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The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.



To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

FROM THE RECTORY

Are you heroic, disillusioned or hopeful?

How are you doing? How are we ALL doing in these tricky and difficult times? Some better, some not so good, I'm sure. I recently heard someone talk about the three stages of difficult times:

heroic - disillusioned - hopeful.

I wonder where you are? How you are feeling?

We began full of heroism. People being helpful, people being brave, people putting themselves at risk in order to help others. And we've seen this in so many areas already in the first weeks of this pandemic. We are doing our best, we have family or friends working at the front line, in hospitals, supermarkets, schools and so on. There are cheering stories of what some are doing to help, the hours they are working, the risks they are taking in order to do all they can in such circumstances. And we are grateful to them for what they are doing. And then comes the bad news - someone we know, someone close to us, maybe a family member or good friend, becomes ill, succumbs to the illness, is taken into the Intensive Care Unit. The shocking news of our Prime Minister too. And we fear the worst. Who is running the country? Who is in control? The ground slips from beneath our feet. our security is threatened, and at the same time our income is also under threat or may already have slipped, slithered, drained away. Where can we turn?

We are disillusioned – or worse. Will this ever end? Is it really going on for 12 – 18 months as some have suggested? We know we can't do this. Disillusionment sets in. We're in this for the long haul and it's exhausting, unbearable, undo-able.

Or is it?

Because, eventually, the end WILL be in sight, the number of cases WILL drop, there WILL be good stories of many who recover from the illness. Hope will fill us and we will move forward together and individually as we see that there will be an end. Maybe we realise we'll emerge stronger – changed yes, but shaped and sharpened by what we have been through. Hope will dawn and grow in us and we'll press forward towards the light of hope and new beginnings. There'll be the biggest celebrations and rejoicings. A world party perhaps; family and friends will rejoice and hug and BE together.

Hold on. Hold on to Hope.

Those words of a fourth century theologian St Augustine, have perhaps never been more appropriate than they are this year. St Augustine went on:

"Now therefore, friends, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Hallelujah. You say to your neighbour, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord ... But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions."

Move from disillusionment to hope; from death to life; from despair to joy. We are an Easter people and we know the end of the story - death has been conquered and Christ is Risen. So together let's raise a Hallelujah!

With every blessing, Jane Williams (Rector of the Bride valley)

And as I wrote those last few words, this worship song comes to mind, if you'd like to listen, here's the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awk061T6i0k

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

6 April 2020	Violet Mary Scarff We	ymouth Crematorium
9 April 2020	Rosemarie Ann Pitcher	St Peter's Long Bredy
17 April 2020	William (Bill) Salisbury	St Peter's Long Bredy
30 April 2020	Derek John Parsons	Weymouth Crematorium

Church throughout the Bride Valley during lockdown.

Church is certainly very different at the moment especially as we are being discouraged from meeting together physically and our church buildings are closed until further notice.

However, we are still managing to meet together virtually and holding a weekly service every Sunday albeit it in our own homes. If you would like to listen to our weekly service these can be accessed by dialling 01308 293062 and the words are sent out by email or post with the weekly church notices 'From Source to Sea'. We have also started to meet online via Zoom an online video conferencing platform. If you would like more details of either of these please contact the Rector or the Benefice Administrator, details at the front of this edition.

Please be assured that we are praying for you all and if you'd like your name added to our specific daily prayer list then please let us know.

Every blessing, Jane Williams (Rector)



BRIDE VALLEY BOOK GROUP REVIEW - MARCH 2020

The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

This novel is about the terrible siege of Sarajevo during the 1990's Balkan war which subjected the largely Muslim population of Sarajevo to two years of obliterating mortar shelling and sniper fire. It concentrates on three main characters who move around the shattered city landscape risking their lives. The unifying symbol is a cellist from the city's opera house orchestra who witnesses the massacre of twenty - two of his neighbours as they waited in a bread queue. He dons his tuxedo, positions himself in the shell crater and plays a moving adagio to commemorate the victims on twenty two consecutive days - one day for each victim.

Initially a few of us were unsure about this book but it quickly became compelling. Of course we remembered the siege well and the disbelief that this could be happening in Europe. The tribal and ethnic enmities of WW2 (and long before then), so effectively suppressed by Tito, had emerged again at the break up of the soviet empire as an horrific historical legacy. We also remembered the way in which the world watched and did little.

Most of us thought the way the author concentrated on three main characters was the right choice, giving the novel a tight and focussed feel.

I was especially intrigued by the Arrow character, her skills as a sniper emerging almost by accident (her university shooting society). Of course she is deluding herself that she can continue to "freelance" in a way she can square with her principles. I thought the Cellist was a symbol of hope and remembrance during the novel. All the characters were aware of him - and of course the Bosnian Serb sniper sent to kill him is undone by the power of the music. Above all I felt that Sarajevo under siege was powerfully evoked, the Russian roulette of crucial street crossing points so easily in the crosshairs of enemy snipers, the black marketeers and their stylish cars, the selfless heroism of emergency and medical workers whose efforts become routinely taken for granted, the grey locks of middle aged and older women who can no longer dye their hair - and the dangerous treks across town to get such basic essentials as water. It felt like a life suspended with no one knowing when intervention would come and put an end to it all.

Here are some edited comments from our group - "hugely evocative with moments of hope alongside overwhelming tragedy - the cellist is a fragile and beautiful foil offset against the energy and activities of the three main characters - a minor masterpiece" and "I was immersed in the moments of tension, despair and the proximity to death" and "the cellist is a figure of hope and normality" and "riveting depiction of daily life under siege - superbly handled by the author" and "not an easy read as war is so upsetting" and "the details gave depth and humanity to the banal normality of violence - the author made the city come alive".

One of our group reminded us that the cellist did exist and was angry at his portrayal in this novel - he felt his permission should have been asked. Had we been able to meet this would have made an interesting discussion point.

This novel made some of us reflect, with gratitude, that our current quarantine is perhaps not so hard to bear. May there be no more Sarajevos.

We do have a book for April but will not be able to meet for the foreseeable future. Our best wishes to everyone in the Bride Valley, Bridport and beyond - may you all remain safe and well.

Liz Pinfield

Know your Bride Valley Wordsearch

Can you find the 10 hidden words in the grid? They are all Bride Valley related and may be in any direction (including diagonal).

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Solution in the June Edition



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



"There's nothing to report" was my first reaction to the request for articles for the on-line May BVN and I was sure people didn't want to be told what they ought to be doing during May if we still can't access the garden centres or go to plant sales but I was wrong.

This may have been the first time the Gardening Club has cancelled its meetings since its inaugural meeting on the 9th March 1983, but we still continue even if we can't meet together.

Our AGM has been postponed but our accounts for last year have been inspected.

Charles Chesshire, who was to have been our speaker in April, has emailed to say that we are most welcome to have a tour of his nursery at Symondsbury when restrictions are eased.

Sue Brown has put together the first 'lockdown' newsletter, giving us a mixture of information and guizzes to keep our brains active.

Specialist nurseries need our support at this difficult time and will send out plants, while Groves and Poundbury Garden Centres are willing to deliver depending on stock availability and the backlog of orders.

Please check their websites for details.

Our gardens, large and small, have probably had a lot of attention so far but it might be the ideal time to learn to take cuttings, divide overgrown clumps and propagate new plants to fill in the gaps; use our imaginations in reusing and recycling things within the garden and if we have the space, to create that compost heap we've always been promising ourselves.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Our Night Sky in May 2020

Venus, which has given us so much pleasure during the spring evenings will be setting in the west about 2300, but will still be visible after sunset, although sinking rapidly. To make up for it, Jupiter and Saturn will now feature in the southern sky during the summer months, followed by Mars. All three will be rising about 0100, but will be lost in daylight by 0500.

Now is the time to look for noctilucent clouds in the northern sky after sunset. These clouds can sometimes be seen throughout the night, and look rather like cirrus clouds, but because they are 50 miles high, they remain lit by the sun which travels just below the northern horizon during the summer months. They are thought to be caused by micro meteoric dust acting as nuclei for ice crystals. They are more often seen in northern latitudes, but they are still worth looking out for if you have a good northern horizon.

The biggest explosion seen in the universe has been found. This record-breaking eruption came from a black hole in a distant galaxy cluster hundreds of millions of light years away, and you could fit fifteen Milky Way galaxies in a row into the crater this eruption punched into the cluster's hot gas. Astronomers made this discovery using X-ray data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and ESA's XMM-Newton, and radio data from the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) in Australia and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in India. The unrivalled outburst was detected in the Ophiuchus galaxy cluster, which is about 390 million light years from Earth. Galaxy clusters are the largest structures in the Universe held together by gravity, containing thousands of individual galaxies, dark matter, and hot gas.

In the centre of the Ophiuchus cluster, there is a large galaxy that contains a supermassive black hole. Researchers think that the source of the gigantic eruption is this black hole. Although black holes are famous for pulling material toward them, they often expel prodigious amounts of material and energy. This happens when matter falling toward the black hole is redirected into jets, or beams, that blast outward into space and slam into any surrounding material. How this particular explosion occurred is being argued over by astronomers and I await their deliberations with keen interest.

Meanwhile, do enjoy our dark skies after the sun has set. You could do worse during lockdown than to lie out on a sunbed in the garden with a pair of binoculars and enjoy the free delights of our magnificent Universe.

Bill Turnill

Burton Bradstock Community Library

The library is closed for the duration of the corona virus restrictions.

However you can still access a range of library services online, using your library card and pin number. An additional resource which you may find of interest during lockdown is free access to *Ancestry*, the family history website, so you may like to do some personal history research. Normally this is only available for use within the library, so please make use of this service if you are interested.

The usual digital resources remain available, including a wide range of digital books and magazines which can be borrowed to read at home.

Don't worry if you do not have a library membership card, you can join the library online at the Libraries West website, and use the online services immediately, and there is no charge.



Keep Culturally Connected with Artsreach

Dorset's touring arts charity Artsreach celebrates its 30th birthday in 2020 but, rather than bringing audiences, artist and volunteers together, the Artsreach staff team and Board of Trustees have had to make some difficult decisions in the current situation, cancelling live performances set to take place in village halls and community venues.

The team continue to monitor the situation relating to the Coronavirus pandemic, listening to Government and Public Health advice and planning accordingly. The impact of this pandemic on our Country is still unfolding but in the meantime the Artsreach team continue to work remotely and are exploring how best to support our artists and communities at this time and in the future.

Artsreach is very grateful for the excellent support being given by our principal funders, Arts Council England and Dorset Council. We are working hard to explore what our next programme might look like, and as always, we will do this in communication and partnership with our fantastic team of volunteers across the county.

Digital Diary

In the meantime, until we can come together to enjoy professional performances once more, we hope that we can brighten your day just a little by keeping you Culturally Connected - many of our touring friends are working hard to keep in touch with us all by releasing lots of lovely creative content online. In response, we have built a digital diary (https://artsreach.co.uk/news/digital-diary) on the Artsreach website, which will be regularly updated. The page will be constantly changing so keep checking back and keep sharing it - we've seen some wonderful performances so far.

The Artsreach Team



Burton Bradstock CE School



As I write the school report, how different things are this month! Last month I was dressed as a dragon for World Book Day and there was a buzz of excitement around the school as the children admired each other's costumes. Today, which in previous years would see the school deserted as it's the Easter holidays, the doors are open for the children of parents who are key workers.

With the onset of the effects of the pandemic so many of us have our own stories to tell, but this is how it has been for our village primary school...

Back in March it took just nine minutes for the education secretary, Gavin Williamson, to completely change schools as we know them.

In his address to parliament he said that schools would "close until further notice", that national exams were cancelled, that schools would continue caring for vulnerable children and children of key workers and that all pupils on free meals would continue to be fed.

This came as no surprise, having seen the events unfold in other countries. In the week leading up to this announcement staff were frantically putting plans into place for potential school closure—whilst maintaining an air of normality and good humour so as not to alarm our children or parents.

That week has become a blur of activity - emergency meetings at Sir John Colfox School with other leaders of the Minerva Learning Trust; research into available online platforms which would most effectively support our pupils of all ages; ensuring that we had the technology capable of meeting our needs; extra staff meetings to learn how to use the different platforms; lessons to teach the children how to use the new technology; discussions with our food supplier to determine their sustainability; emails to explore opportunities for local food banks to support our vulnerable families; correspondence to determine which of our families were key workers ... the list goes on.

But always with a smile on our faces that masked the sense of uncertainty of what the future would look like. So many wanting answers - staff, parents, and children - but no answers to be given, just the 'we will follow the Government's advice' mantra.

It was almost a relief when the announcement came. At least we now knew what needed to be done. And thanks to everyone's hard work and commitment we were prepared to make it happen to the best of our ability.

We closed our doors to our pupils on Friday 20th March, and what a surreal day that was. For the majority it was like any other end of term break, albeit a couple of weeks early. Everyone wishing each other well, reminders to work hard with their digital learning and a cheery 'see you soon'. Except for those who were able to see further than the here and now.

Those pupils in Year 6, slowly realising that this may be the last time that they are a pupil at the school; the last time we will be their teachers; the last time that they will have playtimes in the playground with their friends.

And then the questions followed: Will we still have Sports Day? What about our residential trip? Can we still have our Leavers' Service? Will we have a Leavers' party? Can we leave things in our trays or do we have to take everything with us? And the hugs that the pupils gave the staff as they walked out of the school gate, despite the advice of social distancing, just that little bit tighter and a little bit longer.

And here we are three weeks later, a virtual school for many and a childcare centre for a few. It has been a steep learning curve for staff, parents and pupils in the use of digital platforms and becoming familiar with online learning. Through hard work and perseverance, we have now transcended into the new 'normal'. In lockdown, parents are supporting their children's online learning as well as working from home in many cases. Staff are working on a rota where they are either in school or working at home planning and uploading work, offering guidance and marking, encouraging and giving feedback to the pupils.

Our pupils are getting used to their new timetable and a different way of learning, as well as the extra time they can spend in the sunshine in the garden. The learning for all of us continues, although not in the way that we are used to. This has been possible thanks to so many amazing people - the staff of the school who have the children at the heart of all that they do; the staff of the Minerva Learning Trust who have shared their resources and expertise on so many levels and with all things IT; the Governors who have checked on staff wellbeing; the parents who have worked tirelessly to make sure that it works for their children, despite the enormous frustrations that this situation has created; and our community, most notably the anonymous donor who purchased Chromebooks for the school so that we could loan them to the families who didn't have the technology at home so that their children are not disadvantaged. To you all, I thank you!

But schools are more than educational establishments. We have set up systems for our community to keep in touch - video conferencing and WhatsApp for staff, blogs and emails for pupils, telephone calls and Twitter for parents. But none of those things can replace the human contact, and that is what we are missing the most. We are all doing the best that we can in unprecedented times - we can ask for no more.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple

Headteacher



Bride Valley WI

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Like everyone in the country we are now experiencing something which we could never have imagined happening—almost total lockdown of our country. All activities and meetings cancelled, all planning put on hold until this is all sorted and we can come out again. Life is now moving at a slower pace and we are slowly getting used to that, shopping locally and less often, using the skills we have of baking, knitting etc.

The good thing to come out of all this is that we have all learnt new skills—who had tried Zoom before? not many of us I am sure. But now we are fast becoming very adept at communicating and meeting up over the internet to try to continue a new way of working in these difficult times. We are all trying to keep in touch with each other and make sure our family, friends and neighbours are safe and well. Our Wi is going to try to set up a Zoom meeting to replace our usual monthly meeting in May. Watch this space!!!

Our daily permitted exercise has made us see and hear the beauty of nature all around us with different eyes. Lack of traffic has made the bird song so much easier to listen to.

Many WI Ladies have dug out their sewing machines to help provide the vital PPE equipment needed by our NHS and our Thursday evenings clapping for the hard work of the staff in hospital and the care community have become a highlight of the week when we clap, wave to our neighbours and make as much noise as possible to remember the work being done to keep us all safe.

Our gardens are looking lovely, thanks to some lovely weather and the time to spend outside.

When the time comes we will get back to our busy lives again but the WI can be very proud that their members did what they could to help in these difficult days and as an organisation we supported each other and learnt new skills along the way.

The WI will meet again as soon as it is safe to do so but in the meantime we are "Cocooning" (WI speak for Lockdown) in our homes and staying safe.

Latest News from Portesham Surgery

The team at Portesham Surgery would like to thank all our patients for adapting so quickly to our new way of working. It has been a time of worry and change for all of us, but I am so proud of our team here and how well we have responded to keep everyone safe.

By now most people will be very familiar with the COVID-19 symptoms and what you need to do, and there are excellent websites where you can keep up to date such as NHS 111 and the HM Gov.uk sites (or just listen to any news broadcast!) so I won't repeat lots here.

Just remember to self-isolate for seven days if you develop symptoms (check online on the 111-Coronavirus site), and others in the household should self-isolate for 14 days from day one of the first symptoms in the household.

We are grateful to everyone who is following the guidelines and shielding or self-isolating appropriately. The virus is amongst us and our hearts go out to the families who have suffered losses.

We are also grateful to the many volunteers (including our own staff) who are helping with the delivery of medication and offering other kinds of support. There is a lot of help out there, so if you are at all worried by anything, no matter how trivial, please contact us and we will put you in touch with your local volunteers or other agencies who will be only too pleased to help you.

The other important message is to say please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a medical question. This is particularly important for parents: **if you are worried about your child please do not delay in seeking help.** COVID-19 is extremely unlikely to make your child unwell but all the 'normal' illnesses continue.

GPs and hospitals have made extreme efforts to ensure the safety of their patients so please call us for advice, or contact NHS 111 out of hours if it is urgent, or do an econsult (see below) for less urgent advice from your GP.

There is no routine secondary care work being done at present, while all available resources and staff are dealing with the current pandemic, so GPs cannot make routine referrals at the moment, but rest assured we are still here to help with anything urgent so if in doubt, give us a call so we can evaluate your condition.

Practical changes:

- * The Surgery is closed to patients after 1pm except by appointment, and all prescriptions should be collected by 1pm daily. This is so that we can safely invite any respiratory patients in for assessment in the afternoon.
- * All our **GP** appointments are now done by telephone, then if the GP does need to see you face to face they will invite you in to the Surgery.
- Because of all the phone consultations, you may find it harder than normal to get through on the phone, so we have introduced **eConsult for non-urgent queries**. There is a link on our website www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk which allows you to raise a query at any time of day or night. You can ask a friend to do it for you if you prefer. Our GPs will respond directly to you within 48 hours.
- Our nurses and GPs do now have sufficient PPE, thanks in no small way to some timely donations from friends, patients and ex-patients, which makes it safe for us to offer urgent face to face treatment to our patients.
- * We have beautiful laminated screens at the dispensary hatch and the reception desk, thanks to our Friends of the Practice handyman! We operate a one-in, one-out system so it is easy to keep your distance.
- * When we have a queue for the dispensary you can wait outside under cover on the bench or on cushions on the wall, and we have also placed a bench in the car park so patients can wait in the sun and come to the dispensary window when their meds are ready.
- * Urgent nurse procedures continue here as normal. If you are shielding and need nurse input we can make special arrangements for you and our nurses are ringing all their patients before their appointments so do ask if you are worried about coming in.

Do check our website <u>www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk</u> for more information and links – we keep this regularly updated.

Most of all, remember that we are here and ready to help you. Keep safe and I hope you can make time to enjoy the amazing spring with which Mother Nature has currently gifted us!



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

PUNCKNOWLE LUNCH CLUB is unfortunately not able to operate at the moment because of the Coronavirus. We will re-open as soon as possible

and will let everyone know when we can. In the meantime, take care everyone and look after yourselves.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

The Hall is closed for the time being. We look forward to welcoming all our regular groups back when the government advises it is safe to do so

100 club winners

March

1st prize- Kathy Murton

2nd prize- Sue Taylor

1st prize-Eonne Sinclair 2nd prize – Ken Martin

April

Residents of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington

If you are isolating and need help please call one of the numbers below. There is a large group of helpers from the three villages they can put you in touch with. If you need shopping, prescriptions collecting, advice, post taking or just a friendly phone call please give Sally, Geoff or John a call.

Sally Bowsher 01308 897987 Geoffrey Fry 01308 898068 John Marsh 01308 898114

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN FIRRELL jfirrell20@gmail.com Tel: 01308 482313 Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk



St. Mary's Church

Sadly the village church remains closed for public and private worship under directives from the UK Govern-

ment and the Church of England. Enquiries should be directed to Church Wardens, Richard Jones (482602) and John Vercoe (482110)

Litton Cheney Parish Council – Annual Assembly & Annual Meeting Postponed

Normally at this time of year we would be holding our **Annual Village Assembly** and **Annual Parish Council Meeting**. We are however not living in normal times and these two events scheduled for 12th May will be put on the back burner until later in the year with timing dependent on national guidelines and the Coronavirus situation.

On occasions when the Parish Council "meet" to discuss relevant matters it will be done virtually (online), and there will be advance notice of this via an agenda and information on the village website and notice boards. As a result local residents will be able to make representation online on matters of concern. As always, the contact details of parish councillors and parish clerk are shown on village notice boards and the village website

The UK government have put in place legislature that allows for auditing of annual accounts (Apr 2019 to Mar 2020) to be carried out over a longer period with finalisation later in the year. For general parish council enquiries please contact Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh on 01308 281561

Village Fete in aid of St Mary's Church Cancelled

The Village Fete due to be held on Monday 25th May has sadly been cancelled due to the uncertainty of the lockdown conditions emanating from the Coronavirus. It is possible that another event may be held later in the year but that has yet to be confirmed.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



LATCH remains closed during the present lockdown. For up to date information check on the village website (www.littoncheney.org.uk) or call Wendy Firrell regarding booking enquiries on 482532. The AGM and acceptance of accounts for 2019/20 will take place later in the year, alongside that of the Litton Cheney Social Committee..

The Great Litton Cheney Duck Race

Regrettably this event had to be cancelled as a social gathering, but was "run" virtually via the productive and presentational talent of Kieran Mulhall. Catch Kieran's You Tube sensation at https://www.youtube.com/atch?v=ySSWUGwWF2s&feature=youtu.be which was also given an airing on ITV's West Country News. Donations made in appreciation of the great entertainment provided were in aid of Lymphoma Action.

Weldmar Hospice Care Covid-19 Appeal

The Litton Cheney Social Committee has donated £500 to the above appeal and received a very grateful Thank You for an "amazing and generous donation". Thanks to everyone who bought a duck last year as that is the major source of our funds. Information regarding the Appeal can be read online.

Litton Cheney Social Committee.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS



at Latch have all been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation.

The hope is that "Judy" will be postponed until Thursday 1st October and "Knives Out" postponed until Thursday 5th November.

This will however be confirmed nearer the time on the village website and in later issues of the **Bride Valley News**.

VE Day - 8th May - Public Holiday

Because of the Coronavirus situation, events relating to the 75th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day are being postponed until later in the year when it is hoped to combine the commemoration with the 75th Anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) Day on 15 August.

Notwithstanding, flags will undoubtedly be flown and virtual events shown on television in recognition of this auspicious occasion.

The White Horse - The Pub is the Hub

Whilst the pub remains closed as a social gathering venue in which to imbibe your favourite beverage, and perhaps something tasty in the food line, Andy and Liz still hand out pre-ordered prescriptions and host an ever growing food and produce market on Saturday mornings.

Andy and Liz ask that their best wishes are forwarded to the local community, and that everyone stays well.

Andy & Liz are doing whatever they can to support the local community and its needs for which we thank them hugely. The hope is we will be able to raise a glass to them back within the confines of The White Horse bar in the not too distant future.

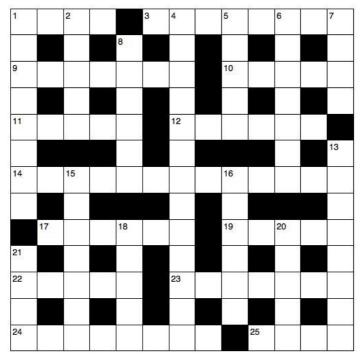
Stay Updated on the Coronavirus and All Things Local

There is a wealth of information available online regarding Coronavirus, local community support, current local information and much of this can be found on the village website or the Litton Cheney Observer Facebook Page.

Whilst we are aware that community support for others is very strong in the Bride Valley generally and most know who to call if they have a problem, not everyone however has access to online communication.

Please remember those who live on their own and/or are isolated. In these trying times we ask you to ${\bf CYN}$ – yes, really! ${\bf CHECK\ YOUR\ NEIGHBOUR\ please}$

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Across

CROSSWORD CLUES

- 1 'Therefore let us passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)

- 2 'The playing of the merry , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8.5)
- 5 Dr Martyn Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he-h is life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

May Floodlight Sponsors

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the weeks behind doors will be almost over. With all the restrictions, everyone has been affected to a degree, some more than others. However, the folks I have met whilst dog walking have all agreed the church being lit up has been a welcome sight and brought some normality and comfort to our lives.

A special thank you to all our sponsors and of course to Phil who remembered to change the timer when the clocks went forward!

Our sponsors this month are:

Sheena in memory of her mum

David & Rosemary

Jo Warren for the NHS and the carers and all those front liners to whom we owe so much.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to light up St Martin's for any reason, be it a special occasion, or a memory.

Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. Many thanks!

SG 100 CLUB Draw results for April

£25	No 106	Roger Sorrell
£10	No 109	Jane Mallett
£5	No 99	Ann Hunt

Congratulations to all the winners. I will distribute winnings when it is safe to do so. A nice surprise for you then!

Graham Garner





Knitting a Teddy Bears' Picnic

Stuck at home and need something to keep you busy during these weeks of isolation? Why not join in and help us to create a big Teddy Bears' Picnic! You can knit, crochet or sew bears in any way, shape, form or colour you like; or make some food for them to eat; or a blanket to sit on – no limits to your imagination! Think of a sunny summer's day when we will hopefully all be outside again celebrating better times, and let your imagination take over.

We are hoping to display our creations later this year, and then sell the items to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service.

So get started now and let me know what you are making; once we are able to we will either pick your creations up or you can post them to our office in Dorchester.

Any questions please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

March 2020 Draw

£30 no.39 C Williams

£15 no.64 L Hemsley

£5 no.10 L Barbour

Drawn on 22/03/2020 at The Gardens By Charlotte, Sam, Dave and Ruth

Rosemarie Pitcher

This month Joanne and Robin sadly announced the passing of their amazing, caring and kind mum Rosemarie Pitcher. Also an adored Nan, cherished sister and auntie, and for 52 years the much loved wife of Albert. Rosemarie had struggled with ill health during the latter part of her life, and the Coronavirus (Covid-19) was a battle she was unable to win. Albert, although also seriously ill in hospital, is now home and on the long road to recovery.

Rosemarie was an integral part of Long Bredy from the time she arrived at No 5 Bedford Terrace until she left over 50 years later.

No fete was complete without Rosemarie's input, be it the cake stall with Margaret Elliott and later both combining their skills making beautiful items for their craft stall, then the plant stall with Albert and at every fete making an abundance of cakes to go with the teas. The still talked about Golden Jubilee celebrations were organised by the Pitcher family as were the village bonfire parties in November and Village Christmas parties. The family loved parties and many of us still remember their generous hospitality where Rosemarie's cooking was so enjoyed by all.

Rosemarie loved flowers and was part of the church flower rota for many years. She was always willing to help with special occasions such as weddings, christenings and harvest festival, ensuring the church looked its best.

How many of us were recipients of her beautiful handmade cards especially at Christmas, family celebrations and as a 'Welcome to Your New Home', a kind and thoughtful welcome to Long Bredy. Her hands were never still making crafts of all kinds including such novelties as mop dollies, beautiful little cakes made of socks and friendship bags. For her funeral flowers the family created their own flower arrangement and added examples of her favourite things including a cross stitch card, a felt robin, a lavender heart and button bunting.

Even in the latter years when Rosemarie was unable to take an active role in village activities she always contributed in some way, a generous hearted neighbour and friend.

The funeral for Rosemarie was held on Maundy Thursday at Peter's Church. Sadly, due to the current Government regulations the funeral was strictly family members only and the service was held at the graveside. Rosemarie was bought in the hearse to the front of 5 Bedford Terrace so that Albert could wave goodbye and then the hearse continued to the church with the family walking behind. The family had asked if people wished to pay their respects to Rosemarie on her final journey through the village she loved, they would be very happy for people to wave as the procession went by.

It was a fitting testament to the love and respect that Rosemary was held in that showed the village out in full waving their goodbyes. As the procession approached the church and her final resting place a bell tolled for the 72 years of Rosemarie's life.

'A little piece of Long Bredy's heart has gone, but Rosemarie will never be forgotten'.

Albert and the family would like to take this opportunity to send their grateful thanks to the staff at Dorset County Hospital, particularly those on Lulworth and Morteon Wards, for their expertise, kindness and compassion towards Rosemarie at this difficult time. They would also like to thank everyone for giving Rosemarie such a beautiful and touching send off; she would have so appreciated it.

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Well, who would have thought it would have come to this?! Everything which was forecast in the last edition has been cancelled, and we have all entered an unprecedented world. The coronavirus pandemic has caused three words (all right then, four or even five): lockdown, self-isolation and social distancing, to have entered general currency, having been more or less unknown before. There is nobody exempt from the implications and these notes are different from any written hitherto.

Living in the Bride Valley, our hearts must be open to the many millions who are bearing the brunt far more than we are – even excluding the effects of loss of health, even life itself, and its attendant grief and mourning.

Yes, our roads are quieter, yet they are not empty spaces where congestion sometimes ruled; and yes, our visitors (especially over the Easter weekend) were fewer, though still not remotely comparable with the silence of the streets, squares and tourist attractions elsewhere.

Yet the appearance of our villages on the whole is little changed - except for closed Churches and other public buildings with alien notices on their doors - and our daily lives can go on with far fewer constraints than for those who live in many other places.

Most of us can stretch the concept of self-isolation and/or extend the idea of exercise to include enjoying – or working in, which may not be quite the same thing – our gardens for several hours a day. For exercise there are plenty of routes for all ages to walk on, practically alone, on local roads or footpaths. The outside world forms a release for those self-educating too.

It could be an awful lot worse.

However, while counting ourselves and other country-dwellers as fortunate, we must obviously share with those everywhere our appreciation of all the

key workers and politicians and civil servants at every level who are doing their best to steer the country and its communities through the worst of the crisis. We have to be truly grateful for that.

What we also share in full measure, though, is the renewed sense of neighbourliness and willingness to look after each other which is prevalent at this time. All those who are keeping an eye on the elderly or infirm, or are shopping or carrying out similar chores on their neighbours' behalf – you all know who you are and so do the rest of us.

Congratulations and many, many thanks, and let us hope that next month's notes may be able to strike a different, more positive and more familiar tone.

From the Editor - Some photos in and around Little Bredy for you to enjoy.











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Burton Bradstock Coronavirus Support Joint Notice

The Village Society, Burton Online and Parish Council have combined their efforts to keep you in the know about what's available during this strange time.

- The BB Helpline number is 07425 412105 or email <u>burtonbradstock-villagehelp@gmail.com</u> If you need help please call/ email, and similarly if you want to volunteer to give help.
- Information and advice has been "centralised" on the BB Village website https://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/ The home page shows services available in Burton Bradstock, while the "Coronavirus Help" drop down menu shows a range of information. In particular, the "Village Info and Support" page has links to a wide range of services, facilities and advice available in the Bridport area and more widely, together with on-line entertainment and well-being services.
- A regular email Update is being sent out. To join (or opt out) of the circulation contact <u>roger.ashman30@gmail.com</u>
- The notice board outside the Reading Room shows the BB services available and a shortlist of those from Bridport. Please bring this to the attention of anyone you know who is without internet access.

We will endeavour to keep the information up to date. If you know of any changes or want something added please contact Fiona Lomax on fionalomax55@hotmail.com, or Roger Ashman on rogerer.ashman30@gmail.com or Graham Moody on moodys@btinternet.com

Keep Safe – Stay Healthy

BB Village Society, BB Online and BB Parish Council

Burton Bradstock "200 Club" April Draw Results

1 st	£35.60	No 149:	Mrs Elise Ripley
2 nd	£17.80	No 119:	Mrs Annie Grantham
3 rd	£8.90	No 93:	Mr Chris Sundt

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £8 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Burton Bradstock Village Society

In these uncertain times the Committee has inevitably been adjusting its normal annual rhythm. The AGM has been postponed for the foreseeable future while the Cake and Plant sale has had to be cancelled.

Today we have, with regret, decided to cancel the Annual Outing in June and the Flower & Produce Show in July.

Good news, subscriptions may well be collected a little late this year!

We have now set up the Village Helpline and email address and have over 50 willing volunteers who are able to help with emotional or practical support. This seems to be working effectively and have been able to deal with all requests.

Burton Bradstock Helpline: 07425 412105 or email burtonbradstockvillagehelp@gmail.com
These are answered by committee members and requests passed to our volunteers.

This has been a situation where the Society, Burton Bradstock Online and the Parish Council have been working together to distribute information as widely and accurately as possible. Hence our regular updates, the information on burtonbradstockvillage.org and that from the Parish Council will tally. There are also useful links on the website with some submitted by villagers for entertainment and physical fitness that are well worth a look.

The Society's updates are being sent to any Villager who would like to receive them by emailing the Secretary. I would though reassure members that their own details are kept separate and remain confidential.

We know what a resilient and caring village this is and that everyone is helping each other but should you feel that anyone might be falling through the net please contact a Committee Member and we will make contact or put them in touch with a Volunteer.

With all good wishes,

The Village Society Committee

News from the Friends of Burton Bradstock Post Office & Farm Shop

Facing up to the coronavirus lock-down and the inevitable reductions in normal trading in the Post Office and Farm Shop - and also hoping to keep up the better level of turnover earlier this year - Pete and Gill Mayo re-structured their business by setting up a 'Food Box' home delivery scheme. Customer response has been fantastic and orders for this service have soared! These can be phoned in to 897243 on a Monday morning between 9am and midday for a Wednesday delivery and similarly on Wednesday for a Friday delivery.

Gill says: 'Clearly self-isolation has led to many orders for Farm Shop produce - from fresh milk and eggs to sausages, legs of Burton Bradstock lamb and so on. Customers have, I think, enjoyed trying a full range of our goods, and many have appreciated not having to drive to Bridport. We currently also deliver to Shipton, Litton and Long Bredy.'

Pete adds 'I'm now the Transport Dept! It's been an eye-opener and many customers have asked us if we'll carry on doing this service after the virus scare is past. We think we will, giving people a weekly time slot for delivery. We deliver many Food Boxes at the moment and would be keen to take a few more each week. A side-benefit of this new service has been that we're getting to know what our customers *really* want, so we're stocking some new lines now, particularly in the Fruit and Vegetables area. A big thank you for everyone's support'.

The Friends' Steering Group has many members who have offered to help, and the Mayos are most grateful, but as a family they're keen to go on doing the work to serve *us*. And this crisis has revealed just how important an asset a village shop - with such management - can be, particularly to the

elderly and vulnerable. This is surely a milestone in determining its ongoing and vital role in the village. Bravo Gill, Pete, family and assistants!

John Grantham, Co-ordinator, 'Friends' group. john.grantham4@btinternet.com

Burton Bradstock Plant Sales

With the current lockdown and the cancellation of village fund-raising events, we are arranging to hold plant sales within the village over the coming months. Several friends have agreed to host mini-sales outside their properties and the first will be on $8^{th}/9^{th}$ May. Plant donations may be left between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the Friday, where indicated, and then villagers are invited to visit their most convenient sale on the Saturday, again 10.00am - 4.00pm.

No money will change hands, with people either keeping a mental note of what they owe or leaving an IOU in a box – bring your own pen! Keep to the guidelines – wear gloves if you wish, NO close contact, NO groups chatting, and NO stampede at opening time!

This gives opportunity for all keen growers to continue to provide seedlings, cuttings, fruit & veg. and for village gardeners to be able to help local causes. This is intended for Burton residents only.

I anticipate further sales at 4 weekly intervals until restrictions are lifted and at the end IOU's will be totted up and payments called in. All proceeds will be shared between the Village Society, Village Hall, St Mary's Church and the Bride Valley Gardening Club.

Sales will be at:

Casterbridge, Annings Lane (897408) 4 Burton Mill, Grove Road(898473)

Season's Watch, Shipton Lane (897304) 3 Bindbarrow (897300)

The Old Coach House, Church Street (898103)

10 Howarth Close (897421)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you – even if it is through a window! Any questions, just call me on **897421.**Sue Brown



Burton Bradstock WI



Burton Bradstock WI hopes that everyone is keeping safe and well during these present, extraordinary times.

Like every other group in the village we have cancelled our forthcoming meetings until further notice but I am pleased to say that many of us are managing to stay in touch – if only when we come outside to clap our wonderful NHS and other key workers every Thursday.

I am also pleased to report that 10 of our members have volunteered to make scrubs for Bridport hospital, the cost of which will be covered by the WI as a token of our appreciation for the work being done by the NHS in these extremely difficult times. This was inspired by member Sally Lloyd who has collected the cut out kits from Livingstone fabrics ready for the members to dust off their sewing machines and keep themselves busy during the lockdown. Well done to those ladies!

Lastly, just to let you know that at our Annual Meeting in March, Val Ferré was re-elected as President for a third and final year and new member Val Ellis was also voted onto the committee. Other committee members remain as myself (Janet Pearson), Joan Allan, Alison Hawes, Mary Ibbotson, Joy Jones, Eva Sewell, Noreen Short, Margaret Thorpe and Pauline Tompkins.

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can get together, pick up the threads from where we left off and get back to enjoying our meetings and other activities again.

In the meantime we send our best wishes to everyone with the hope that you all keep well and safe.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346

Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art Festival News 2020

I am sorry to say that following government advice we are postponing this year's festival. It is with great sadness that we have had to make this decision to protect all of our marvellous volunteers and audience as well as the magnificent musician's that make this a unique week.

We had decided to 'wait and see' but the progress towards a more serious situation has been rapid. We have taken this action now so that we can ensure the future of the festival. Beside the health issues we were incurring costs that are usually met through ticket sales and the level of these could no longer be guaranteed.

Please take care of your health and we hope to see you in our audience in 2021.

Best wishes

Bill Cain & the Organising Committee and Trustees of the Burton Bradstock Festival

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

News and Updates: PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

The Parish Council cancelled the April meeting due to lockdown but continues to carry out day to day business.

Following enabling legislation passed by the Government, the Parish Council will now meet virtually.

For the immediate future Parish Council meetings will be held over the internet using a system called **Zoom**.

If you would like to be present, virtually, at a meeting please contact the Parish Clerk for details –

Email: theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org or phone 07814016971

This service will be free of charge for members of the public.

You can find out more about Zoom at zoom.us/

All the information and supporting documents for meetings will be available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/ we will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Weds of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

Play Area Project-

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILST THE LOCKDOWN IS IN FORCE THE PLAY AREA IN CLOSED THIS INCLUDES THE ZIP WIRE.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation at this time and hope that you all stay safe and well!

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theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Tel: 07814 016971. Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil

Burton Bradstock are now on Twitter follow the link below take a look and follow us....

https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish

Derek Parsons

It is with great sadness, the family informs St Mary's that Derek Parsons died peacefully in his sleep in Castle View Care Home in Poundbury on 10th April 2020.

Derek retired with Val to Burton Bradstock in 1982. For almost 40 years, Derek was a respected and loved pillar of our community, whose contributions included being Chairman of the Golden Cap Association of The National Trust, Treasurer of the St. Mary's Church PCC, committee member of Hive Beach Café, and the Village Society, Treasurer of the local Conservative branch, and an active member of The British Legion.

He maintained his good health with golf and regular walks along the cliffs.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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What a beautiful valley we live in.

These pictures, and the one on the front cover are all taken by people who live in our villages and we all appreciate the wonderful countryside on our doorsteps.

Thankyou to those people whose photos I have used this month and I hope you manage to read this copy of BVN in some form or other.

Stay safe and well.

BVN Editor

