

# **Bride Valley News**



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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

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

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2017

|          |    |       |   |
|----------|----|-------|---|
| Thursday | 2  | 10.00 | Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer                   |
| Thursday | 2  | 19.00 | Reflect & Study with Holy Communion at Puncknowle |
| Monday   | 6  | 9.00  | Long Bredy  |
| Thursday | 9  | 10.00 | Burton Bradstock Holy Communion                   |
| Monday   | 13 | 9.00  | Long Bredy  |
| Tuesday  | 14 | 9.00  | Swyre   |
| Thursday | 16 | 10.00 | Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer                   |
| Thursday | 16 | 19.00 | Reflect & Study with Holy Communion at Puncknowle |
| Monday   | 20 | 9.00  | Long Bredy  |
| Tuesday  | 21 | 9.00  | Swyre   |
| Thursday | 23 | 10.00 | Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by extension      |
| Monday   | 27 | 9.00  | Long Bredy  |
| Thursday | 30 | 10.00 | Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer                   |

## GOOD BOOKS

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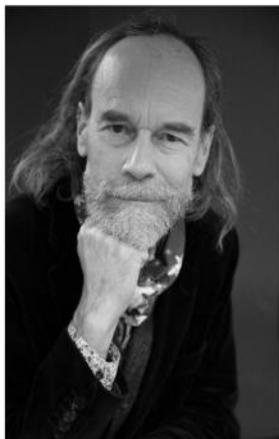
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**Michael Northcott** is Professor of Ethics at the University of Edinburgh and a priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church. He is known for his contributions to environmental theology and ethics.

## Schedule of the Day

**9.45-10.15:** Arrivals - Tea & Coffee

**10.15-12.45:** "Brexit, Trump and the Common Good"

**12.45-14.00:** Lunch

**14.00-16.00:** "Rediscovering a Local Sustainable and Spiritual Economy"

*Hilfield Friary will provide soup, bread, cheese, fruit, and hot drinks. We request a £12 donation for the day and advance booking, but if neither of these is possible we do invite you to come anyway!*

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registered charity no. 236464  
[www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk](http://www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk)

# Michael Northcott at Hilfield Friary

## Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm

Hilfield Friary welcomes you to join us for two talks:

### **"Brexit, Trump and the Common Good"** & **"Rediscovering a Local Sustainable and Spiritual Economy"**

**Brexit, Trump and the Common Good:** "The idea of a 'global common good' implies four things which are, it seems, increasingly controversial in contemporary political discourse in Western democracies, at least those in the English speaking world including in particular the United Kingdom and the United States of America [the 'global,' the 'commons,' the 'good,' and the role of human agency]. In this talk I will discuss these four elements in turn in the light of the current crisis-ridden nature of democratic decision-making in the United Kingdom and the United States and ongoing pressures from 'populist' political movements in continental Europe whence the idea of the global common good first originated."

**Rediscovering a Local Sustainable and Spiritual Economy:** "Many people feel the (global) economy is not working for them anymore. It is certainly not working for Mother Earth. In this talk I will consider how a Christian and charitable vision of economy could combine with a vision of the ecology of Mother Earth to generate a renewed understanding of an economy that does genuinely work for all including nonhumans and migrants as well as indigenous Brits."

**Hilfield Friary, DT2 7BE is located near Cerne Abbas in Dorset.**

**For further information and booking,** please phone 01300 341741 or email [hilfieldsf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:hilfieldsf@franciscans.org.uk). We can meet trains at Sherborne or Yetminster if booked well in advance.

## A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN

Recently a friend in the Valley brought me a magazine – a gesture that was a way of connecting me to the wider Church, at a time when the onset of motor neurone disease has greatly reduced my mobility and my contact with Church life outside the Valley. The magazine (one I've never seen before) is published in America. It contains an interview with Stanley Hauerwas, a Christian scholar and writer who is a great advocate for the mutual commitment offered by churches.

*'My hunch is that you don't just make community up. You discover that you need one another because you're in danger. We need to figure out how to reclaim the disciplines that are necessary for building a communal life in a manner that indicates that we are a people who need help. \*\*'*

Becoming physically restricted has made me acutely aware of a dimension of helplessness that is utterly new to me and bewildering. An offer of a magazine – and my acceptance of that offer – might seem pretty undramatic as an example of 'help.' But coming in the wake of a particularly difficult visit to the neurological hospital, those words about recognizing the need for help were themselves a help. As are the assurances of being prayed for and the many, many offers of practical help that have been arriving at the Rectory. Frances and I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and compassion and care during these last few very difficult months.

with much gratitude  
Stephen

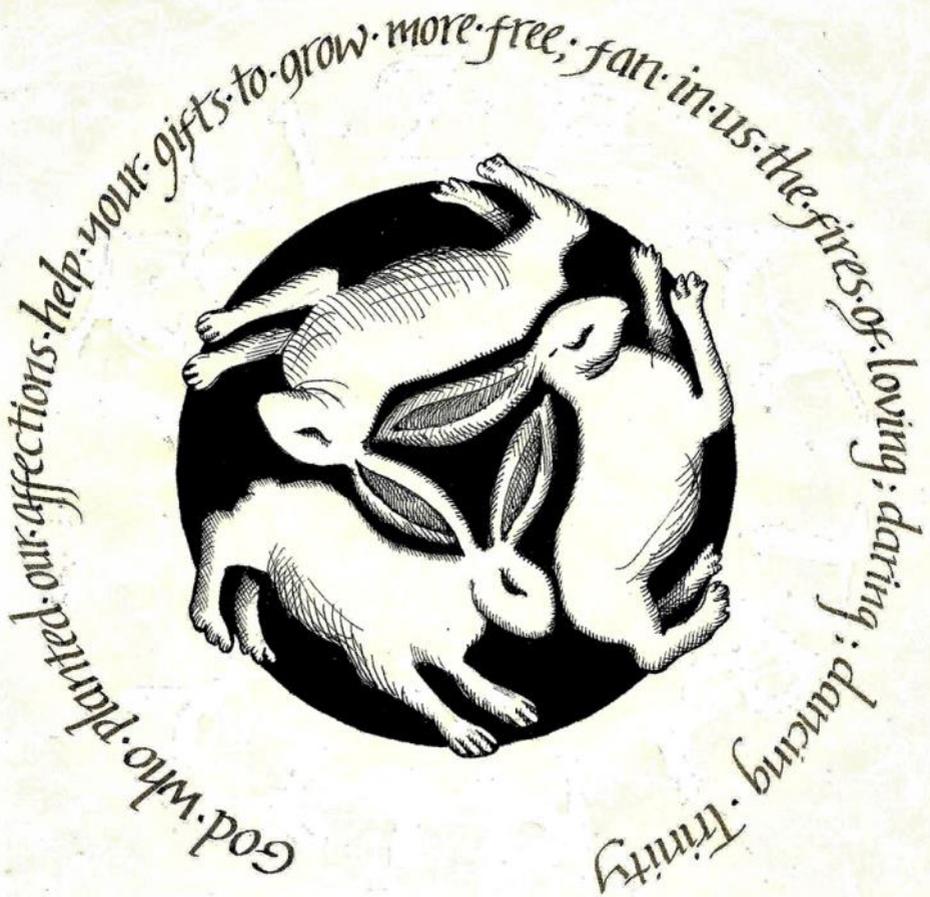
\*\*Stanley Hauerwas, interviewed by Peter Mommsen, 'Plough Quarterly', Summer, 2016.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Please keep **Jenny Stazicker** in your prayers as she prepares for Confirmation this year. The Confirmation service will be at **Salisbury Cathedral** on **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30pm. If there is anyone (of any age) interested in joining Monday evening sessions of Confirmation preparation, please contact **Stephen** at the Rectory (**898799**) or **Sue Linford** (**897363**).

## LAY WORSHIP LEADING

Over the last few months, with churchwardens and others taking on more roles during acts of worship, it has become clearer that to draw on the gifts of congregation members in leading acts of worship, reading scripture and offering prayers introduces a strong dynamic to our life together as churches in this part of West Dorset. Sue Linford and I would like to offer support and training to anyone who feels that they might be called to direct their energies in this way. Simply contact either one of us on the numbers above.



## **DARING DANCING TRINITY**

*A course for Lent 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Burton Bradstock, led by Canon Stephen Batty, Rector of the Bride Valley. The gatherings are on Tuesdays March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th and April 4th, from 7.00pm until 8.00pm, ending with a short time of prayer. All are very welcome to come and explore what it means to live and love in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit - the Holy Trinity.*

## BENEFICE NEWS

### Baptisms

11 February 2017 **Henry Samuel Dackcombe** St Martin's Shipton Gorge

### Burial of Ashes

8 February 2017 **Jeanne Hill**

St Mary's Burton Bradstock

24 February 2017 **Joan Bettina Drury**

St Martin's Shipton Gorge

## DEANERY NEWS



### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday March 3rd**

This year's inspirational service prepared by the Christian Women of The Philippines will take place at 10.30am

The Catholic Church in Victoria Grove, Bridport.

The theme this year is '**Am I Being Unfair to You?**' The service has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects and will be used throughout the world on Friday March 3rd starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa.

Everyone is most welcome to come and join us and refreshments will be provided.

For details please contact

Kathy Hince ([kathyhince@icloud.com](mailto:kathyhince@icloud.com)) or 01308 485626.



## VALLEY NOTES



### BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

I write this report at the end of the first half of the Spring term. It is an Inset day (teacher training day) and it is wonderful to have an opportunity to reflect on the half term at school.



With the introduction of the 'Primary Edge' the children have been learning about 'Charlie Communication' this term. The Edge has been running successfully in Colfox Academy and we have just introduced it into our

school following training and guidance from the staff and pupils at Colfox. Within 'The Edge' there are five attributes which the children learn about and work towards achieving. These are: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. This term the children have enjoyed exploring communication, including verbal and non-verbal communication, and how to be an effective communicator.



The Learning Quest theme of 'How it Works' is proving to be a hit, especially during the Science day when the children were involved in different experiments, investigations and challenges. The Geodesic Domes challenge really taxed the brain whilst the Cornflour experiment made a lot of mess!

As well as being scientists this half term the children have also come to school in their pyjamas!



This fundraising event was the idea of a Year 4 pupil, **Eva**, who wanted to raise

some money for the Ronald MacDonald House Charity which had supported her family when her baby brother was in Southampton Hospital. It was wonderful to be able to support Eva as a whole school community by raising money whilst having lots of fun at the same time. By wearing our pyjamas instead of our school uniforms we raised over **£200!**

This half term ended on a high note with the Minerva Learning Trust Celebration of the Arts. Children from all four schools have been busy creating a story through song, dance and drama based on the goddess Minerva. The final production, which was held at Freshwater, delivered important messages of hope, unity and friendship which are very symbolic of the collaboration between the four schools since becoming a Multi-Academy Trust. Our children danced with energy, sang beautifully and read with great expression!

Having organised the Jumble Sale, the Friends are now turning their attention to the Annual Duck Race which will be taking place on Easter Monday this year. We are hoping for a drier day after the very wet weather we experienced last year!

*Claire Staple Headteacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

The TSA **farmhouse breakfast** was very well attended and a great place to come in from the cold! The TSA raised about **£300**. Well done and thank you all. A special thanks to **Saffi, Iris, Isla, Clemmie, Emilia and Zoe** who helped with orders. Our children have been enjoying the Discovery Area.



Some of our Year 2 and 3 children participated in the **Wessex FM School Report**. If you were not able to listen to the live broadcast, you can listen to the recording on their website.

**Sport:** Chesil and Litton have some super gymnasts – as you can see from these pictures taken by a Year 2 child.





Our children have been enjoying the Discovery Area.

We won our first **Kenway Cup** match against St Catherine's Bridport 5:1! Super work, team! We won the **West Dorset Netball Finals!** Thorner's last won the shield in 2007 so we are very pleased. We played against Lodgers, Sticklands, Broadwindsor, Charmouth and Mrs Ethelstone's and won all the games, without giving away a single goal! Brilliant work, team! We will now play the Level 3 Competition at Bournemouth in April.



Fledglings and Litton visited the **Dinosaur Museum** in Dorchester as part of their half term topic. They also visited the Salisbury Fields play area. The weather was lovely and the children had a great time.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We are a fun, friendly, village group run by Mums for babies, toddlers and children (up to 4) together with their parents, grandparents or carers. We have a lovely selection of toys, we always run a craft or sensory activity and we love a good sing-song. Snacks are provided for the little ones (please feel free to bring a piece of fruit or veg to share), cuppa and biscuits for grown ups! £2 first child, £1 siblings/friends. Every Wednesday (term time) 9:45am-11:15am in



the LATCH Litton Cheney Village Hall. Contact Nicola Miller [01308 482734](tel:01308482734) [jamieandnicola@gmail.com](mailto:jamieandnicola@gmail.com) or Clare Turnbull 07748 783442 [clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com) for more info.

## 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** usually 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 service to be held on **Friday 10th March**.



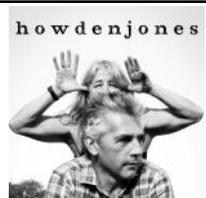
**WARNING :** Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in April is Good Friday we are (for the month of April **ONLY**) bringing the Valley Tiny Tots' time forward a week to **April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the later time of 2.30pm. We would be grateful if all families and friends note this change and also please tell others.

Next month will revert to the 2nd Friday in the month (May 13th) at 2.15pm. Thank you Tiny Tots Team

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

### 'BRINGING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TO BEAUTIFUL PLACES' LITTON AND THORNERS COMMUNITY HALL DT2 9AU SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 7PM FOR 7-30PM

Tickets £8 Adults, £6 Under 18. To Book Ring 01308 482532 Bar available



**Kate Howden** and **Paul Jones** are singer-songwriters who have that special magic that captivates the audience in a unique, intimate atmosphere. Stripped back, gritty, often poignant, sometimes humorous, observations that reflect life's ups and downs, their show is a family friendly mixture of songs, tunes and stories that has the audience joining in, singing along, and laughing as they share their travelling experiences through their music and northern-tinged banter. They celebrate England in all its guises good and bad, particularly rural village life, including nature and the seasons.

With powerful harmony, skilled musicianship and beautiful arrangements, they write all their own material and between them play guitar, mandolin, fiddle, banjo and bodhran. As contemporary musicians they enjoy exploring the acoustic sound of each unique venue and use no effects. Their show has been described as, 'relaxed and enchanting' and 'an absolute delight', 'their joy, talent and good humour were infectious'. 'music for all ages'.

You can find out more information and hear examples of their music by visiting [www.howdenjones.co.uk](http://www.howdenjones.co.uk)

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## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all residents of the Bride Valley who have purchased items from the Traidcraft Fair Trade stall over the past twelve months. The Traidcraft organisation allows a 10% discount on all goods supplied; with this allowance I have been able to send £100 each to the **Barnabas Fund** (supporting persecuted Christians), and the **Salisbury Sudan Medical Link** (supplying medicines and training in this turbulent country). They have each sent a message of appreciation, which I now pass on to all those who have bought the goods. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to bringing the stall to a function near you during 2017!



I have also received a heartfelt appreciation of the gift we were able to send to **The Angel Tree**, part of the Prison Fellowship charity, raised by the **Christmas Greetings Page** in the December issue of the BVN.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information about any of the good causes mentioned.

*Liz Orza 01308 897451. lizorza@hotmail.co.uk*

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Representing all the valley villages, the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2017 season on **Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30p.m in the Village **Hall at Puncknowle**. We welcome **Adam Wallis** from the Gold Club with a talk entitled '**From Grower to Garden Centre**'.



We usually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** As Easter Monday falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April our AGM will be held at **7.30p.m** on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** and will continue straight into our regular meeting when the subject will be 'The work of Cherry Tree Nursery' The Flower and Produce Show will be at LATCH on **Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### Jobs to Do in March

Prune hardy fuchsias, bush and shrub roses, buddleia and late-flowering clematis. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and herbs. Replenish alpine displays by removing any rotting specimens and replace with fresh young plants. Plant summer-flowering bulbs. Sow hardy annual seeds. In the vegetable garden sow short rows of beetroot, broad beans, carrots, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes; plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes if the conditions are good enough. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

### SOCIAL EVENINGS



The following Social Evenings, unless otherwise stated, are held at The Anchor in Burton Bradstock .Please call **Basil Dent** 01308 897125 or **Malcolm Lawrence** 01308 898616 to book your place.

MARCH Monday 27th - 7pm for 7.30pm

APRIL Monday 24th April ANNUAL DINNER 6.30pm for 7pm to be held at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club. Tel. Malcolm Lawrence 01308 898616 for tickets.

MAY Monday 22nd - time to be advised

*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex Servicemen and Women and is open to all. You are very welcome to join our Branch. Please contact either our Vice Chairman Basil Dent (01308 897125) or Hazel Dalgleish Secretary (01308 897894) for further information.*

## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



Our intention to hold **Committee Meetings** was thwarted last month due to illness and unavailability of some members. New date to be arranged.

The dinner at the **Sugar Loaf Cafe** Portland was well supported in February.

Our next get together will be the **Branch Annual Lunch** which will be held at the Highlands End Social Club premises, Eype, at 12.30 for 1 P.M. on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (note confirmation of date). Last date for booking is 12 March, meanwhile contact the writer for full menu details.

There are a lot of newcomers who have moved into the villages in the past few months. We welcome enquiries about **membership** of the Legion – do not wait to be asked. If you are an active person we will no doubt find you a job to keep you occupied!

One of our friends is also a member of the **Burma Star Association** – he has kindly offered to pass on his monthly journal to anyone who is interested in seeing those publications. Contact Des Baker to arrange this.

Des Baker's privately arranged tour of **Switzerland** from 24 September for 7 nights is filling up nicely with just three spaces left (these could be singles or one twin/double). Now in their 21<sup>st</sup> year of operation, these tours are intended to raise funds for the Legion Poppy Appeal 50% and one other. Enquire now for detailed itinerary before it's too late!

*Des Baker (Chairman The Social Fund) 01305 267617*

## CEILIDH FOR REFUGEES

No one could fail to be horrified by the shocking image of 3-year old Alan Kurdi washed up on a Turkish beach in September 2015. The little boy in t-shirt, shorts and sandals, lying face down on the sand, brought home the horrific human cost of the refugee crisis.



But last year, more than 5,000 refugees drowned trying to cross the Mediterranean.

It is the refugees who survived perilous journeys to Europe in overcrowded, leaky dinghies, that the ceilidh, held at Portesham Village Hall at the end of January, was all about.



Photos by Steve Belasco © 2017



The event has so far raised **£1,774.50** for 'Help Refugees'. A specially-formed band of talented musicians provided the music for the ceilidh, and **Angela Laycock** acted as caller. **Bec**

**Freiesleben**, organiser and band member says, "I am extremely grateful to the musicians, caller, compere **Mickey Wills**, photographer **Steve Belasco**, and 'crew' – family and friends who generously gave their time, talent and energy, to make the ceilidh a rip-roaring success!"

On the night a further **£503** was raised through a cake sale and raffle, the fabulous raffle prizes donated by local artists, shops and businesses.

Six boxes of tinned and dried food were donated on the night. Bec and Malcolm took these to **R.A.F.T. (Refugee Aid From Taunton)** along with clothes and sleeping bags etc collected and sorted at the Chapel-in-the-Garden, Bridport. They timed it perfectly, as a shipment bound for Syria left the following day!

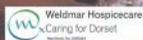
Bec added, "The day before the ceilidh, Trump announced a travel ban and blocked entry to Syrian refugees – worrying signs of xenophobia and racism. But organising the ceilidh has restored my faith in humanity, and, judging by the feedback I have received, gave participants a great sense of solidarity too. I am utterly amazed by the generosity of donors, their support

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and enthusiasm.

It is empowering to do something practical to help, and together we have helped two grassroots charities, and ultimately Syrian refugees, many of whom are now stuck in European camps in sub-zero temperatures.

Any further donations will be gratefully accepted - you can donate online to Help Refugees via their website, <http://www.helprefugees.org.uk> - there is a big red DONATE button on the top right of the home page. Or cash donations to the Chapel-in-the-Garden, East St., Bridport, where they collect funds for Refugee Aid From Taunton which go to Syrian and other refugees living in camps in the 'middle east' and Europe.

## BRIDE VALLEY WI

February saw the Bride Valley WI celebrate Shrove Tuesday early with a Pancake themed evening. After building up an appetite participating in the Pancake Olympics we all enjoyed a pancake themed quiz followed by a share and taste pancake feast. On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March The Crown Inn, Puncknowle** will be hosting our **Annual General Meeting**, starting at 7.30pm, so why not come along and meet the committee and enjoy a cocktail or two!



Our programme for 2017 is now available and promises to be another exciting year of events including seasonal craft evenings, cider tour, Burlesque dancing and Archery to name a few. Unless we are out on a visit, meetings take place at the village hall in Puncknowle on the third Thursday of each month. We welcome all women in the local area and for new members the first meeting is free! Please contact **Nic Arundel** on [nicarundel@gmail.com](mailto:nicarundel@gmail.com) for more information.



*On Friday May 5th at 7.30 pm. we welcome*

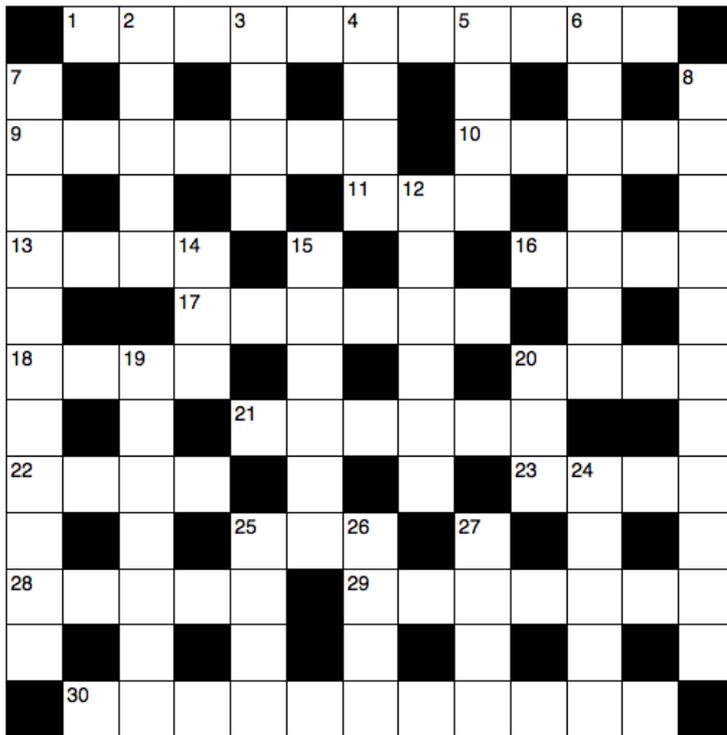
***ROSSIGNOL,***

*A baroque music ensemble, fresh from the Sherborne Festival who will be performing at **St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge***

*Programme includes Scarlatti and Locatelli.*

*Ticketing details available soon.*

*Further information: Hugh King 01308 898511*



**Across**

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

**Down**

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

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# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### ACCESS TO ST MARTIN'S

We have been able to keep St Martin's open every day and welcome visitors ranging from local people to holiday makers from the UK and all over the world. Some are interested in its history and others use it as a place for reflection or prayer. Now we need some more people to join volunteers from St Martin's and the wider village community to maintain this. Could you give any time to unlock the church in the morning and lock at the end of the day? Please see the notice in the church porch or contact **Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169**

### GRASS CUTTING

More volunteers are needed to help cut the grass in St Martin's churchyard and keep it in good order- could you lend a hand? For more details please contact **Phil Hall 01308 897776**.

### ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Thanks to our generous sponsors, the March sky is lit up by St Martins floodlights:

Barbara Willy in memory of David  
For Bee's birthday  
Karen Jones of Fir Tree Cottage  
Janet for John Epplestone's birthday

Roy and Les Symes for Nesta on Mother's day  
For Nesta Symes on her birthday  
Jo Warren for Virginia McShane's birthday

Please accept my apologies if I have omitted any names from the list. My PC is acting silly so I have had to revert to my handwritten notes! Hopefully, I will be able to amend next month.

If you would like to sponsor the lights please contact me, **Phyl Webster** on **01308 898657**.

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners

|     |     |                |
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| £20 | 1st | Geoff Adderley |
| £10 | 2nd | Mary Boughton  |
| £5  | 3rd | Robert Cornish |



On Friday May 5th at 7.30 pm. we welcome

**ROSSIGNOL,**

*A baroque music ensemble, fresh from the Sherborne Festival who will be performing at  
**St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge***

*Programme includes Scarlatti and Locatelli.*

*Ticketing details available soon.*

*Further information: Hugh King 01308 898511*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The New Committee says goodbye to **Ed Buck, Terry Diver** and **Terry Hunt** and thanks them for their hard work and contribution. Between them they held a number of positions including Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. They will all be missed. While Terry Diver has left for pastures new, Ed Buck and Terry Hunt are unlikely to escape and will be our first port of call when looking for volunteers.

Our new Committee is;

Chair - **Chris Griffiths-Hardman** (01308 897606),

Vice Chair & Best Kept Village Coordinator - **Simon Cleveland MBE** (01308 897138),

Events Organiser - **Sally Parker BEM** (01308 897168)

Treasurer - **Tony Lock**.

Committee Members; **Tracey Barclay, Doris Benselin, Colin Chambers, Graham Garner, Ruth Nunn & Natalie Sorrell.**

We are particularly pleased to welcome Tracey & Graham who are new Committee Members.

Our Society needs to recruit a **Secretary** and would welcome contact from any interested parties.

### Our Schedule of Events for 2017

13th/14th May (10:00 - 15:00) Archive Event (Village Hall) with Sally Parker & Eileen Heaver

24th June (from 19:00) Midsummer Night Party (venue to be confirmed)

5th August Summer Show & Fete (Village Hall - separate details to be circulated)

2nd September Shipton Kids Back to School Party (venue to be confirmed)

16th September Simon Cleveland's Big Autumn Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper (Village Hall)

15th November

Erectors and Friends end of Season Party  
(The New Inn)

7th December

Christmas Trip to Exeter with Sally Parker  
*Skipton Gorge Village Society Marquee Bookings are still through Ed Buck  
(01308 898278)*

## CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT ON 1ST APRIL 2017 & LONDON MARATHON 2017



You may have seen me running around the Bride Valley recently? The reason for this is because I am training to run the London Marathon on April 23rd. At the same time, I am hoping to raise some money for charity and I am running for Make A Wish UK. Please visit: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/brianputtock](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/brianputtock) to find out more.



On **Saturday 1st April**, I am hosting a charity quiz and raffle night at The New Inn. Questions start at about 7:30pm. If you can, please come along to help me raise money for Make A Wish UK. Kelly and I are writing the questions so it should not be too hard!

At risk of abusing your generosity, I would be grateful for any raffle prizes.

*Brian Puttock*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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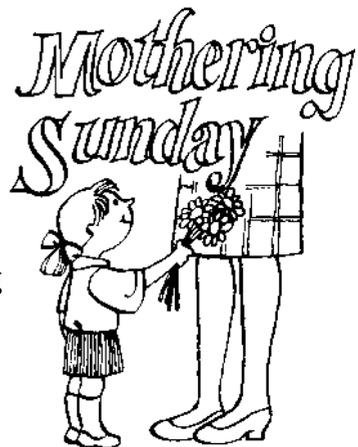


### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We will be holding a special service to celebrate Mothering Sunday on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at

**10.30am**. This will be led by Rev

Sue Linford and will include a presentation by children from the school and our Open the Book (OtB) team. OtB is a national, Christian interdenominational organisation which, during a weekly school assembly, uses children and a team of volunteers to dramatise classic stories from the Bible. These are interactive, engaging and fun. We extend a warm invitation to all to this service which will be followed by tea/coffee and traditional Simnel cake.



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

Parish of St Mary's Burton Bradstock with  
Chilcombe

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on the **3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2017 at 7.00 pm**

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE VALERIE ADA PARSONS

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for our mother, Valerie Ada Parsons, at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on **Saturday 25 March** at 14.00 hours. Everyone is very welcome to a gathering afterwards in the Village Hall.

*Jane Steenbuch*

## ST. MARY'S MISSION 2017:

Please help us to help them! We have three Lent Events lined up, and hope that you will be able to join us.....

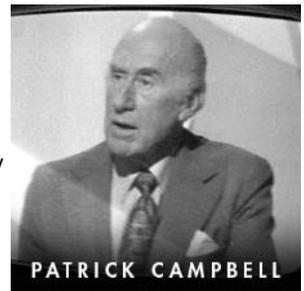
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| Wed. 15th March   | Cake Sales and Coffee at Chesil Court Meeting Room, 10 - 12 noon |
| Thurs. 30th March | Afternoon Tea at 2 Bindbarrow, 3 - 5pm                           |
| Sat. 8th April    | Lent Lunch in the Village Hall 12 - 2pm                          |

Any enquiries or offers of assistance to **Liz Orza** 897451.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Village Society talk this month is being given on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall by **Nick Thomas** who has been writing humour for broadcast, publication and live performance since 1982, including many BBC comedy shows such as the much-missed News Huddlines, with Roy Hudd and June Whitfield.

Nick's talk for us is entitled “ **Life of Patrick (Call My Bluff) Campbell** “ The talk an appropriate choice for St Patrick's Day. Patrick Cambell (1913 -1980) Third Baron of Glenavy, is perhaps best remembered as a popular team captain on “ Call My Bluff “ in the 1970s, the man who became a famous broadcaster despite having a severe stammer. The talk covers his childhood in Ireland his wartime experiences in the Irish Marine Service, and tales from his 42 years of prolific, hilarious journalism.



Do come along to what looks to be a very entertaining evening.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council, come along and see what goes on.

The PC now has a Facebook page where it will publicise consultations, link to the website and aim to connect with more of the community, please log on to Facebook and like our page  
<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>



### Best Village Competition

The PC will again be entering the competition including the Community projects category, please help keep the village tidy ready for the judges who visit in the summer months

### Allotments

We still currently have vacancies at the Allotments please contact the Clerk for further info.

### The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome! The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting on the village notice boards and the PC website

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council via the Parish Clerk or the Cllr contact details can be found on the website.

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email: [burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)  
Tel: 07814 016971. Website [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré  
(01308 897648)

### “200 CLUB” DRAW FEBRUARY

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### Congratulations to the winners:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £33.52 | No 73:  | Mrs Catherine Chennells |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £16.76 | No 44:  | Mr Trevor Stacey        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £8.38  | No 167: | Mrs Kate Jackson        |



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2017 draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £10 – one pound for each monthly draw 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 are run monthly to provide a general “meet and chat” venue for Villagers and visitors alike. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 2 meeting dates are listed below.



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| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar | W.I. |
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| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Bowls Club. |
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## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Based on an international bestselling book the next film **A Street Cat Named Bob** is being screened at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Friday 31 March 2017.**



Biography, comedy and drama are all mixed in this true feel good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. His life is not magically fixed by his adoption of the cat but he works hard at turning his past life around when some are all too ready to write him off. It is the film fans of James Bowen have been waiting for and it is a triumph.

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or soft drink and can be bought beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if available, at the door on the evening.

*Bride Valley Films will be showing this film on Wednesday 5 April at 8.00pm*

## SPRING “FISH & CHIP” QUIZ.

This ever popular Quiz will be held in the Village Hall on **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April**, with quiz run by **Humphrey Walyn**, helped by **David Edwards**.

The evening includes a fish & chip meal from Longs during the intermission, a sensibly priced bar, a raffle plus prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last places in the Quiz. The Quiz is open to everyone who buys a ticket. It is run as teams of 8, but we will find you a team if you are not part of one.



Tickets cost £8:50 (which includes the Fish & Chip Supper) and will go on sale at the Post Office on **Saturday 11 March**. Our quizzes normally sell out, so please don't leave it until the last minute. To book a team table, request

a place in a team or a vegetarian meal (essential if one is wanted) call Richard Ferre on 01308897648 or email richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk.

## VACANCY FOR HALL CARETAKER.

There will shortly be a vacancy for the position of Hall Caretaker at the Village Hall. This is a 4 hour a week paid position that carries out a variety of basic tasks ranging from ensuring enough tables and chairs are in the hall for users, to safety checks on emergency lighting. There is a separate arrangement for cleaning. Anyone interested should contact the Trust Chairman, Richard Ferre on 01308897648 or email richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk for full details.

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library AGM is on **Thursday evening 30th March 2017** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a short review of the past year and a look ahead to the next 12 months.

Our constitution requires that we elect up to seven Trustees for the coming year and all Friends are entitled to vote. Nominations for all Trustees should be submitted to the **Secretary, Andrea Wilkinson**, The White House, Chapel Street, Burton Bradstock by **Thursday 23rd March 2017**. Nomination forms are available in the library.

Please come to the meeting if you can and join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles. Your views and ideas provide valuable input into what the library offers the community and how it will develop in the future.

These are just some of the LIBRARY CARDS accepted at our Library. With the end of mobile libraries in Dorset your library card is still valid in all 150+ LibrariesWest Libraries, and the on-line Catalogue.



Order books for collection here in Burton Bradstock, download audio and e-books to your own device and/or read newspapers and magazines online.

If you are housebound or unable to come to the library yourself, give us a call to see how we can help.

Burton Bradstock Community library continues to offer a jigsaw lending library and free WiFi. DVDs, Photocopying and laminating service, maps and notelets are all available for a small charge which helps the “Friends” maintain our library.

### The Library in March

Continuing this month the book display is entitled “Scotland’s Archipelago, Fact and Fiction.

The next **Police Surgery** is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am in the library. All surgery dates can be found at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/bridport/beaminsters/>

### Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00am

Contact information: Telephone: **01308 897563**; email:

[info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

## LITTLEBREDY

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At the end of March we say a sad farewell to **Kate Reeves** from 2, Yewtree Cottages. She has made a vigorous contribution to village – and especially Social Club – life during her three years among us, but has now found a home nearer her work in Beaminster. We wish her well for the future, and hope (and expect) that she will not be entirely lost to Littlebredy in the years ahead.

**Charlie McCormick** has again volunteered **The Old Parsonage** as the venue for this year's **Lent Frugal Lunch**, in aid of a charity to be nominated by himself. This will be held from 12.30 onwards on **Friday 24th March**, and it would be good to see not only a good level of support, but also offers of help or contributions to Charlie (on 482196) to lighten the load. Thanks in advance to him for hosting this usually convivial occasion.

## ADVERTISE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The BRIDE VALLEY NEWS Parish Magazine is delivered monthly free of charge to all homes in the Bride Valley – in excess of 1500.

We are already used by a wide range of advertisers. Many operate in the local area of the Bride Valley but also a good selection are from Bridport, Dorchester and Somerset.

For further details please email the advertising manager at [bvctc@outlook.com](mailto:bvctc@outlook.com)

**DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE - 5TH APRIL**

*(note that the deadline for the April issue was on 25th February)*



# LONG BREDY

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## CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION

The carol service collection of **£300** was sent to **The Three Ells Trust**. This is a charity on Portland set up by the Naerger family in 2000, following the death of their 16 year old son from a bone cancer. (Sadly the father passed away in 2014 from kidney cancer.) It was set up to make a difference to the lives of children and their families who have cancer or other life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses.



The charity helps provide educational and recreational equipment for the children's wards in Dorset County Hospital and Southampton General and to families at home. It also works closely with the Teenage Cancer Trust in Southampton and fully funds a specialist Palliative Care Nurse at Dorchester. She works with and supports the families at home and in the Hospital. It also assists with the often overlooked financial impact of travel and accommodation costs for families.

## THE NEW RINGING CHAMBER IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

The work on the new ringing chamber has been completed except for some painting, which is waiting for drier and warmer weather. The installation of the new mezzanine floor has had an excellent effect, both softening the sound of the bells and making them easier to ring. The ringers are delighted with the improvements.

On Sunday, February 5th, Arch Deacon Paul from Sherborne blessed the new chamber, with a congregation of over 40. It was a pleasure that Mr and Mrs Steve Sorrell were in the congregation, as Steve made and installed the new floor in the ringing chamber. It passed inspection by the Diocesan architect with flying colours; he was very complimentary about the work.

Several officers from the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and Robert Wellen, Guild Ringing Master were also present. John Coleman, icon painter and bellringer very kindly presented the ringers with a beautiful icon of St Peter, the patron saint of Belfries, to commemorate the special day.

In addition to the new floor a new carpet has been laid by **Ruth and Dave Cullingford** and Dave also made the bosses and a spider for the bell ropes. Many thanks must go to them, also **Alan Kinghorn** and **Colin Dyer** who helped with the painting and **Jackie Cain** for polishing the pews in the ringing chamber.

What seemed a big undertaking 2 years ago has now been achieved thanks to village involvement in fund raising and commitment by the ringers.

## LOOKING AFTER THE CHURCHYARD

The churchyard, which is a beautiful place and where villagers have been buried over the years, needs looking after. Anyone who lives in the village is entitled to be buried there, whether a church attender or not.



The care of the churchyard has always been done by volunteers over the years. However, these volunteers are getting older and fewer and the remaining ones are finding it more arduous; the church has had to resort to paying for some help with this work.

Being such a small village it is difficult to fundraise for the village hall, the playing field and the church. They all need charitable work to continue to function. The church building has to be maintained, as it is a Grade 1 listed building. The mowers have to be serviced and the fuel paid for. In the very near future we will need to purchase a new mower.

The churchyard belongs to the village and we on the PCC are appealing for any help you might be able to give by:-

Helping to cut the grass - even just once in the season.

Keeping your relative's grave area tidy

Donating your gardener, if you have one, for a couple of hours working in the churchyard

Giving a donation towards paying for help in the churchyard

Please contact **Jackie Cain** (Church Warden) 482379 if you are able to help in any way, thank you.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ WINNER

There were 12 correct entries for the Christmas Quiz and the winner who was drawn was Harriet Upton, a friend of someone in the village. She very kindly donated her prize money to the Church. The total raised has now been confirmed as **£154.00**

## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY 2017

|     |        |                             |
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| £25 | No 114 | Colin and Sue Dyer          |
| £15 | No 35  | David Peretz                |
| £5  | No 18  | David and Ruth Cullingford. |

## VILLAGE HALL

Following the resignation of our secretary Michael Felce who has left the village and moved to Wiltshire, there is a vacancy for a new secretary and committee member to join the Village Hall Committee. **The committee meet bi-monthly on Sunday evenings at 7pm for a maximum of one hour and the next meeting is on March 19<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in helping to manage the running of the village hall or would like further information, please contact the chairman, **Andrew Bailey** on 01308 482293 or e-mail [andrew@atbailey.com](mailto:andrew@atbailey.com).

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Steve Evans** has now taken over the role as the Clerk to the Parish Council. Thank you, Steve, for filling this important vacancy.

## VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN.

The annual spring clean will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Meet at the Village Hall at **09.30 am**. Please bring strong gardening gloves. Children are very welcome but must be supervised by an adult. There will tea and coffee served in the Village Hall after the clean.

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A **vacancy** has arisen **for a co-opted parish councillor**. This is an interesting and rewarding role that is not too onerous. It is important to the fabric of both Kingston Russell and Long Bredy that we have a full and active Parish Council and you would be contributing to the governance and well-being of both parishes. If you are interested or would like to find out a bit more about it contact **Steve Evans** on 01308482647 or email [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk).

*Stephen J Evans*

## SPRING VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Advance notice.....

This will take place on **Saturday April 8th** in the Village hall, from 10.00 to 12.30.

It's all about **The Garden**, with plants, cuttings, seeds, pots, tools and seedlings on sale. There will also be cakes and refreshments for sale.

If you are sowing seeds, taking cuttings, clearing out tools or dividing perennials, please include some extras if possible, to help with this village event.

Contact **Elinor 482269** if you can help at all with donations.

### LITTON CHENEY

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our March working party will be on **Thursday 2nd March** with jobs both indoors and outside, weather permitting. Please come and help if you possibly can.

There will be a **Frugal Lunch on Thursday 9th March, 12.30 pm at Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane**, hosted by Jennie and Brian Prentice. All are very welcome.

### BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

In order to raise some more funds to repair the shutters in the belfry, **Lesley and John Salvetti** will be holding another Quiz Night at the White Horse on **Sunday 30th April**. Book the date now and come along for a fun evening!

### LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14th March, 7.30 pm** at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All local residents are actively encouraged to attend. General information on the workings of the council can be found on the Litton Cheney village website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DOES THE VILLAGE NEED ONE?

Your monthly update. The village consultation is on course to be held during March or April, the intent being to give local residents, as in **everyone**, sufficient information from which to make a choice – To Have a Neighbourhood Plan or Not. There will be ample opportunity to discuss the options with the steering group, and then you will be asked to complete a

village survey. It will be as a result of that consultation whether we create a plan that takes account of the development wishes of local residents, or it is felt that no action is necessary at present given the protection provided by the District Council's Local Plan. Interesting times!

### VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Not the Mayor of Casterbridge, never far from the madding crowd and perhaps occasionally a wish to be Jude the Obscure, the Parish Clerk has to be many things. The Parish Council is now looking for a stalwart person to take over from humble Clerk **John Firrell**. If you feel you would like to contribute to your community and (hopefully) to its wellbeing, please contact John on 482313 for more details on what the task entails. Who knows, you may be able to write a book about your experiences in years to come. You could call it "Under the Greenwood Tree"!

### LITTON CHENEY – BRIDPORT 210 BUS SERVICE

At the end of July this year Dorset County Council will end its subsidy of the 210 bus service that serves Litton Cheney and other villages in the Bride Valley. This does not necessarily mean the bus service will discontinue, but it may be run along different lines and possibly at different times. The Parish Council together with other Bride Valley councils is exploring a number of alternatives and we will endeavour to keep you informed of developments.

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



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| Mondays    | Beavers, Cubs & Scouts  |
| Tuesdays   | Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m. (if enough people)                            |
| Wednesdays | Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15<br>Table Tennis 4.00 p.m. (if enough people) |
| Thursdays  | Watercolour class 1.30 – 4.00 p.m                                       |
| Fridays:   | Yoga 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m   |

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March : Film Night "Bridget Jones's Baby" starts 8.00 p.m.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Bingo Evening - being organised by three local ladies who are running the London Marathon in aid of St John's Ambulance.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>: morning - Village Café also for the marathon runners.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council meeting 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: 7.30 Howden Jones "Bringing Beautiful Music to Beautiful Places" (see *Valley Notes*)

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Post Script - CAROL SINGING evenings were blessed with mild weather and were very well supported - Thank you! Over twenty enthusiastic village singers led by Paul Cheater and members of St Mary's church choir sang their way superbly round the village. Christmas really did fill the air!! A grateful thanks to all who gave generously to Julia's House raising a grand total of almost £300 ,which includes a very welcome anonymous donation of £50 . The Social Committee will make this up to **£350**.

Also much appreciation from all the carollers to **Alison** and **John Halliday**, **Caroline Armstrong-Wilson** and **David Bethall** for a warm welcome and very enjoyable refreshments on Thursday and Friday evening. As usual the evenings were enhanced by the Christmas tree lights .Thanks to **John Salvetti** and **Pete Collis** for helping to erect, also dogged and essential technical assistance from **Freddie Spicer**, and to **Lesley Salvetti** for keeping the lights on over the entire period as part of her daily constitutional!

**DUCK RACE** time will soon be here. On Sunday **April 16th, 12 Noon**, the "boom" will be lifted to send the ducks bobbing their way down to The White Horse. Get there early to buy your tickets. There's even a prize for the last duck to finish!

Ron Davidson – LCSC 482661



## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH

Don't forget - **Wed. 1 March BRIDGET JONES' BABY 'Bridget is Back! Worth the wait!'** Cert. 15 2 hrs.

**Wed. 5 April A STREET CAT NAMED BOB 'Sometimes it takes nine lives to save one'** Cert. TBA 1.5 hrs.

Based on a true life story and international best-selling book, *A Street Cat Named Bob* is a moving and uplifting film that will touch the hearts of everyone. When London busker and recovering drug addict James Bowen (**Luke Treadaway**) finds injured ginger street cat Bob in his sheltered accommodation, he has no idea just how much his life is about to change.



**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: Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the licence for this film with **Burton Bradstock** (who will show it the previous Friday).

**NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : Wed. 3 May** – film to be decided

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



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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### 100 CLUB

#### JANUARY DRAW

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| 1st prize | £15 | Chris Elgar      |
| 2nd prize | £5  | Marcus Pritchard |

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

For our life drawing morning, members took turns to draw each other for a limited amount of time only. **Margaret Tebbs** was kind enough to give us a workshop and demonstration on drawing and painting winter twigs. A good morning's quiet painting was achieved. **March 3rd** will be painting to music; **March 17th** workshop on trees and hedges, and **March 31st** workshop on colour mixing.



<http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk>

*Christine Molony*



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON BOOK GROUP

“The Invention of Nature”: a biography of **Alexander von Humboldt** by **Andrea Wulf**.

Alexander von Humboldt was an explorer, a scientist and an author who spent his life investigating the workings of the Earth and ultimately the cosmos and discovering their universal rules. He transformed our understanding of physical geography and meteorology, travelling through Europe and South America, comparing the effect of altitude and geology on plant life and showing that similar plants thrive in similar conditions across the world. Perhaps the first environmentalist, his books brought alive the colonialism, slavery, rapaciousness and ecological devastation he found in the Americas, making the conquest of much of the New World public, exotic but also shameful. He was renowned throughout Europe, inspiring Darwin's work on species. Andrea Wulf's book is both an adventure story and an exhilarating whirl through history. Humboldt's life and work gave an

impetus to scientific discovery which is still being felt today.

The Book Group has some room for new members – we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Puncknowle Village Hall from 7.30 pm. For more information call Michele on 01308 897566 or email [vassar14@gmail.com](mailto:vassar14@gmail.com).



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

### FREDERICK JOHN (FRED) MILLER

Fred's funeral took place in Holy Trinity Swyre on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Fred and Pearl married in Holy Trinity in 1954 and lived among us in Swyre for many years eventually leaving us to retire to Bridport. He and Pearl continued with their dancing and other interests visiting their friends in the villages frequently, and attending the Lunch Club. Fred was shepherd at Manor Farm until his retirement, and will be sincerely missed by the Yeates family

The Church was full of friends and neighbours giving thanks for Fred's life remembering a Dorset country gentleman. After the service Fred was buried with Pearl in the Churchyard.

May he rest in peace back in Swyre with Pearl.

*PCC Swyre*

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.

Our next meal will be on **21<sup>st</sup> March**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 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.



Our members get a choice of 2 main meals and 2 puddings finished off with cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee all for £5.

Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. We are especially in great need of people to cook for us as our numbers of helpers has decreased. We do welcome Carol Brown to our ranks which will be a great help more is needed however to ensure we can keep this popular event going into the future. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

*David Buckland*



**BRIDE VALLEY**

**MESSY CHURCH 10.30am**  
**Puncknowle Village Hall**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am**

coffee, play, chat

#notjust4kids

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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### LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com). A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used



## 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, please ring **01308 897695**



### BRIDGET JONES' BABY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

7.30 for 8.00pm LATCH

See Litton Cheney Section  
page **33** for further details

BRIDGET JONES' BABY



**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of each month for a “cuppa” and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright** **01308 456 967**



# DIARY, MARCH 2017

|     |    |       |   |                             |
|-----|----|-------|---|-----------------------------|
| Wed | 1  | 19.30 | Parish Council meeting                                | Reading Room, Burton        |
| Wed | 1  | 20.00 | BV Films Bridget Jones' Baby                          | LATCH                       |
| Thu | 2  | 9.30  | Churchyard Working Party                              | St Mary's Litton Cheney     |
| Fri | 3  | 10.00 | Art Group   | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Fri | 3  | TBA   | Bingo Evening for Marathon Runners                    | LATCH                       |
| Wed | 8  | 19.30 | Book Club   | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Fri | 10 | 14.15 | Tots & Pram Service                                   | St Mary's Burton            |
| Sat | 11 | TBA   | Village Café for Marathon Runners                     | LATCH                       |
| Sun | 12 | 10.30 | Messy Church  | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Tue | 14 | 11.00 | Police Surgery  | Burton Library              |
| Tue | 14 | 19.30 | Parish Council meeting                                | LATCH                       |
| Wed | 15 | 10.00 | St Mary's Mission - Coffee morning and cake sale      | Chesil Court Community Ctr. |
| Thu | 16 | 19.30 | Bride Valley WI AGM                                   | The Crown, Puncknowle       |
| Fri | 17 | 10.00 | Art Group   | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Fri | 17 | 19.30 | Village Soc. talk N.Thomas "Life of Patrick Campbell" | Village Hall, Burton        |
| Mon | 20 | 19.30 | BV Gardening Club Adam Walker/Gold Club               | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Wed | 22 | 10.00 | Coffee stop hosted by the W.I.                        | Village Hall, Burton        |
| Fri | 24 | 12.30 | Lent Frugal Lunch                                     | Old Parsonage, Littlebredy  |
| Sat | 25 | 9.30  | Annual Spring Clean                                   | Village Hall, Long Bredy    |
| Sat | 25 | 19.30 | Bringing Beautiful Music To Beautiful Places'         | LATCH                       |
| Mon | 27 | 19.00 | Bride Valley British Legion Social                    | The Anchor, Burton          |
| Thu | 30 | 15.00 | St Mary's Mission - afternoon tea                     | 2 Bindbarrow, Burton        |
| Thu | 30 | 19.30 | FBBL Annual General Meeting                           | Village Hall, Burton        |
| Fri | 31 | 10.00 | Art Group   | Village Hall, Puncknowle    |
| Fri | 31 | 19.30 | Burton Films "A street cat named Bob"                 | Village Hall, Burton        |
| Sat | 1  | 19.30 | April Village Hall "Fish and Chip" Quiz               | Village Hall, Burton        |
| Sat | 1  | 19.30 | April Charity Quiz Night                              | New Inn, Shipton            |
| Mon | 3  | 19.00 | April Annual Parochial Church Meeting                 | St Mary's, Burton           |



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MARCH 2017

|                             | Ash Wednesday<br>1 March            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>5 March<br>Lent 1       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>12 March<br>Lent 2    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>19 March<br>Lent 3   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>26 March<br>Mothering Sunday    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Burton<br/>Bradstock</b> | 10.00 Holy Communion<br>with ashing | 8.00 Holy Communion by ext<br>9.30 Family Service | 11.00 Holy Communion<br><br>6.30 Evening Prayer | 9.30 Family Service<br><br>6.30 Holy Communion | 10.30 Mothering Sunday Service<br><br>6.30 Evening Prayer |
| <b>Shipton<br/>Gorge</b>    |                                     | 11.00 Holy Communion                              | 9.30 Morning Prayer                             | 9.30 Holy Communion                            | 11.00 Morning Worship                                     |
| <b>Swyre</b>                |                                     | 6.30 Evening Prayer                               | 11.00 Holy Communion by ext                     | 11.00 Morning Worship                          | 9.30 Holy Communion                                       |
| <b>Puncknowle</b>           | 6.00 Holy Communion<br>with ashing  | 9.30 Holy Communion                               | 10.30 Messy Church in<br>Puncknowle Hall        | 5.00 Evening Prayer                            | 11.00 All age Holy Communion<br>by ext                    |
| <b>Litton<br/>Cheney</b>    |                                     | 9.30 Morning Worship                              | 9.30 Holy Communion                             | 9.30 Morning Prayer                            | 9.30 Holy Communion                                       |
| <b>Long Bredy</b>           |                                     | 11.00 Holy Communion                              |   | 9.30 Morning Worship                           |   |
| <b>Littlebredy</b>          |                                     |   | 11.00 Holy Communion                            |  | 11.00 Holy Communion                                      |