482270), Brother Cain (482379) or Brother Cullingford (482562). The monks will be making their favourite brews available plus wine from the vineyard and there will be the opportunity to leave with some local produce!

Annual Plant Sale (advanced notice)

We are holding the Annual Plant Sale with the May Coffee Break on 11th May 2024.

If you are clearing out old but good tools, and splitting plants, they would be gratefully accepted for the sale as would any seedlings which are extra to your requirements.

Please contact Sue Dyer (482882) for any information or if you can help with the sale in any way. This has become a popular event, especially when the sun shines!

Recipe Corner

When space permits, we'll be sharing a recipe that you can easily try at home. If there are any recipes you'd like to share with the community, please email them to Rebecca or post it through the door at No. 5 Bedford Terrace.

Berry and Apple Crumble by Jamie Oliver

There is nothing like a warm crumble on a cold winter day, so here we go!

Ingredients: 800 g mixed apples (such as Bramley, Braeburn and Cox), 4 teaspoons caster sugar, 100 g frozen berries, 20 g cold unsalted butter, 50 g plain flour, 75 g Granola Dust and natural yoghurt to serve.

Method: 1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/gas 5.

2. Peel, core, and quarter the apples, then cut into chunks.

3. Place the apples in a pan with the sugar and cook over a low heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes, or until slightly softened. Remove from the heat, stir through the frozen berries, and leave to cool a little.

4. Meanwhile, cube the butter and place in a mixing bowl with the flour. Rub together with your fingertips until it resembles breadcrumbs, then stir in the Granola Dust.
5. Transfer the fruit mixture to a baking dish and sprinkle over the crumble topping.
6. Bake in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden and crunchy.

Delicious served with a dollop of yoghurt!

Bon Appetit!

Anna Lovell

Friends of Anna were sad to hear of her passing away just before Christmas. Anna lived in Swyre having moved here almost 40 years ago with her (then) elderly mother. She was a community minded person and had served as Parish Clerk for 5 years, helping to expand the playing field in Puncknowle and to set up a community bus for the local area. For many years she kept a watch on local transport issues. Anna was a trustee and board member of Dorset Community Action, was involved with the Dorset Age Partnership and Older People's Forum and was a strong supporter of the Puncknowle Lunch Club ever since its inception. She was involved in many community projects and in 2013 she was awarded the British Empire Medal for her work in the community. She was laid to rest at Higher Ground Meadow near Beaminster on 19 January. She will be missed by her family, and friends.

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness' tongue-in-cheek letters from Uncle Eustace will resume in the March edition, space permitting!



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Bridport Youth Dance
and the BYD Street Dance Crew present

PARADIGM

BYD's 20th Annual Production

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