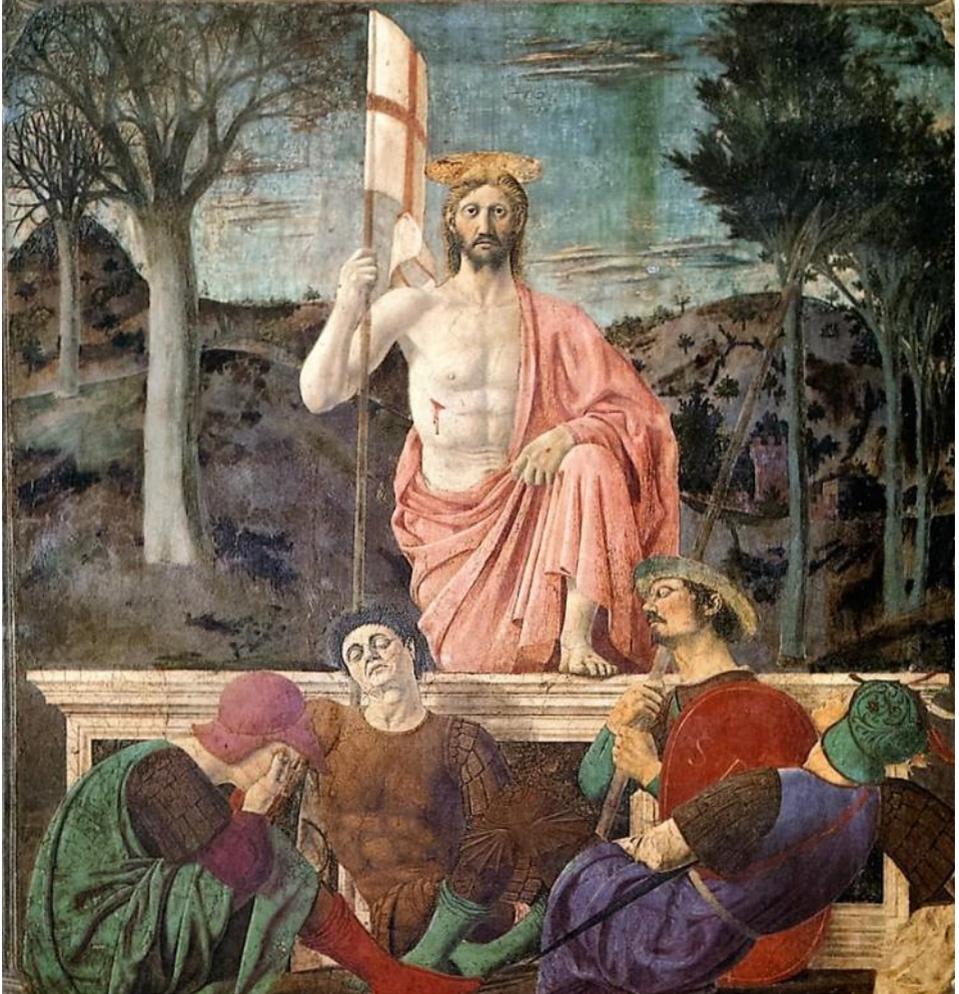


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www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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*To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Mon	21 st	18.30	Celtic style Compline at St Peter's Long Bredy
Tue	22 nd	18.30	Traditional style Compline at St Mary's Litton Cheney
Wed	23 rd	18.30	Common Worship style Compline at Holy Trinity Swyre

Maundy Thursday, 24th

19.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's Puncknowle

Good Friday 25th

10.00 Litany at St Martin's Shipton Gorge

10.00 Litany at St Michael & All Angels Littlebredy

12.00 – 15.00 3 Hour Service at St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Sat 26th 18.30 Easter Eve Vigil at Chilcombe Church



WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2016

Tuesday	1	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	3	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	3	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	7	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	8	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	10	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	10	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	10	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Friday	11	8.30	Swyre
Monday	14	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	17	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	17	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Friday	18	8.30	Swyre
Monday	21	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	22	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	24	9.00	Burton Bradstock

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO midweek Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock on

FROM THE RECTORY

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS

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*'In my early days as a governor, I used to walk round my school and marvel: the displays, the little chairs and tables, the smiling faces and hum of learning, the record keeping and assessment systems and maintenance of the boys' toilets, the constant flow of Information Technology and finance and tricky children and demands from parents. How could a mere human being keep track of all this stuff?**

In the Bridport area *'the hum of learning'* will soon be taking on a different register with the initiating of a Multi Academy Trust incorporating several local schools including Burton Bradstock's. In the past the education system in our country rested on a structure which involved National Government, Local Government and then individual schools. In the future the pattern will shift increasingly to a four-fold framework involving National Government, Regional School Commissions, Multi Academy Trusts

**From Jenny Turner's report on the privatisation of schools in The London Review of Books, 7 May, 2015, p. 12.*

(MATs) and individual schools, without involvement from Local Authorities. The Minerva Academy Trust will, like other academy networks, have three main aspirations: to raise educational achievements, to be inclusive and to raise aspirations and standards and support other schools. This will mean new responsibilities for those managing the Trust and the headteachers and staff members and governors in the schools within the MAT – and hopes are high for the flourishing of a 'common wealth' of personnel and resources, sharing expertise across the district. Please keep all those involved with leading the Minerva Academy Trust in your thoughts and prayers at this time of transition: at the same time remembering those who teach and govern at Thorner's School in our Valley and the Diocesan Board of Education in its work and ministry.

*God of all creation
in whose kingdom
the lion lies down with the lamb
and a little child leads them:
strengthen us, who call you Father,
to work for a world in which
resources are shared fairly,
innocence is protected,
and childhood can be enjoyed.
Through Jesus who, as child and adult,
is one with us.
Amen.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BRIDPORT, GOOD FRIDAY 2016.

Reverend Philip Ringer (who will be familiar to many church goers in the Bride Valley) has been coordinating an event that will be well worth attending during **Good Friday** (25th March). The Bridport Arts Society has organized fourteen local artists willing to create painted 'Stations of the Cross' which will be the focus of a Good Friday procession led by **The Bishop of Salisbury**. Philip reports: *'Depicting the last journey of Christ to his ultimate death on Calvary, the Stations will have local scenes as their background. For example, the 11th station of Christ being nailed to the Cross is painted against a backdrop of Colmers Hill and looks quite stunning....the result promises to be well worth seeing.'* Philip has sought out fourteen locations where the paintings will be displayed, and an amenable route, *'beginning at St. Swithun's, working our way through the town and then on to St. John's via West Bay Road. A friendly local carpenter has been engaged to make the frameworks to exhibit these paintings and a sign-writer has given a preliminary price for the accompanying signage.'* **Bishop Nicholas Holtam** will be in Bridport for

half the day (time to be confirmed) to lead the ecumenical walk of witness along the entire route of the Stations. Philip says *'This promises to be a memorable event and well worth joining.'* The Stations of the Cross will begin at **11.00am at St. Swithun's, Bridport** and finish at St. John's, West Bay at approximately 2.30pm.

EASTER BEST WISHES

Frances and I extend very best wishes for a Happy Easter to everyone in the seven communities in the Bride Valley; this comes with gratitude for the support of my colleagues here in the Valley, Yvonne and Ryder and Sue and Mike – and Lay Worship Leaders Janet and Vicky along with our musical leaders Paul and David and Tito and Sandra and Janet – and with especial thanks to Lesley Dove for her invaluable help as administrator in the Benefice.

Stephen Batty

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

APCM (ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

St Martin's church held its APCM last month and the following PCC was elected :

Vicky Thomas, Hazel Coulter, Linda Buck, Yvette Smith, Hugh King and Cathryn Johnson. **Christine Huxtable** was co-opted until a new treasurer can be found. **James Webster**, as a Licensed Lay Minister, is an ex officio member. **Kate Kent** will continue as churchwarden until the next Archdeacon's visitation in May.

There were no nominations for the position of churchwarden after this, and advice has been sought from Sherborne as to how the parish will work after this time. There was discussion of types of service to encourage new members of the church,. Various formats were suggested and this subject will be continued by the new PCC. If you have any ideas or preferences please talk with one of us.

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

If you would like to light up St Martins for a special occasion or a fond memory, it will cost just £5. For your occasion to be mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please contact me in good time to reach the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, St Martin's Church floodlights will light up the sky over Shipton Gorge during March especially for:

Nesta Symes on her birthday.

Gerry and Jackie Pyke.

Barbara Willy, Jonathan, Jeremy and Peter remembering David Willy

Chris for Ruth Nunn's birthday.

Henrietta Brant.

Janet, Caroline and Faith for John and Beryl Epplestone's Birthdays.

Molly and John Roast for 62 years of marriage

.... and also our anonymous supporters

Phyl Webster 01308 898657

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS AGM 2016

By the time this BVN reaches you, hopefully our AGM would have taken place (17th Feb). The names of our newly elected Committee will be inserted in next month's BVN. However, our newly elected 2016/17 Committee can be found on the Village website.. [.shiptongorge.org.uk/parish_council_pages](http://shiptongorge.org.uk/parish_council_pages).

DCA DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP 2016

Once again, the SG 'package' is currently being compiled in time for for the April 1st closing date for entries. The competition will run from the usual 1st May – 31st July period, with the results being announced in September.

SGVS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2016

As previously reported, we have a reduced number of Events planned for this year in order that **NISL** (NEW INN SUPPORT Ltd) can push on with their fundraising activities throughout the year alongside the Village Hall Committee's (**SGVH**) planned Events. Our reduced schedule is :

SATURDAY 11th JUNE 2.00pm in the Village Hall and FIELD

A Party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday.

SATURDAY 25th June 7.00pm in the Village Hall

The **BIG QUIZ** with a Fish/Chips (or Veggie) Supper

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2.00pm in the Village Hall and FIELD

The **SUMMER SHOW** (Competition) and Annual **FETE**

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 9.30am

XMAS SHOPPING TRIP to EXETER (by Coach).

We shall be providing more information on all the above, in the BVN prior to the Event's scheduled date.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

Please join us for an evening of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic when **Morgan & West** bring their new show 'Parlour Tricks' to the village hall on **2nd March**. The dashing duo offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, all served up with wit, charm and no small amount of panache which might just blow your mind!

The show starts at 7.30pm and you're invited to bring your own refreshments.

Tickets are **£8, £6 (u18s) or £25 (family of four)** available from **Doris Bensellin** on 897562.

On **Wednesday 30th March** at 7.30pm natural history photographer **Colin Vardell** will give a presentation on **The Natural Beauty of Dorset**.

The presentation will include images of the geology, landscape and natural history of our county with an accompanying narrative. Colin's photographs of landscapes and wildlife have an international reputation and this will be a presentation not to missed.

Tickets are **£4**. To attend please contact **Sally Parker** on 897168. Please bring your own drink and nibbles.

Proceeds from both events will go to the hall's general maintenance fund.

Richard Hewlett

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

£20	No 8	Chris & Ruth Nunn
£10	No 10	Pam Jenkins
£5	No 1	Kate Chomaki



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

PALM SUNDAY

MESSY CHURCH meets at 10.15am in
Puncknowle Church on the 3rd Sunday of
each month. A time of welcome and



refreshments is followed by craft time, and celebration or worship. We

finish at around 11.30am. **This month will be held on Palm Sunday 20th March in Puncknowle Church.** Our theme will be based around Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and you may like to bring branches so that we can make a procession with them. For more information about Messy Church see 'Valley Notes'.

Maundy Thursday – 24 March A service of Holy Communion will be held in St Mary's at 7pm.

Easter Day – 27 March All Age Holy Communion will be at 11am.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Puncknowle and Swyre parish Council have very kindly purchased a **table tennis table** for the hall, we are looking at setting up a club and wondered if there are any table tennis gurus that would be interested in getting this club going.



ADVANCE NOTICE- We are going to have a table top sale on **30th April** from 10-12. Each table will be £6 and a small gift for the raffle and you will keep whatever monies you make. We will also have a cake stall and refreshments. So have a sort out over Easter and book a table

For more details on either of the above email Jill – jill.neill@live.co.uk

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Members enjoyed a workshop and demonstration by **Philippa**, painting light on water. Our following workshop was by **Christine**, loose watercolour and painting Dorset scenes. We are looking forward to a workshop with **Stephen Yates** on 4th March and with Wendy on the 18th.



<http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk> for more information.

Christine Molony

BOOK CLUB



Our January read was “**Strictly Ann**” by **Ann Widdecombe**. As suggested by the title, she writes about her experience on the television dance competition and other shows. Her memoirs include an interesting section about her childhood and early life in Singapore. She offers insight into her political life as an MP, Minister in three government departments and a member of the Shadow Cabinet. This book contained some lengthy passages which might have benefited from some editing. The complexities of Westminster life came across well.

Cathryn Johnson

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

JULIAN GROUP

The Group meet at 10.00am on the first Monday in every month, and the next meeting is on **Monday 7th March**



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



Our next meal will be on **15th March**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland 898492**. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this popular social event and are over 50 years of age please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.

We are now in desperate need of volunteers especially to assist with the cooking. It is only one Tuesday each month to serve between 25 and 30 members. The club provides a great social opportunity for many who do not always have opportunities to meet up. If you could spare the time to help with this worthwhile activity you would be most welcome. Please contact **David Buckland** and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

LENT LUNCH SATURDAY MARCH 19TH 12-2PM

There will be a Lent Lunch in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Saturday, March 19th** from 12-2pm. Please drop in for a lunch of soup,

Ploughman's, fruit and chat with friends and neighbours.

There will be no tickets issued for this social event but we would be grateful for Donations given on the day to support our chosen Charities for this year. **Sudan Medical Link**

provides much-needed medical help in South Sudan where civil war rages and causes major problems for everyone, especially for pregnant women, and **CMS**, in particular our partners in Malta who are trying to help with the Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean.

**SALISBURY
SUDAN LINK**



Fellowship in Faith



Susan Moores (on behalf of St. Mary's PCC)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

In times past, this Sunday was a day when young people could have time off to visit their mothers and return to the Church in which they were baptized. Now it is a day when we all remember our mothers, whether young or old. We will be pleased to welcome everyone to a short service, led by **Canon Stephen Batty**, at our Village Church on **March 6th at 10.30 am** and give thanks to God for our mothers.



During the service children from the school will be giving an 'Open the Book' presentation telling the story of when Mary, Joseph and Jesus visited the Temple in Jerusalem. Following this, posies will be distributed and coffee, tea and Simnel cake served. Do come and join us.

CHURCH CHARITY FUND RAISING 2016

Wednesday 16 March 10.30 till 12 noon Coffee Morning - Liz Orza

Friday 1 April 9.30 till 11.00am Bacon Butties for Breakfast Anne & Mike Read

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND DIocese of SALISBURY
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PARISH OF ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK WITH CHILCOMBE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on the **18th day of April 2016** at 7.00 pm.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Darren Batten is the Chairman for the forthcoming meeting.

Burton Bradstock will again be entering the **Best Dorset Village Competition** this year in the past winners' category, a clean-up day will be held earlier this year to combine it with the official "**Clean-up for the Queen Day**" on **5th March** – look out for the posters.

It was agreed that last year's prize money from the competition will be spent on enhancing the area around the bus shelter with bulbs, flowering shrubs, planters and a plaque. The BB Volunteers have been gifted a substantial number of snowdrops which have already been planted.

The **Leisure/Recreation** working group are looking at ways to improve/repair the play area and will be at the Annual Duck race with a stall to consult on the future of the area. The group are still looking for volunteers of all ages to join the group. To find out more contact the **Clerk** or **Mike Evans** contact details on the PC website.

Allotments-There are still currently vacancies at the Burton Bradstock Allotments; if you are interested in a plot please contact the **Clerk**

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 7th March** 7.30 pm at the Reading Room. All welcome.

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org.

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com or by phone on 07814 016971.

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

“200 CLUB” DRAW FEBRUARY 2016

WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 75:	Mr Keith Ellis
2nd	£21.20	No 110:	Ms Susan McRae & Mr Matthew Taylor
3rd	£10.60	No 167:	Mrs Joyce Roberts



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COFFEE STOP MORNINGS

The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p were started to provide a general “meet and chat” venue. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 2 meetings are dates are listed below.



Date	Organiser
Wed 23 rd March	Burton W.I.
Wed 20 th April	Indorr Bowls Club.

DEFIBRILLATOR

At time of going to print, we have just taken delivery of the defibrillator and

external cabinet and hope to install it within the week. 2 members of the Trust Committee attended a safety at work course including use of a defibrillator. More training sessions and showing of familiarization videos for Villagers are planned.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing another of the 2015 big films – **SUFFRAGETE** – on **Friday 1 April**.

Carey Mulligan, Helen Bonham Carter and Meryl Streep lead the cast of a powerful drama about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight to give equality to women in early 20th century Britain. The story centres around Maud, a working wife and mother whose life is forever changed when she is secretly recruited to join the growing suffragette movement. The film dramatises an important, and still relevant, fact based story and gives an insight into the history of women's activism with **Emily Pankhurst** galvanizing the movement.



Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Burton Bradstock Post office and are £5 each. Included in the price is a glass of wine or a soft drink. If available, tickets will also be sold at the door on the night.

Suffragette will also be shown by Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Village Hall on **Thursday 7 April**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Brooklyn – Friday 29 April - Burton Bradstock Films. **Wednesday 4 May**
Bride Valley Films

Licence to be arranged - **Lady In A Van – Friday 20 May** at Burton Bradstock Films only.

SPRING QUIZ WITH “FISH & CHIP” SUPPER.

This popular light hearted quiz prepared and hosted by **Sue & Bryan Brown** will be held on **Sat 16th April** in the Village Hall. There will be a bar, raffle, prizes for winners & losers plus a Fish & Chip supper in the intermission. All are welcome, teams of 8, small groups or individuals. Tickets go on sale at the Post Office on **Sat 26th March**. To book a table, request a vegetarian option or assignment to a team contact the organiser, **Richard Ferré**, contact details in next paragraph.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Village Hall Trust is looking for a new committee member during the coming year. There is currently a vacancy for someone to **represent and support the Youth of the Village**. The committee meets every 2 months at the Village Hall.

If you are looking for an activity that will both help the Village and get you meeting people, this committee will help with both. Interested people should contact the Chairman, **Richard Ferré**, for more information. Tel 01308 897648 or email richard@ferre.fsnet.co.uk.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

“The Kingcombe Centre...A walk on the wild side“ is the subject of our next Village Society meeting on



Friday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **Dr Simon Cripps** the Chief Executive of **Dorset Wildlife Trust** will be presenting the talk.

The Kingcombe Centre is owned and run by Dorset Wildlife Trust. Simon will be talking about his work and that of the Trust. The Centre offers exciting arts, creative, natural history and conservation courses and events, or even a stopover for coffee and cake.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

“Exploring the Waterways of Europe” on **Friday 15th April** will be our last talk until September.

Our **Annual General meeting** on **Friday 13th May** followed by our coffee morning and plant sale the next day.

This year's **Flower and Produce Show** on **Saturday 16th July**, so get sowing those seeds now !!

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

Monday (for a trial until Easter)	3.00pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday & Saturday	10.00am to 12.00am

info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk
‘phone 01308 897653

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

There has been a noticeable increase over the last few months in the interest shown in both the DVDs and Jigsaw Catalogues. They both offer a good selection thanks to your generosity, but new donations are always welcome to help keep the choice fresh.

CHILDREN'S EASTER ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

CRAFT AND STORY TELLING

On **Tuesday 29th March** between 2.00 and 4.00pm the Library will welcome children up to 7 years of age, accompanied by their parent or guardian, to a Craft and Story time afternoon.

There is no need to book, but it will be helpful if we have an idea of numbers. So if you are coming please let us know either in the library or by email.

EGG HUNT

Starting on **Maundy Thursday 24th March** there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Library continuing during Easter Week. All the eggs are being donated by friends of the library, and the hunt will finish when the eggs run out.

LIBRARY EASTER OPENING

The Library will be closed on **Good Friday 25th March** and will re-open on **Tuesday morning 29th March**.

Please make sure you have your books to tide you over the Easter holidays.

The Library continues to be open until 6.30pm each Monday until Easter. There will then be a review to consider if the extended hours should continue, so if this is something that is of benefit to you please come and tell us.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

The WI walkers have kept to urban areas during the winter, to avoid the mud. They enjoyed a walk in Weymouth on a superb day in January, and hoped for equally favourable weather for Bridport in February.



Christine Shaw spoke about “**Project Tiger**” in India, where there are special parks providing protected zones for tigers, as their habitat has been much reduced. One tiger needs thirty square miles of living space. Christine went tiger-hunting in an open jeep, with her camera and a guide. Visitors don't always see a tiger! Christine's party was very lucky; they saw and photographed a female with four cubs.

From March, meetings return to 7.30 pm. On **8th March**, **Mary Benger** from **Burrow Farm** near Kilmington will give an illustrated talk on the story of the gardens she created. Some members visited the gardens last summer,

and plans are being made for further visits this year, to see them in the spring.

On **9th March**, a coach party will be going to see “**Evita**” at the Octagon in Yeovil.

The WI will be hosting the “Coffee Stop” on **Wednesday 23rd March, 10.00 – 12** in the Village Hall – we invite you to join us.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (For further information contact Secretary, 01308 897648).

LITTLEBREDY

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We have welcomed two new households to the village recently:-

Kevin Quincey is already a well-known face locally, and he and his fiancée **Kathy Ashe** are now living at No. 2, River View Cottages.

Dan Steadman and his teenage son have become only the second resident family in Bigwood Lodge since 1938, when the Marshallsays moved there (remaining till 2015). We wish all concerned much happiness in the village and we hope they will join in the life of the community as they become better known.

Easter falls this month, and will be marked by two Church services: the usual short **Litany Service at 10.00 a.m. on Good Friday (25th March)**, followed by **Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. on Easter Day, Sunday 27th March**. Between the two, Church decorating will be undertaken by the usual exemplary team (plus any willing new volunteers), and details of times, etc., will follow by e-mail to those concerned.

Thanks to a kind offer from **Ben and Charlie**, there will be a **Lent Frugal Lunch at the Old Parsonage on the Wednesday just before Easter, the 23rd March**. It will be available from 1.00 p.m. onwards, and visitors from elsewhere in the valley are very welcome to join Littlebredy residents. The hosts will choose their beneficiary charity, to which all voluntary proceeds will be donated.

Earlier in the month again, there will be a **Coffee Morning at Bridehead from 10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. on Saturday 19th March**. This will be combined with “**MADE IN DORSET**”, an exhibition by local producers of arts, crafts,

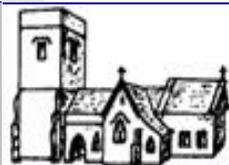
produce and foodstuffs from all around the county, plus a raffle and cake stall. Entrance is £3 on the door, including tea or coffee and biscuits while browsing the many stalls. All proceeds will be divided between Church funds and the **Alcohol Education Trust**, a Dorset-based charity which works with schools and youth groups to keep young people safe around alcohol.

LONG BREDY

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LAST MONTH.... LONG BREDY 100 CLUB WINNERS

JANUARY 2016

£25	No. 99	Martin Swain
£15	No. 45	Bruce & Rachel Maltby
£5	No.64	Edward Kingston

THE MONKS' SUPPER

Burning braziers and warming glasses of mead welcomed diners to the Monks' Supper in St Peter's Church last month. Candlelight, plain wooden tables decorated with rosemary, mediaeval music and suitably robed monks created an atmospheric background to the excellent supper. An itinerant monk with a repertoire of Dorset legends and tall stories provided the entertainment for a host of Bride Valley residents and friends.

Once again, the hard-working team of bell ringers provided an innovative and thoroughly enjoyable occasion, raising **£500.00** for restoration work to the bells and tower. The bell ringers very much appreciated all the support for the event and would like to thank both those who attended, and also those who contributed but were unable to attend, for their generosity.



A Nuns' Dinner next year maybe?

TEA AND CHAT

The planned programme for tea and chat has now finished. A lot of people have enjoyed the opportunity to 'get out of the house' in the winter and it has been lovely to welcome people not only from Long Bredy, but also from Litton Cheney, Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock for traditional afternoon tea of home-made sandwiches and cakes! Thank you **Elinor** and **Lavinia** for your hospitality.

NEXT MONTH

FRUGAL LUNCHRIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Anyone who is a rider or active sportsperson in any sport will know the pleasure and health benefits gained not only from the activity itself but also from the social contacts and anticipation of doing something you enjoy. The proceeds from this year's **Frugal Lunch** will support **Stella Hayward Riding for the Disabled**, a local charity which enables both adults and children to enjoy the pleasure of riding.

So, why not come along to **Langbride House** on **Thursday March 3rd at 12.45 p.m.** to enjoy a convivial and not-so frugal lunch of home-made soups, bread and a variety of cheeses and fruit. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN AND COFFEE MORNING

The **Annual Village Spring Clean** will be held on **Saturday, 19th March**. Please meet at the telephone box at 9.30 a.m. Bags etc will be provided but please bring stout gloves with you. Free refreshments will be provided in the village hall. A **Coffee Morning** will be held in the village hall from 10.00 a.m. for everyone to come and enjoy a coffee and chat.

Gwen Kinghorn 01308 482270.

AND FURTHER AHEAD

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Keep the cameras clicking for your entries in the photographic competition to be held in the summer. It will soon be the last chance (possibly!) for this year to capture an image of 'A Winter's Scene' but not too late for anything with 'A Royal Connection', 'Anything Long Bredy' or for those aged 13 years and under, 'Fun'. For full details see November's issue of the BVN, which is also on the Long Bredy village website - www.longbredy.org.uk



LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our March working party will be on **Thursday 3rd March** with jobs both indoors and outside. Please come and help if you possibly can.

There will be a **Frugal Lunch on Thursday 10th at Skep House, Paddocks**, from 12.30, hosted by Richard and Helen Jones. All are very welcome.

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

We now have a start date of 5th September for the work to begin with the removal of bells 6 and 8 from the tower. The delay is due to a busy workload at the bell-hangers and also that we need to ring our bells for 4 weddings this summer between 14th May and 3rd September! The work should be completed well in time for Christmas.

In order to raise some more funds for contingencies that may arise, we shall be holding another **Quiz Night at the White Horse on Sunday 1st May**. Book the date! Further details in April's BVN.

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



Mondays	Beavers and Cubs (not 28 th)
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m. (if enough people – do join us)
Wednesdays	First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 4.00 p.m. (if enough people – do join us)
Thursdays	Watercolour class 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. (not 24 th or 31 st)
Thursdays	Scouts (not 24 th or 31 st)
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 a.m. (not 25 th)

Tuesday 8 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 2 nd	Film Night “ Suite Francaise ” 8.00 pm Doors open 7.30 pm
Saturday 19 th	Village Café run by the Bride Valley Scout Group
Tuesday 22 nd	Youth Club - Easter Bingo
Wednesday 23 rd	School Concert
Wednesday 30 th	Paul Atterbury Study Day (contact Alison Davidson 482661) – see separate article.

COMING UP..... Artsreach Field Days Art Exhibition 9th and 10th April - see full announcement on page 31 of Valley Notes.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH

Projectionists needed to share the load/cover absences etc. If you are willing to be on a list - this is always done in pairs and full training would be provided (+ reminder sheet!) - please email sally@philipdyke.plus.com.



WED. 2 MARCH SUITE FRANCAISE 'A MOVING STORY OF LOVE AND WAR' CERT. TBA 1.75 HRS.

France 1940. As Hitler's armies descend upon Paris, Lucile (**Michelle Williams**) awaits news from her husband who is being held a prisoner of war. Leading a stifled existence with her domineering mother-in-law (**Kristin Scott Thomas**) Lucille's life is turned upside down when a handsome and charming German officer (**Matthias Schoenaerts**) is posted to live with them. Despite the many taboos, they find

themselves drawn to each other, until the realities of war threaten to destroy them.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton who will show it the previous Friday, 26 Feb.

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7 April - Suffragette

Wed. 4 May - Brooklyn

September - Bridge of Spies

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



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 8th March, 7.30 p.m.** at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Local residents are very welcome, and indeed actively encouraged to attend. Your Parish Council contact can be found on village noticeboards or call the **Parish Clerk, John Firrell on 482313.**

WASTE COLLECTIONS

So you don't think we are besotted with the subject of dog poo, this month the subject is waste collections. May we please ask you not to put your

bins/crates/caddies out too early – WDDC say not before **6 p.m.** the day before the collection, although in the darker months you may wish to put them out before it gets too dark, You should however not put the bins out before **4 p.m.** the day before collection. There have been occasions when bins have been put out days in advance because the occupants have gone away – that is **not** acceptable and you must make arrangements either with your neighbours or take the contents to the amenity facility in Bridport yourself before going away. Thank you.



May I also remind you that bins should be taken in as soon as possible after they have been emptied. If a bin is not emptied for whatever reason including being over full, being put out too late or the wrong week, it must be taken back in soonest. You are reminded that WDDC can levy a fine if there are repeated instances of not complying with the “rules”.

SPOT IT – REPORT IT

Potholes, poor drainage, flooding, dangerous trees, overgrown vegetation, damaged signs – you name it, we probably have it somewhere in the village. If you come across such problems, don't wait for someone else to report it – contact the relevant local authority department at Dorset for You <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset/contact-dorset-highways>

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Hopefully by the time you read this the village defibrillator will be installed opposite the bus shelter. More information can be found on the village website and will also be contained in a leaflet drop coming through a letterbox near you very shortly. Clearly we hope that the defibrillator will not be used that often but on occasions when it is the person on the receiving end of its undoubted benefits may well have good cause to be extremely grateful it was located close by.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **Games Evening** in late January proved popular, with quite a number of people across all age groups enjoying the evening, so much so it was repeated in late February. Please look at the village website for details of any further evenings (next one is/was **Friday 26th February**).

The **Duck Race** will be on **Easter Sunday, March 27th**, starting at 12 noon, opposite Fry's Yard, and ending sometime later at **THE WHITE HORSE**, where drinks and burgers will be available. This is always a fun family occasion, so do come



along to buy your ducks before the "starting gate" goes up at 12.00 noon. The ducks respond well to the crowd atmosphere, and try their best to paddle down stream to freedom in Lyme Bay! See if your ducks escape!



A date for your calendar - The **BRIDE VALLEY CHALLENGE** will take place on **May 19th**. Further details in the April BVN, and on the website, about this exciting opportunity to explore various parts of West Dorset. Based on experience of the event, married couples should invite another couple to join them!

COMMITTEE CHANGE

Very sorry to write that due to pressure of other village and family commitments **June Lawrence** has had to resign from the committee. This was June's second "term" on the committee and she has certainly "done her bit" for the village. We shall miss her commitment, energy and humour, so thank you June very much for everything you have done for the village and for your contribution to the committee. However, we won't miss you entirely as you have volunteered to help whenever you are around. This does offer an opportunity for someone else to join the merry band and help contribute to the life of your village. If you are new to the village it is also a great opportunity to get involved. Give me a call if you would like to have a chat - about the committee I mean!!

Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC

LITTON CHENEY & THORNER'S VILLAGE HALL

An invitation to a Day of Discovery

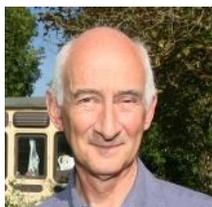
Wednesday 30 March 10.00a.m. to 3.30p.m.

Paul Atterbury

Historian, author and veteran of the Antiques Roadshow will give a captivating insight into

'Eastern Dreams: Britain's Fascination with the Orient'.

Tickets £30, to include coffee and lunch with a glass of wine



All surplus profits will go to www.horatiosgarden.org.uk a charity that has started to create and tend beautiful gardens in NHS spinal injury centres.

Please email or phone **Alison Davidson** ronandalison.davidson@gmail.com 01308 482661 or **Sally Dyke** sally@philipdyke.plus.com 01308 482752 for further information or a Booking Form (which lists choice of lunch dishes etc.)

FRANK WHILLOCK.

On behalf of myself and Frank's daughter's Deborah, Diana and their families, I would like to say Thank you for the many cards and messages of condolence from our Bride Valley friends.

Canon Batty conducted the service at Weymouth Crematorium on the 25th January, with kind understanding and we were touched to see so many from the Valley. The burial of ashes on the 29th, was conducted by Deborah's husband, The Venerable Harley, at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney. Again, many were welcomed to the Garden of Remembrance-Frank's final resting place. Over £500 has been received so far for the Colostomy Association!

Frank had been ill for several years and reluctantly gave up picture framing, but during the previous 30 odd years had done many good and different things, so he was always glad to have a chat with visitors to keep up to date.

Frank's death was peaceful, in his own bed, in the Village he had chosen, with family present..

VALLEY NOTES



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burton Bradstock CE VC School



As I write this report we are coming to the end of a wet and windy first half of the Spring term!

The children have been enjoying this term's Learning Quest of 'Houses and Homes' and we have had some great work from the home learning challenges.

Also this term we have welcomed the Dorset Music Service into school who are teaching all of Class 3 the ukulele. The children are really enjoying learning to play this new instrument and even after just a few lessons they sound great. We can't wait until they are ready to perform for us! Six pupils in Year 5 who showed great potential last year when learning a brass instrument are taking part in the continuation programme this term and are really excelling. Well done all!

The media is such an important aspect of our society and at the school we have been developing our skills in this area. Some of our Year 2 pupils

were interviewed by Wessex FM in January when they took part in the early morning 'School Report' broadcast. They were extremely excited to be on the radio and their answers were not only entertaining but also thought provoking. We hope you were able to listen in. If you missed it then the podcast is available on the Wessex FM website. Our Year 5 and 6 Media Club also



successfully published the first edition of the new school newspaper. The children really impressed us with their commitment to the task and their skills of interviewing, report writing, leadership and co-operation.

It is so important that as a school we offer our pupils opportunities above and beyond the National Curriculum. In addition to these enrichment activities the children also have the opportunity to join after school clubs. This term these include choir, drama, tag-rugby, crochet and football. We are always looking to add to our repertoire of activities so if you know of any good contacts please let us know.

Thanks to the excellent fundraising of The Friends of the School, we have been able to enhance the curriculum this year in the areas of Writing and IT. A new handwriting scheme has been bought with the money contributed by the Friends. This has enabled us to purchase a published scheme that is supporting our pupils from Reception through to Year 6 with their handwriting skills. Even in this age of digital technology handwriting is important and it is lovely to see the children taking such pride in their written work.

We have also been able to update our IT equipment with the purchase of new laptops for the children to use. Keeping up with technology that is forever changing is a challenge for schools so we are very grateful that these additional funds have enabled us to purchase new up-to-date equipment. As their funds have now been well spent the Friends are busy organising the annual Duck Race, which is taking place on Easter Monday (28th March) at 1pm on the village field. The weather was very kind to us last year, following a run of very wet events, which resulted in a record-breaking amount of money being raised. We have our fingers crossed for this year but we hope, whatever the weather, you will be able to join us for a fun-packed and exciting afternoon. Ducks can be purchased from the school or from various locations in the village.

Claire Staple Headteacher

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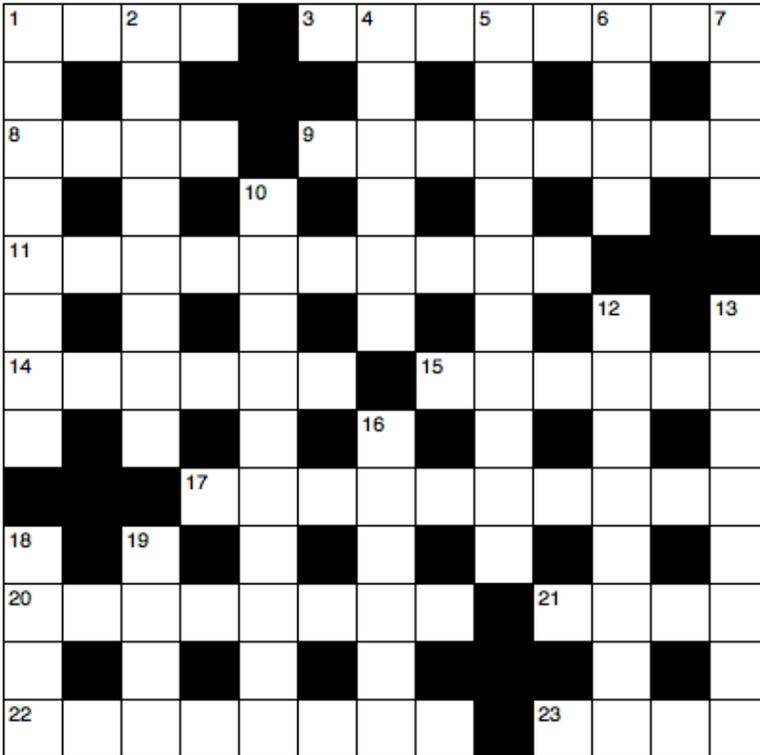
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ACROSS

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — —' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on **a hill — be hidden**' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4)
- 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

DOWN

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,30)
- 18 'Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

As we do each year, the whole school learned and participated in **Sign2Sing**, in support of a charity for deaf

people.



Animals in school! This news should



come as no surprise in a rural school! On a Monday morning, several **sheep** came

to school bright and early. They evidently did not like school and so, after leaving their mark, proceeded to a neighbouring field. The children were not wholly

disappointed at having their playground sheep-free. From sheep to... some of the children brought their (pet) **snakes** into school!

The whole school enjoyed a **pantomime** of Dick Whittington at Bridport's Electric Palace. They relished ice-creams during the interval and had fun spotting one of our members of staff who played a key part – it can now be revealed that this was the cartwheeling cat! A big thanks to the TSA for funding this visit.



Eggardon children (and staff) dressed in **Victorian** clothes as part of their History topic.



Bredy have been exploring **expressionism in art**.

Sport: We played pyramid **netball** matches and came second in our round. The whole school is enjoying six weeks of **gym**. The houses competed and flipped with gusto in **pancake races** – Mary Kingsley house won!

The Dorset Police Safe Schools Team provided **e-safety workshops** for each class and also for parents.

The whole school enjoyed a **pancake breakfast**, thanks to **Jill Neill** and **Kim Pearse**.

Thank you to all the helpers at the **farmhouse breakfast**; especially **Jill Neill** for her amazing cooking. It ran very smoothly but, disappointingly, numbers were much lower than previous years and the total funds raised were **£185**.

100 CLUB:

1st Prize £20 Elinor Frost 2nd Prize £10 Kerry and Karl Noonan

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Welcome to the new children who have started this term.

We are very pleased to have **Emma** back in the reins; I know we all really missed her.

This term we will be looking at the way our bodies work which will include making a brain!!

We also have a jungle theme running this term this will include a visit from a snake and bearded dragons. All tame and very friendly I am assured.

Tuesday is Fledglings cooking day and **Julie** made pancakes for the children to eat on Shrove Tuesday.



Eggardon made and enjoyed **soup**.



We have a new addition to the web site- a calendar page- so please have a look at it for events and term dates.

We are going to have a “dressing up day” on **Thursday 3rd March** when we will all dress up as a character from a book

Thank you to **Jane** and **Sandra** for the lovely donations of toys and books, the children have loved them, and to **Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council** for their donation that we will put towards an Ipad.

Spring term ends on 24th March and the summer term starts on 11th April
We are open Monday to Friday 9-3.30

☎ 01308 482410 🖨 www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk

TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the services held on **Friday 11th March** and **Friday 8^h April**.



For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP



We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or email claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk)

BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

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| 8 March | Swimming at JFC meet in foyer at 6.15 pick up at 7.45 |
| 15 March | Youth club AGM – 7.30 in LATCH committee room- we need a new leader and some supporters- please come along. All welcome |
| 22 March | Easter bingo 7-8.30 LATCH |

Bride Valley Youth club is open to all the children from the valley aged 8 upwards, for any more information please email Jill – jill.neill@live.co.uk



MESSY CHURCH IN THE BRIDE VALLEY: CHURCH - BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

Messy Church is a form of church for children *and adults* involving creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's fun and informal. Messy Church welcomes everyone, regardless of age or stage of faith. We all learn from each other. This way of doing church differently has helped lots of people - especially those who don't go to church - to better understand Jesus. Messy Church in the Bride Valley is an addition to services already offered so if traditional church doesn't suit you, come and try Messy Church.

At present **Messy Church meets at 10.15am in Puncknowle Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month.** A time of welcome and refreshments is followed by craft time, and celebration or worship, finishing around 11.30am. This month's Messy Church will be held on **Palm Sunday – 20th March in Puncknowle Church.** We will be looking at the Palm Sunday story and you may like to bring branches to use in our activities.

We are still learning how Messy Church will best work in the Valley and are constantly reviewing and adapting as we go along. Helpful comments are always appreciated.

We very much need support for this venture. Firstly we need people to pray, and to help publicise Messy Church. We also need people to join the team – helping with refreshments/craft/music/setting up and clearing away, and maybe donations of refreshments or offering a lift to people to enable them to come.

Salisbury Diocese is putting on training sessions later this year for anyone who would like to learn more about Messy Church:

Growing Messy Leaders	24 th September.9.16 (Salisbury)
Messy Church, Messy Discipleship	19 th November (Wimborne)

If you would like to come to either of both of these please contact **Yvonne Buckland** on **01308 898492**

BRIDE VALLEY LUNCHEES 2016 ST MARY'S CHURCH BURTON BRADSTOCK

The next Bring and Share Lunch will be on **March 6th** in Burton Village Hall. Bring a dish of your choosing to share whilst enjoying meeting and chatting over Sunday lunch. A well-stocked Fairtrade stall is usually present.

Further information from **Betty Champkins** on **01308 897419.**

UPPER BRIDE VALLEY WI

We have had a great start to the new year with a talk from **Rob at Comins Tea House**, along with range of teas to sample and enjoy. In February, we had our General Meeting / wine and cheese tasting, followed by a quiz with a great prize of Hive Beach Cafe Vouchers.



At our next meeting on **March 17th**, we will be doing Spring-inspired crafts, along with a blind tasting of some seasonal food, then on **21st April**, we are keeping everyone in suspense with an evening called '**undercover agent**'. You will have to come along to find out what that involves!

Other planned meetings involve **Egyptian dance**, a **clothes swap fundraiser**, and trips out to **Ashley Chase cheese farm** and **Furleigh Wine Estate**. Watch this space for more details.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month , usually in the Village Hall in Puncknowle, and would welcome any woman living in the valley and beyond to join us. Please come along. The first meeting is free.

If you would like to join our mailing list for more details, please contact Nic Arundel. nicarundel@gmail.com, or check out our Facebook page, '**Bride Valley W.I.**'

FIELD DAYS EXHIBITION : AT LATCH SATURDAY 9TH AND SUNDAY 10TH APRIL



We have a very interesting exhibition coming to Litton and Thorner's Community Hall this spring. The exhibition will show work from 6 artists commissioned by **Artsreach**. The artists, **Daniel Bendel**, **Sarah Butterworth**, **Isla Chaney**, **Tessa Farmer**, **Susan Kinley** and **Amanda Wallwork**, have all been asked to create work that reflects the archaeology and geology of the South Dorset Ridgeway. Alongside the commissioned work will be additional work by these artists.

Amanda is well known in the area for her paintings reflecting the ancient landscape; Tessa creates wonderful and interesting work using natural materials such as insects, fossils, bones, taxidermy and earth; Isla is creating sculptural work in cement and ceramic reflecting the land, both in geological and human terms; Susan will be responding to the Portesham Mirror as well as the ancient field boundaries of Bronkham Hill; Sarah is creating a large headdress that illustrates the strata underneath the Ridgeway and the Weymouth Anticline that formed the Ridgeway when the Alps were formed and finally Daniel is creating his own comic of the Ridgeway story.

As part of the project the folk duo **Ninebarrow** have been commissioned to write some contemporary folk songs about the Ridgeway as a soundscape at the exhibition.



There will be associated workshops and talks organized as part of the exhibition tour so keep a look out for the dates and venues for these.

You can catch the Field Days Exhibition on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April at LATCH from 11am – 4pm. Free admission.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Representing all the valley villages, the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2016 season on **Monday March 21st** at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall at Puncknowle. We welcome **Jill Lloyd** and **Ian Bark** to tell us all about the **Community Orchard** in Bridport.

We usually meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between March and October (except in August, when there is no meeting). Annual subscription for members is £6 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

Dates to note: The AGM will be held at **7.00p.m** on **April 18th** followed by our regular meeting at 7.30p.m when the subject will be ‘**Hanging Baskets**’ **Anne Swithinbank** will be speaking at LATCH on **WEDNESDAY 18th May** (replacing our usual monthly meeting).

The **Flower and Produce Show** will be at LATCH on Saturday **July 2nd**.

JOBS TO DO IN MARCH

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and herbs. Prune hardy fuchsias, bush and shrub roses, buddleia and late-flowering clematis. Plant summer flowering bulbs. Sow hardy annual seeds. In the vegetable and herb gardens March is usually the time to start sowing short rows of seeds, plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes ... providing the soil isn't still waterlogged. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital for any who have been bereaved. Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3rd Friday** of each month for a “cuppa” and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright**
01308 456 967



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS



Our next Social Evening is on **Monday 21st March**.

We meet at The Anchor in Burton Bradstock. Please note that we meet at the earlier time of **6pm for 6.30pm** on this night.

Please call **Basil Dent** 01308 897125 to book your place.

For the rest of the year the Social Evenings will be at The Anchor Burton Bradstock at 7pm for 7.30pm on these dates:-

Monday 23rd May, Monday 27th June, Monday 26th September and Monday 31st October.

OTHER EVENTS

Monday 25th APRIL Our **Annual Dinner** is to be held at **Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club** 6.30pm for 7.00 (further details to be announced later)

Friday 21st October Annual Band Concert with the St Swithun's Band

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3rd Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock Village at 10.00am

Saturday 12th laying wreaths in the Valley

Sunday 13th Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

We are in urgent need of someone who could co-ordinate delivery and collection of Poppy Appeal Boxes to those who collect for the Poppy Appeal in November. If you have a little spare time to oversee this important task, please call our Chairman:-**Malcolm Lawrence** 01308 898516.

*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women; it is open to all and you are welcome to join us. Please contact either **Basil Dent** on 01308 897125 or **Hazel Dalglish** 01308 897894 for more details.*

Hazel Dalglish, Secretary

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

We will remember.....

Leonard Lachlan DOMINY ("Len")(89 yrs) was a well liked and highly respected Branch Member from 2006 and in the early days he was very supportive of our events (including a tour of Austria) with his wife Betty. A native of Portland Len lived and worked there most of his life. He was involved in work at A.U.W.E. His military service was in the Royal Air Force. Always a joy to have in our midst, with a keen sense of



humour and a ready wit, he will be sorely missed. We extend our sincere condolences to Betty, son Gerry and daughter-in-law Angie and family.

Patricia Mary FOOT (“Pat”)(90 yrs) called to rest in January. She came to live in Dorchester in 1956 and with her husband Jimmy traded in the county town and Bridport as “James Foot Ltd.” seed merchants. Having joined our Branch in 2008 she was a frequently, at Branch functions and events. She was always heavily involved with the Legion and for more than 25 years was a Poppy Appeal collector. One of her fondest memories was of attending the Legion’s Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. We extend our sympathy to her family at this sad time.

Friday 29 April: Powderham Garden Festival, (6 miles west of Exeter) all day visit. The event is attended by many trade stands representing a wide range of nurseries, a fabulous list of speakers and entertainers, plus demonstrations. By block booking in advance we have saved you £2 on admission price which will now be £5.50. You can book travel by coach, the fare for which will not exceed £20. Non-Members welcome (+ £2.50 booking charge). Payment for the above bookings, in cash or by cheque payable to “The Social Fund” please.

Tuesday 27 September: Des Baker’s 8-day autumn tour to **France (Amiens) & Belgium (Mechelen)**. We will visit Brussels, Amiens’ floating gardens, ride a WW1 battlefield narrow gauge train, see Thiepval British War Memorial, Gaasbeek Castle and Leuven etc. Based on 3* hotels and featuring executive coach travel throughout (via the Channel Tunnel). Ask now for the full itinerary. Beneficiaries will be the **RBL Poppy Appeal/Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance** .

Former Branch **President Ron BEALE** has been honoured (Dec. 2015) by the French Government by being awarded the **National Order of the Legion D’Honor (Chevalier de Ordre national de la Legion d’honneur)** for his part in the allied forces struggle to relieve France of the WW2 German invasion forces.

This means that we now have two such decorated Members in the Branch, **Mrs. Gladys WILKINS** is the other one. We all offer you our heartiest congratulations on this highly deserved recognition when you received France’s highest decorative order!!

Congratulations are also due to our **President Mike, and Ann TUCK**, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in January!

Des Baker, Chairman, “The Social Fund”. (01305 267617)

MESSY CHURCH 10.15am



Family Service 11am

Puncknowle St Mary's

Sunday 20th March

coffee, play, chat

ALL WELCOME



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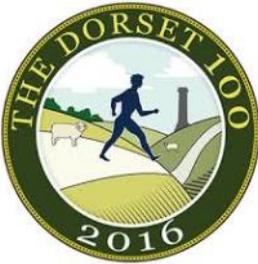
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ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert.
8, Ooze. 9, Passover.
11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot.
15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane.
20, Own house. 21, Lisa.
22, Flogging. 23, Sty.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act.
2, Nazarene. 4, Health.
5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn.
10, Before long. 12, Iscariot.
13, Take care. 16, The Son.
18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

THE DORSET 100

Sat May 28th to Mon May 30th 2016 An Opportunity for Dorset



Every year the Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) organises a 100 mile cross-country challenge event in a different part of the UK. In May 2016 the Dorset Group of the LDWA has been chosen to host this event. Over the holiday weekend of 28-30 May some 500 walkers will attempt to complete the 100 mile walk within a 48-hour time limit. There will also be a trial walk over the same route with about 60 walkers over the

weekend 30th April to 2nd May 2016. The walkers will range from people in their 20s to some who will be over 80. The average age will be around 50 and most will have completed at least one previous 100 mile event. Many will be supported by their families and several will visit the area for the first time. This is an opportunity for us all to showcase what Dorset has to offer and for the county to benefit economically. We hope you will welcome and encourage our walkers.

The LDWA has a reputation for its responsible approach and we in the Dorset Group have considerable experience of organising many walks around the county. We are working with Dorset County Council and many local communities, are hiring village halls and other venues, and wherever we can sourcing local produce to offer at our check points around the route.

Every walker will have a detailed route description to guide them over rights of way on a set route that has been tried and tested many times. You may see their torches at night. We make every effort to ensure the safety of every walker and have dedicated and expert medical and communication teams.

The route passes into the Bride Valley under the A35 at Lodgers Cross, up Shipton Hill, over to Chilcombe, via Pins Knoll, to Litton Cheney, thence to Long Bredy, up Abbotsbury Lane, past the Stone Circle and The Grey Mare & her Colts to pass over Bishop's Road into Portesham. The walkers will be on the last leg, reaching Shipton Hill about 85 miles in.

We hope you will encourage our walkers and welcome their efforts to achieve their goal of completing this considerable challenge. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about our event, look at our website www.ldwa.org.uk/2016Hundred, where you can also see how to contact us.

"Made in Dorset"

A celebration of all things made, grown or created in Dorset.

at Bridehead, Littlebredy, DT2 9JA

on Saturday 19th March 2016, 10 am – 1 pm

Entry £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

In aid of St Michael & All Angels Church Littlebredy
and the Alcohol Education Trust.



SUITE FRANCAISE

Wednesday 2nd March
7.30 for 8.00pm LATCH

See Litton Cheney
Section page 14 for
further details



LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 30 March 10.00a.m. to 3.30p.m.

Paul Atterbury Historian, author and veteran of
the Antiques Roadshow

**'Eastern Dreams: Britain's Fascination
with the Orient'.**

In aid of www.horatiogarden.org.uk See Litton Cheney section page 22.



THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Living Tree meets on Fridays between 2pm and 4.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House in South Street, Bridport. It offers friendship, mutual support, creative activities, holistic therapies, diet and lifestyle information for anyone with any kind of cancer.

www.thelivingtree.org.uk or contact Jo O'Farrell on 01308 427851

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

**DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING TO YOUR MEDICAL
APPOINTMENTS?**



**IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, A B.V.C.S
VOLUNTEER DRIVER CAN GET YOU THERE**

For more information, contact Virginia McShane: 425591

NEW HOMESTART VOLUNTEERS

Family support scheme Home-Start West Dorset is celebrating, with 17 new home-visiting volunteers trained and ready to offer their allocated families a helping hand, a listening ear, and the caring friendship that can make all the difference when things get tough.

As Senior Organiser Helen Horsley explains, Home-Start supports families with at least one under-five who face a variety of challenges; two or three hours a week of volunteer home-visiting can help them make changes, and give them some valuable quality time.



Home-Start always needs more volunteers, so if you're a parent with time to give, why not apply?

Volunteers join up for many reasons: young mother-of-three Emily from West Dorset says she feels blessed, and wants to share her good fortune with others; Alice, now enjoying retirement in Dorchester, says she loves children, homemaking and a chat, and hopes to put her life's experience to good use; Anna, who travelled the world and worked in a Romanian orphanage before settling in Sherborne, says she's keen to make a difference closer to home.

Home-Start also welcomes general help – Weymouth-based ‘behind the scenes’ volunteer Kit says "It's only too easy when there's so much doom and gloom in the media to feel powerless. But making the decision to volunteer is a really positive step; and becoming part of a caring and well-run organisation like Home-Start West Dorset makes you feel good too... I can recommend it!"

*For more information, visit www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk
or call 01305 265072*

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

**Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,
Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.**



DIARY, MARCH 2016

Wed	2	19.30	Morgan & West - Parlour Tricks	Village Hall, Shipton
Wed	2	20.00	BV Films Suite Francaise	LATCH
Thu	3	9.30	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Thu	3	12.45	Frugal Lunch	Langbride House
Fri	4	09.45	Art Club	Village Hall,
Sat	5	10.00	Clean up for Queen Day	Burton Bradstock
Sun	6	10.30	Mothering Sunday service	St Mary's Church, Bur-
Sun	6		Bring & Share Lunch	Village Hall, Burton
Mon	7	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	7	19.30	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Tue	8	19.30	Litton Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Thu	10	12.30	Frugal Lunch	Skep House, Litton
Fri	11	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Tue	15	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall,
Thu	17	19.00	Upper Bride Valley WI - Spring Crafts	Village Hall,
Fri	18	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall,
Fri	18	19.30	Village Soc. - "Kingcombe Centre" Dr Simon	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	19	09.30	Village Spring Clean	Phone box, Long Bredy
Sat	19	10.00	Coffee Morning	Village Hall. Long Bredy
Sat	19	10.00	"Made in Dorset" Exhibition & Coffee Morning	Bridehead
Sat	19	10.30	Village Café by Bride Valley Scout Group	LATCH
Sat	19	12.00	Lent lunch	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	20	10.15	Messy Church	St Mary's Puncknowle
Mon	21	18.30	Bride Valley British Legion social	The Anchor, Burton
Mon	21	19.30	BV Gardening Club - Bridport Community Or-	Puncknowle Village Hall
Tue	22	19.00	Youth Club - Easter Bingo	LATCH
Wed	23	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by Burton WI	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	23		Thornor's School Concert	LATCH
Thu	24	14.00	Craft and Storytelling"	Burton Library
Thu	24	15.00	Easter Egg hunt for Easter week	Burton Library
Fri	25	11.00	Stations of the Cross	St Swithun's Bridport
Sun	27	12.00	Duck Race	White Horse, Litton
Wed	30	10.00	Paul Atterbury Study Day	LATCH
Wed	30	19.30	Colin Varndell - Natural Beauty of Dorset	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	1	19.30	Burton Films - "Suffragette"	Village Hall, Burton

CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We are always on the look out for photographs or other artwork to feature on the cover of the BVN. Please forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at bridevalleynews@gmail.com. **A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used**



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MARCH 2016

	1 st Sunday 6 March Mothering Sunday	2 nd Sunday 13 March Lent 5	3 rd Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday	4 th Sunday 27 March Easter Day
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Mothering Sunday Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chapel in the Woods				6.00 Holy Communion (dawn)
Chilcombe				9.30 Holy Communion
Shipton	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	11.00 Morning Worship	6.30 Holy Communion (evening)
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	10.15 Messy Church 	11.00 All age Holy Communion
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Littlebredy		11am Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion

N.B see page 3 for Holy Week Services