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&
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www.littlebredy.com

www.longbredy.org.uk

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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

There is absolutely no doubt that Christmas is going to feel very different this year. As I write we are still in a national lockdown and it's unclear how we will be able to celebrate. Family gatherings may need to be smaller, for some at least. Familiar carols may need to be listened to online or on the television rather than sung in person.

But it will still be – as ever – a time to care for one another. And I trust that we will all try and find a way to do just that, in as small or as big a way as we are able to. We will also be looking back on a year which has changed so much. We will remember those who have died and support those who have lost their jobs. We will continue to be thankful for the work of the NHS, key-workers and all who have cared for the sick and vulnerable.

One thing which will never change though is the circumstance of Jesus' birth: He was born into the squalor of a dirty stable, straight into the centre of a messy political situation. Proof that God is right here with us or 'Emmanuel' as it is translated. He is at the centre of our lives, in the good times as well the bad, life in all its messiness, the disappointment, the sorrow we feel and the difficulties we face. And he is also there in our celebrations and in our joy.

This year as we journey through the Christmas season, I pray that whatever your circumstance you will know that you are not alone, that Jesus journeys with you. As we listen and understand the Christmas story all over again my hope is that it will bring you the comfort you need and that you will somehow, maybe when you're least expecting it, be surprised by God's joy.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for showing us your greatness in the helplessness of a new born baby, your glory in the squalor of a cattle shed and your love in a poor peasant family who could find no room at the inn. May we welcome Christ into our lives and learn that real greatness lies in humble service, real glory is wrapped in holiness and real love shines like starlight, even in the darkest place. (Based on Luke 2 verse 7 from The Electric Bible by Peter Dainty)

As a family we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas 2020.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial of Ashes

9 October – Catherine Jane Mason – Litton Cheney

Other Notices

Alice (Allie) Joan Legge - Died 22nd September

Advent Windows 2020

Would you like to share a little light and joy this December?

You can play your part by taking part in our community wide living Advent Calendar!

How it works

- 24 volunteers (individuals and businesses) agree to decorate a street-facing window (an 'advent window') on a nativity theme, each is assigned a date.
- A new window 'opens' (appears and is lit) every day from 1st to 24th December.
- Each window then remains 'open' from its opening day from at least 4pm to 8pm up until 1st January.
- Anyone can then walk around and enjoy the displays. Some may choose to do it as December progresses, and others may prefer to wait until they are all open and see them all in one go.

To take part email Jess, our church administrator on bridevalleybenefice@hotmail.com or find us on facebook and send us a message

Well here we are again in Lockdown 2 and everyone is following the Government Guidelines which means that WI meetings in the Hall are not allowed so it's back to Zoom which we're all getting really good at!!!

At our next meeting on 19th November we are getting into the Christmas spirit and making a Christmas Santa decoration out of socks and rice—sort of Christmas table ornament or doorstop!!! One of our members is going to talk us through the process and we will follow her instructions!!! Watch out for pictures in the January report!!

We are hopeful that we might be able to meet together in some way in December but who knows and the committee will have to plan for all eventualities.

The WI is still endeavouring to keep going in these trying times and **if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email Bridevalleywi@gmail.com**



Christmas greetings to all our members and to everyone in the Bride Valley. Stay safe and well.

Our Night Sky in December 2020

Lookout for Jupiter and Saturn very close together in the evening sky, especially on the 15th of the month. Both are sinking rapidly after sunset, so you will have to be quick to catch them. Mars continues to dominate the southern sky throughout the night, but is growing fainter as it recedes from us. By 1900, Orion will be rising in the East, and will be visible in the southern sky throughout the night. Venus will be rising in the South East by 0700, but will be lost in the dawn sky by 0800.

Ever since Albert Einstein's [general theory of relativity](#) was considered to have predicted black holes by linking space-time with the action of gravity, it has been known that black holes result from the death of a massive star leaving behind a small, dense remnant core. Assuming this core has more than roughly three-times the [mass of the sun](#), gravity would overwhelm to such a degree that it would fall in on itself into a single point, or singularity, understood to be the black hole's infinitely dense core.

A black hole's "surface," called its event horizon, defines the boundary where the velocity needed to escape exceeds the speed of light, which is the speed limit of the cosmos. Matter and radiation fall in, but they can't get out. Although light can't escape a black hole's event horizon, the enormous tidal forces in its vicinity cause nearby matter to heat up to millions of degrees and emit radio waves and X-rays. Some of the material orbiting even closer to the event horizon may be hurled out, forming jets of particles moving near the speed of light and focussed by the intense magnetic field surrounding the black hole they emit radio, X-rays and gamma rays. Jets from supermassive black holes can extend hundreds of thousands of light-years into space.

In 2019, astronomers using the [Event Horizon Telescope \(EHT\)](#) — an International collaboration that networked eight ground-based radio telescopes into a single Earth-size dish — captured an image of a black hole for the first time. It appears as a dark circle silhouetted by an orbiting disk of hot, glowing matter. The supermassive black hole is located at the heart of a galaxy called M87, located about 55 million light-years away, and weighs more than 6 billion solar masses. Its event horizon extends so far it could encompass much of our solar system out to well beyond the planets.

For those of you interested, the NASA web site describes Black holes, and has some excellent diagrams and artists impressions as well as telescopic images.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous 2021, and happy Night Sky watching!

Bill Turnill



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



We hope that you are still able to get out and enjoy your gardens if we get some still, sunny days. Here are some suggestions of jobs for the next couple of months:

Make leaf mould from fallen leaves, either place them in a bin made from wire mesh or store dampened leaves in black plastic sacks ensuring the latter has holes to allow air to enter.

Deadhead winter flowering pansies to prolong flowering.

Clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools.

Keep checking stored fruit and vegetables for signs of decay – any apples which are starting to rot will provide a treat for the birds.

In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrots, leeks, onions and summer cauliflowers under cover. Onion and shallot sets can be planted under glass; these can then be transferred outside in the spring.

Sow some of the slowest growing annuals (e.g. petunias, impatiens, begonias and salvias) in modules and place them somewhere warm to germinate.

Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries by cutting all stems back to the base.

Use cloches to warm the soil for early seed sowing.

Continue to ensure that birds have food and water, especially in frozen conditions.

We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Our November meeting was held at The Crown in Puncknowle over lunch where we had a successful gathering with seven of us present. The pub was warm, sunny and welcoming and we managed to sit at two separate tables in order to avoid any rule breaking. We all felt lucky to be doing this on the day before Lockdown 2! After our lunch we had a short discussion of the “filler” book - *The Coffin Path* by Katherine Clements. Our supply of books chosen in advance from Dorset Library Service was disrupted back in March. However we are pleased to hear that our selected books will resume in December.

Most of us had read *The Coffin Path* and enjoyed it. This was a gothic ghostly tale set after the English Civil War in a remote farmstead on the Yorkshire Moors. The main character is a young woman called Mercy; she is an obvious choice to run the farm and its sheep flock as her own father is in failing mental and physical health. However she is thwarted from doing so because she is female and by her father’s evasions in naming her as his heir. This novel seemed a fitting choice for reading at Halloween.

There were some reservations from the group but overall the general consensus was that it had been quite a compelling read. The 17th century historical background was convincingly done although the point was made that the writer could have made more of real events associated with the civil war in this part of Yorkshire. Some of us knew about coffin paths in other parts of the country - tracks between remote farms where a coffin would be carried - and rested - on its journey to the nearest parish church. We also wondered why the coffin path itself did not play a more significant part in the story. One of us found the tale quite spooky and took light relief in alternating it with a Monty Don gardening book! Some of us were kept guessing until the end as to the true identity of Ellis, the mysterious stranger - and shamefully one person (!) got impatient and skipped to the end. Ultimately Mercy, the main character, got what she wanted - but the price she paid was high. Given that quite a few of us were not particular fans of ghost stories it proved a stimulating read.

The first Wednesday in December falls on the 2nd which is meant to be the last day of the current lockdown. In view of this we hope to meet again on Wednesday 9th for a 12.30 lunch again at The Crown.
Liz Pinfield



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DORSET HOME LIBRARY SERVICE – DOORSTEP DELIVERIES

Although our much-loved Home Library Service has had to be suspended due to the Coronavirus situation, we are now providing a temporary non-contact Doorstep Delivery Service to those that cannot easily get to their local library, either short term or long term.

Our volunteers have strict safety guidelines and all necessary risk assessments have been carried out.

Books are chosen by staff at each library, based on individual preferences, and made ready for our volunteers to pick up and deliver to our clients' front doors.

The volunteers will not enter the house, and they will keep a safe distance at all times; they can also pick up books and return them to the library.

This service is entirely free and is available across Dorset and BCP areas.

We are keen to let more people know that it is available to them if they find themselves unable to get to the library.

To find out more please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, on 01305 236666 or 07786 635154,

or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

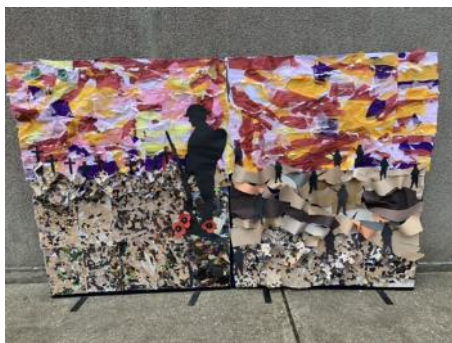




THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



Being such an old school, there are so many things at Thorner's, that remind us of all the children and staff who have been part of the school's history. On a personal note, one of the most poignant is a photo we have in the office which shows the children sat in rows on the grass in front of the schoolhouse. It is largely unremarkable, similar to so many black and white shots of classes down the ages. Rough boots, stern teachers, smocks and cheeky grins, (even a school dog) mark this as a classic Victorian image - like so many in our school and countless others across the country. However, this particular photo is dated 1899. As such, unimaginable as it must have seemed that winter's afternoon, every little boy in the photo would have been eligible for active service - 15 years later - at the outbreak of the First World War.



In memory of that generation, this week the children have been commemorating the armistice with an outdoor school service. Though unable to be together in the normal manner, we marked the occasion with the creation of a whole school tableau - each class bubble adding a different element to build up the overall artwork. The younger pupils created a wonderful tissue paper sunset, whilst the older children

made poppies and crosses to be pinned across a No-man's Land collage. The whole image was finished off as children came up and laid wreathes that they had made in class at the foot of a large silhouette soldier.

The oldest pupils then recited poems (both their own and those by Rupert Brooke and Wilfred Owen) after which the children held a two-minute silence.

In addition, it was wonderful to see so many people join in the lighting of a candle on the evening of the 11th. All of the children took home a tea light and lit it in remembrance outside their front doors across the valley. Through class assemblies, stories and literacy work the children have all come to recognise the importance of taking time to reflect on those that have come before us and all that they have done.



In other news, we wish to express our thanks to Miss Joan Sheldrick who taught at Thorner's up to 1982 and who sadly passed away last year. Her incredibly kind bequest will enable us to expand our range of books for the children in KS2 enormously and improve our library. We are tremendously grateful for such a kind and thoughtful gift from someone who gave so much to the life of the school.

As part of our overall drive to raise funds for the school, we continue to run our 100 Club - anyone who is interested may join the draw - there are cash prizes of £12 and £25 every 2 months!

Please contact the office (office@thorners.dorset.sch.uk) for details of how to enter - it costs £1 a month. As well as dressing up to raise funds for Children in Need, the children especially enjoyed the fundraiser "Break the Rules" day - there were some wonderful hair styles on display!

The younger children have been enjoying their forest school sessions in the now revamped Discovery Area and we thank all the volunteers and the TSA for their help with work and fundraising for both this area and other projects around the school. More work days will follow when restrictions permit and there are plans for a hedge laying session to allow more light into our wildlife area along its southern boundary. We are also due to plant several new fruit trees in this area from the Woodland Trust to add to the small apple orchard planted several years ago.

Lastly, this term we are planning our Christmas play and school celebrations - like so many we are having to be as creative as possible given all the restrictions but the show must and will go on! The children will dress our tree as usual but this year we will be making our own decorations and be putting the tree up outside of school. Although a church service looks unlikely at present, we look forward to helping the children explore and enjoy this magical time of year as advent gets underway.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Mr Sitch
Headmaster





Burton Bradstock CE School



In recent weeks, whilst the country has entered another lockdown due to the pandemic, everyone has had to adapt and amend their calendar events....no trick or treating for Halloween, no organised firework displays and no large gatherings to commemorate Armistice day.

However, alternative ways have been found and with such creativity! It has been heart-warming to see communities working together to ensure that life can carry on as 'normal' as possible in such difficult times.

I would particularly like to send out my thanks to the organisations and businesses who supported families during half term with free meals – such a selfless gesture which will have meant a great deal to families in our community.



Amidst all of this, I marvel at just how amazing our children are! Each day I see the children come (sometimes skipping) into school with big smiles. Yes, Halloween and Bonfire night were different but they were still excited to share their stories with us and Armistice day still had prominence in our hearts and thoughts.

As we turn our minds to planning for Christmas we know that things will be different and we welcome these changes. We are looking forward to working with the village on the Advent window project and will open our advent window on the 1st December.

This half term, the children have been working on their new topics.

Our children in pre-school and Reception have been thinking about friendships with their topic 'Do you want to be friends?'.

As part of their learning on 'Dinosaur Planet', our Key Stage 1 pupils have been busy learning lots of facts about dinosaurs.

Our lower Key Stage 2 pupils in Kingfisher Class have been focussing on urban life and street art with their topic, 'Urban Pioneers'.

Whereas, 'A child's war' is the topic for Owl Class and their learning was brought to life with an 'evacuee day' at the start of the half term.



We continue to celebrate pupil achievement with our 'Stars of the Week' and we congratulated 'Bexington' Beach Team for winning the trophy last half term for achieving the most beach team points. Points are awarded for behaviour, attitude, attainment and progress.

A special well done to Henry, Lily, Rufus, Anya, Elsie, Niamh, Daisy, Poppy, Millie-Rose, George, Imogen, Lacey, Lily and Meagan for earning the most beach team points across the school.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple, Headteacher



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St. Mary's Church

At the time of going to press we have no idea whether the Christmas services will go ahead, but hope and pray that they will. All being well, there will be a Carol Service on the 20th December at 5.00 p.m. with the usual readings and live music from Paul on the organ plus recordings of carols made by members of the choir.

On Christmas Eve we hope to hold a Crib Service at 4.00 pm as well as the 11.30 pm service of Holy Communion. In all probability numbers will have to be limited to comply with social distancing. A leaflet will be delivered around the village with full details of all the Christmas services once the current lockdown is lifted and the revised restrictions have been announced.

Brighter news is that there are now new floodlights to replace the ones that failed last year through old age. If you would like to light up the church to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one over the Christmas period please contact Freddie Spicer (fandspicer@gmail.com or 01308 482617) to arrange dates and provide a donation of £5 per night.

In Remembrance

Due to lockdown we were unable to involve ourselves in traditional events and services in the lead-up to Remembrance Day. Headteacher at Thorner's, Mike Sitch, however, came up with a splendid idea that involved the school children, local residents both in Litton and the surrounding villages in an act of remembrance. A candle or a light was placed by the front door or in the window of participating residents at 6 pm on Wednesday 11th November (Remembrance Day) – by such an act, the sacrifice of many over past decades was remembered.

Thank you to all who got involved including villages and residents throughout the Bride Valley and thank you, Mike, for the inspirational idea. On both Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day itself St Mary's church was floodlit and the Union Jack flew from the church tower from Sunday 8th through Wednesday 11th November.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 when the level of parish precept will be decided for 2021/22. Please join us and become involved with the workings of your council. At this point we assume the meeting will be via Zoom and full details of how to join the meeting will be given on the agenda.

After giving several years of valiant service Kathryn Brooks has stood down as a parish councillor. In her time on the council, and as part of her brief, Kathryn ensured the council accepted and adhered to the myriad of rules and regulations that these days govern the current workings of smaller councils, and then took on the planning brief which inevitably is the most active area of the council's responsibilities. We thank Kathryn for her wisdom, diligence and hard work during the course of carrying out her duties – she will be much missed and we wish her well in life beyond the Parish Council. We will shortly be seeking a replacement for Kathryn via the usual process.

We welcome to the Parish Council, Diana Maston, who has recently been co-opted to fill a long-standing vacancy. Diana has lived in the village for a fair number of years, knows the lie of the land and is looking forward with considerable enthusiasm to playing a more proactive role in the life of Litton Cheney.

30 MPH Speed Limit – Progress Report

Litton Cheney Parish Council has pressed a case for introducing a 30 mph speed limit for the village. Thorner's school, which serves our surrounding area, supports the proposal and encourages parents in the village to let children walk and cycle to the school. Numbers of children in the village have increased substantially in recent years, as have traffic volumes and speeds, causing concern both to parents and also to elderly residents. The Council therefore welcomes the news that Dorset Council have now included this request in their programme for 2020-2021 and the Traffic Regulation team will be starting the consultation and legal processes during this financial year.

New Turnstiles at The Rocks

You will surely have seen that new turnstiles and gates have been installed at the top and bottom of The Rocks footpath. You will no doubt also appreciate the incredible artisanal skills that have been applied to their construction. That is down to Russell Randall and son Steve. Our grateful thanks to Russell and Steve, also to Philip Dyke for the design and The Litton Cheney Trust who have made a generous grant to cover the cost of this important

piece of village heritage.

Telephone Kiosk has now been adopted

At a cost of £1 the Parish Council have now approved the adoption of the village telephone kiosk. At some point in the near future BT will remove the telephony equipment. In the meantime we will begin to review the various ideas and schemes that have been put forward by local residents and start to put the selected use into place once the telephony kit has been removed.

Covid – Assistance is Available – You have only to say

Nowhere has it been more apparent that a tremendous community spirit exists in the Bride Valley than during Covid-19. Local residents requiring any form of assistance have been instantly attended to by willing neighbours, and other residents who perhaps up until that moment had been strangers.

We know that willingness to help continues to this day, and it may well be required as we head into winter, so the message to everyone is quite simply – **if you need assistance, you have only to say**. You can do that via the village website, village FB page or by calling one of the numbers on the PC letter found on notice boards and website or by contacting a neighbour.

Christmas 2020

What does Christmas hold for us this year – who knows? We would sincerely hope that we do get to spend some time with our family and friends. You can keep up to date with what is happening, or indeed not happening, by checking the village website, Litton Cheney Observer FB page or phone a friend.

Sadly there will be no carol singing around the village this year, but we can expect to find the village Christmas tree “planted” at The Triangle in the lead up to Christmas and there will undoubtedly be several village residents decorating their houses in the traditional way. Please find time to check that those who live nearby are okay, and have all that they need during this period and beyond – see **Covid** above.

The Parish Council wishes everyone in Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley a Happy Christmas and a vaccine available 2021!

Census 2021

There will be a National Census held on Sunday 21st March 2021, more details for which will be made available over the coming months.



Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall - LATCH



The second lockdown brought with it a number of cancellations, and at this point we do not know what restrictions will be with us in December but we remain hopeful the community hall can be put to good use during December and into 2021.

The Wednesday evening Yoga class has been cancelled and will hopefully start again in the new year. Table tennis on a Wednesday at 4.00 pm may start up again in December depending on how and when restrictions are lifted.

We look forward optimistically to 2021 with the hope that our usual range of classes and social events will be able to resume at some point.

It's Curtains for the Hall

The four sets of large curtains in the main hall at LATCH, have been taken down and re-lined by Madeleine Hickling. It was a mammoth job, yet accomplished within the space of ten days. Thank you, Madeleine – another example of community spirit without reward – there's a lot of it about thankfully!

Ali Halliday – Plantswoman on behalf of Weldmar Hospicecare.

In May of this year Ali decided to fund raise for Weldmar by selling plants she had planted and cultivated herself. To date she has raised over £1500, and Ali provides a continual supply of plants for sale outside her house in Barges Close. Thank you, Ali, for your magnificent effort on behalf of Weldmar – we are extremely proud of you for your efforts on behalf of others far less fortunate.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Best Christmas Wishes to everyone, and let us hope that 2021 is a much more social year!



The ducks are certainly looking forward to a dash down the stream, with a visit to The White Horse at the end!



Keep healthy and safe. The Social Committee.



**Bride Valley Films
at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.**



We have decided to delay any new film dates until 2021; hopefully we may be able to resume then. At such time we will try to ascertain whether everyone has seen all available films during lockdown etc. so we can confirm titles. That's all folks! - for now.

You Are Always Welcome at The White Horse

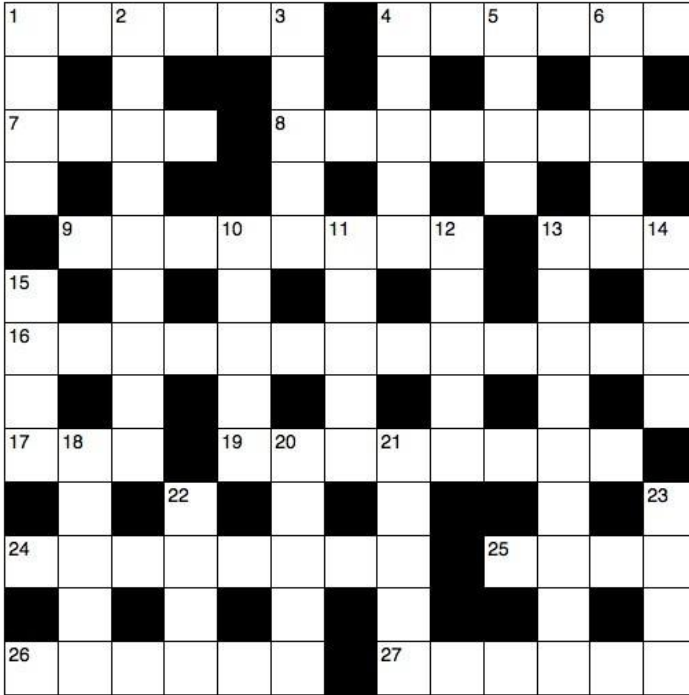


So here we are in lockdown again and at the time of writing we should be able to open early December. But who knows? Will we be open for Christmas? And if so, what will that look like? We can't imagine we will be able to do the Christmas parties we did last year, or that the bar can be as packed as it was last year on Christmas Day, but all being well, we will be doing a Christmas Roast on Sunday 20th and Cottage Pie Night on Christmas Eve - our chance to thank **YOU** for your support during the year.

But we do know one thing; as with all of 2020 we will keep adapting, doing what we can to be here for you and to keep you safe. It's been a tough year for everyone but most of us have survived. Huge love to anyone who has been ill themselves or lost someone, in fact to everyone.

Have the best Christmas you can, and we can only hope for a better 2021 for everyone.

Andy and Liz xxx



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

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- 1. Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

December 2020 Floodlight Sponsorship

Hopefully, by the time this is in print, the country will be back to some normality. We can then look forward to celebrating Christmas and around the village, the Christmas trees and windows will be adorned with twinkling fairy lights. The floodlights of St Martin's will, whatever happens, be shining brightly and lighting up the sky throughout December, thanks to our most generous sponsors.

Our sponsors this month are:

Kate Kent for Ferne Hobby's birthday on 13th

Ann Jones in memory of her dear mother in law on her birthday on 6th and to celebrate her daughter in law's 35th birthday on 19th.

Tracey & Dave for Aubrey, Joan & Alf.

Jane & Tony, thinking of Edi.

John & Diane remembering their best man, John English.

Yvette & David thanking the Lord for the safe arrival of their grandson Rowan Peter David and the excellent care he received in the following week.

Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory of their daughter Beverley.

Hilary & Richard for Hilary's New Year's Eve birthday.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy new year.
Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Should you wish to sponsor the floodlights for any of the months ahead, a suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are passing push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

(Please check the cut-off date on the inside page of the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.)

Seasonal Music in St Martin's

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th December – seasonal musical event to take place in church
with Anya (Mezzo) and Olli (Tenor).

Carol Service: Sunday 20th December at 5 00 p.m.

(Subject to covid regulations prevailing at the time. Keep an eye on the Notice Boards and the Village Facebook Page.)

Extracts from the Minutes of APCM St Martin's, Shipton Gorge, which took place at 4:30 pm on 25/10/2020

Present: The Rector, Janet Lane, James Webster, Kate Kent, Cathryn Johnson, Paul Thimont, Hugh King.

- There was no applicant to be church warden.
- The treasurer's report highlighted the dominant effect on the diocesan share – which amounts to about 2/3 of our income. It was agreed that we should review this and understand better how our share is calculated and how it compares with that of other churches
- Cathryn Johnson is taking part in the lay ministry training programme.
- Janet Lane wishes to stand down from the PCC. James Webster remains a member (ex officio). Paul Thimont, Sheena Hall and Hugh King were re-elected.
- Faculties and planned works: noted the new sign board in preparation.
- The rector outlined plans for breakfast meetings to be held in the village hall. It is hoped these will involve families and children. Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Puncknowle and Shipton appear to be the churches in the valley most suited to this type of service. The Wedding Festival of February 2020 was a success and it was

extremely unfortunate that several weddings could not take place because of the covid restrictions.

- Thanks were extended to all those who help the church in a variety of ways

Date of next PCC meeting: not fixed, but expected to be in late January 2021

SG 100 CLUB November draw results

1st £25 No 74 Weston Colbourne
2nd £10 No 30 Doris Benselin
3rd £5 No 10 Dick and Barbara West

Congratulations to all the winners. *Graham Garner*

From the Editor

Shipton Gorge

The Bride Valley News needs a new Village Correspondent for Shipton Gorge. Barbara Chambers, who is the present correspondent is soon about to leave the village so we are looking for someone to take on this job.

Job description: Ability to collate various pieces of village news into a format that can be read by the editor and inserted into the BVN as a Word document .

Salary: None!!!! Sorry!!

Hours of work: Once a month, probably an hour or two depending on how many people need to be reminded!!

Qualifications: Basic computer knowledge and access to a broadband connection and a laptop/ipad or other such device.

Training: Barbara is happy to pass on her knowledge/advice to anyone interested.

For more information please contact Barbara, either by phone or email—both details at top of Shipton Gorge page.

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Even allowing for the strange circumstances overall, what a wonderful Autumn it has been in various ways. Those who enjoy making – or eating – blackberry & apple tarts, pies or crumbles have had an absolute abundance of the ingredients this year, and the autumn colours of the trees around us have been exceptional as well. While we are conscious that others are not so fortunate, especially during lockdown, we can reflect again on the good fortune of those who can experience such things in the countryside, and in our own Bride Valley in particular.

As I write, we are in the second lockdown period, but this did not prevent a socially distanced gathering at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, when seventeen people from Longbredy as well as Littlebredy met to commemorate the World War I fallen of both villages, as well as two more recent servicemen killed in Aden and Afghanistan respectively. There could be no “service” as such, but the essentials of “They shall not grow old..”, the reading of the names, the two minutes’ silence and the Kohima Epitaph were all observed in appropriate brief but moving solemnity.

The Christmas season is approaching, but it cannot yet be foreseen what form it will take. Assuming lockdown is lifted as originally envisaged, Church services may be able to resume, and if so we are due an 11.00 Holy Communion Service on Christmas Day, subject to the restrictions on the congregation which have been observed hitherto. It has to be assumed that those restrictions will have put paid to anything approaching a “normal” carol service, which it is the turn of our Longbredy neighbours to host this year anyway, but if anything changes in the meanwhile, a way will be found to publicise it.

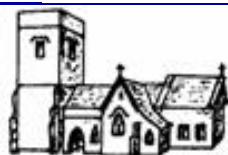
Far from normal, perhaps, but it is to be hoped that all readers will enjoy a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year, with we hope the promise of much better and safer things ahead.

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

October 2020 Draw

£30.00 no 14 S. Horsley

£15.00 no 112 D. Andrews

£5.00 no 131 R. Adams

Drawn on 27/10/2020 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave and Ruthwhile social distancing.

The Bells of St Peter's Church

Sadly, we have been unable to ring the five bells of St Peter's Church together since March, due to the pandemic. The size of the ringing chamber and position of the bell ropes make it very difficult to adhere to the current regulations for safe ringing in towers. Most important though, we have still been able to toll a bell to pay our respects to those villagers who have departed this life and been buried in the churchyard.

To ensure we can still call you to the church services safely and without compromising personal safety, we have made changes to the treble bell. With the help of Dave Cullingford and his carpentry skills we can now chime the treble bell from the ground floor. Thanks must go to Dave and to Colin Dyer who has kindly taken on the responsibility of chiming the bell for Sunday services.

The bellringers of Burton Bradstock have very kindly donated four bell ropes to us and now the lovely red, white and blue striped sallies have been up-cycled into draught excluders. We have found that not only do they stop the draughts brilliantly they are also multifunctional. For a conversation piece just have one hanging down on a wall in your house; it looks most attractive! If you would like a little piece of history from St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, to treat yourself or give as a Christmas present, do contact me. The sallies cost £20 each and all proceeds go towards the upkeep of the bells of St Peter's Church, Long Bredy.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our fellows bellringers in the Valley and beyond a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we trust it will not be too long before the full peals in our churches ring out again!

Please contact Gwen on 01308 482270 or aking44634@aol.com or message me on the Long Bredy website.

LONG BREDY COMMUNITY NETWORK Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Just to remind everyone that the Community Network is for the use of everyone in Long Bredy and the surrounding area and will be kept going for the foreseeable future.

We have been asked to organise help for many things and given information on many subjects so please do contact us if you need to. Sometimes it is just good to have a chat to someone and that is fine. Please be assured that the information we hold for helpers is confidential and although requests for help are sent out on the network email and Facebook, the name of the person requesting the help is not.

If you are not on our list but would like to help please do let us know. Also if you know of someone who needs help and may not like to ask, please let us know.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021 and to say thank you to all for making this such a lovely, caring village to live in.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, 11th November, the headmaster of Thorners School sent each child home with a small candle to light and put in a jam jar outside their front door at 6pm that evening.

We thought this would be a lovely idea to share through the network as we could not get together due to lockdown but we could show our community spirit and commemorate Armistice.

Many villagers joined in with this idea and walking through the village on a damp and windy night, it was lovely to see candles burning in windows.

These lights reminded us of all those who gave their lives for us in the wars this country has fought and also of those who have been badly injured both mentally and physically fighting for our country.

The tenor bell was tolled both for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. Each time, the bell was tolled at 10.55am 102 times for the number of years since the end of World War 1. 'We will remember them'.

We are fighting a war now, very much like the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 (Spanish Flu) which killed more people than World War I did, but we will win eventually.

St Peter's Church is open and if you are out for a walk call into the church and see the two plaques on the wall. The upper plaque commemorates the seven men from Long Bredy who died in World War I. This includes Julian Gribble who won a VC for his stand on Hermes Ridge. He later died of Spanish Flu in a German hospital. His parents owned Kingston Russell House and they built the village hall for the villagers in memory of their son. The second plaque gives thankful remembrance for the twenty men who came home safely from World War 11.

Scam calls or Emails

Just to make you aware that scam telephone calls and emails are getting more and more common. In the previous lockdown scammers increased their activities and no doubt they will take advantage of the situation now. Scams vary from banks, Inland Revenue and countless other organisations including bogus policemen. They can sound or look genuine so do be on your guard. If you should have one you are concerned about or you fall for one, please do not be embarrassed, report it to the police or speak to someone else to help you.

Christmas in Longbredy . Advent Windows/ doors / gardens

It has been suggested by Rev. Jane that each village might like to celebrate Christmas by being an Advent Calendar. Everyone is welcome to decorate a window / door / garden. You will be given a date on which to display your decoration when you go 'live'. You can decorate beforehand then add your date on the appropriate day.

It's **not** a competition and it can be non - religious and very simple. **From 5 - 6 pm on Christmas Eve** we would ask for your decoration to be 'lit ' and people are welcome to walk around the village to view the decorations and end at the Church, where there may or not be refreshments (depending on Guide lines).

We hope to have a simple guide to show where the decorations are.

You may do more than one date if you wish .We do not know if there will be Church services at Christmas, so this might be a lovely community thing to do .People might like to make lanterns to carry when they walk around the village on the 24th. Chinese lanterns are very easy and can be decorated with battery lights (no naked flames).

Please contact Jackie if you wish to have more information or wish to take part.

Carol Service

It is our turn to host the joint carol service with Littlebredy this year on Sunday 20th December at 10.00 am .

As in previous years we are planning a live Nativity with a holy family / donkeys / sheep etc. but at the moment we do not know if this will be possible . We assume there will be no singing, but we may be able to listen to the Organ and passages from the Christmas story.

Again possibly refreshmentsbut we will await Government guide lines . Please look at the village notice board / Facebook / website for up to date information.

In memory of Bill Salisbury

On the 3rd April 2020 Bill Salisbury died, aged 95 years. Bill lived most of his life at Long Bredy. Long Bredy Farm was purchased by his Grandfather in 1913 and farmed by Bill and his father, Bert. (Bill first worked on Bob Foot's farm in the centre of the village.) Bill was born in Long Bredy and, as a child, lived next to the village hall and had a long association with the hall. He was Master of Ceremonies and, with wife Jean, loved being part of the regular Whist Drives and all events that were a part of village life.

For many years Bill was Church Warden and a regular parishioner of St Peter's church. His 3 children all grew up in the village and his son farmed too. Bill and Jean retired to Dorchester in 1993 but still had connections with Long Bredy through friends made over the years.

In Bill's memory, the family would like to make it known that there is a Donations page in aid of the Hall on Grassby's Funeral website (www.grassby-funeral.co.uk) 'Donate' William Salisbury, or through Andrew Bailey, Chairman of the Long Bredy Village Hall, which will be open until January 2021 – if anyone would like to donate. Thank you.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

Following the latest Government lock down restriction orders, the Hall closed to all users on 3rd November until we receive amended guidance. Currently this will be 2nd December at the earliest. As soon as we are able, the Hall will re-open as we now know what the situation requires to operate safely and have the appropriate measures and equipment in place.

Needless to say the Hall finances are suffering during the restrictions, rental income is dramatically down and fund raising, apart from the 200 club, is non-existent. The loss of income from the annual Fayre is a particularly hard blow and we will all miss the Christmas Quiz. We have benefitted from a "one off" Government grant, which will compensate this year and our finances were sound to start with, so our future is not at risk, but we may have to downgrade investment plans if the situation continues well into next year.

Should you wish to use the Hall, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until some time in 2021, keep looking in the BVN for updated information.

We hope to start with the films we planned to show this year.

Coffee Mornings

The Village Hall Trust successfully held its first Covid-19 secure coffee morning for Village residents in October. It ran smoothly and all who attended seemed to feel safe.

November's has been cancelled due to the latest restrictions, but if the situation allows it, the next one will run on Wed 9th Dec from 10:00 to 12:00.

For more information look for posters that will have been put up around the Village. The Hall currently has the equipment to sanitise and check temperatures on entry and clean all equipment to be used (the new coffee tables are plastic topped for ease of cleaning). There will be table only service by volunteers, control of numbers in the Hall, no moving around the Hall and face coverings to be worn except when eating or drinking for it to be able to proceed. The Trust is keen to give Villagers the opportunity to attend if they feel it appropriate to do so.

For those with the Covid-19 app on their phone, the QR code for the Hall is displayed in several locations.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" November 2020 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£35.60	No 92:	Mr Chris Pearson
2nd	£17.80	No 147:	Mrs Elaine Cain
3rd	£8.90	No 9:	Mr Simon Hickie

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the Nov 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £1 – 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

Your committee has reluctantly decided to cancel all further talks for the rest of this season. This includes those speakers we had engaged from **January to April 2021**. Continuing restrictions on public gatherings due to Covid together with the additional worries associated with winter flu have unfortunately forced our hand. We aim to reboot our speaker season from **September 2021**.

On a brighter note, once restrictions on gathering together have been lifted, the **Village Society** is planning to host some kind of celebration in the Village Hall. This is unlikely to be before **late Spring/early Summer** next year, but perhaps it is something we can all look forward to in these gloomy times. Any ideas as to how we might celebrate would be gratefully received!

Burton Bradstock Supper Club

Because of lockdown, sadly the supper club has to cancel the **30th November evening at the golf club**. We will hopefully be able to book a date for **January 2021** and will get in touch as usual, once this is confirmed.

In the meantime, Mags and Hazel wish you a very Happy Christmas in these difficult times, keep well and keep safe.

Any queries please telephone 01308 897894

The Childrens' Society

A big thank you to all those who have returned their boxes or counted their own money and left it here in an envelope. To those who still wish to donate, the deadline is the end of November when I will have to pay the total in. If, for one reason or another, you would prefer to keep your boxes until next year, that is fine, but it would be helpful if you could let me know as it will help me to know where I am. allegra@talktalk.net is my e-mail address.

Thank you once again and I wish you all a joyous Christmas.

Allegra Martin
The Old Coach House, Shipton Lane.
898108

Pumpkin Competition

On Saturday the 24th of October in wind and rain we judged the Allotment Pumpkin Competition. There were eight entries to judge out of sixteen who originally took plants to grow. Some were eaten by slugs or other pests, some never grew very big and were taken home to be eaten.

We measured the pumpkins instead of weighing them as this seemed an easier option due to lack of scales !!

The end result was:

1st	Chris Griffith Hardman.	53 / 51	Inches
2nd	Sue Brown.	43 / 42	:
3 rd	Jan Oflaz.	41 / 34.	:

Well done to the winners and to everyone who entered. Better luck next year. Sandy



1st prize, Chris Griffith Hardman



2nd prize, Sue Brown



3rd prize, Jan Oflaz

By the time you read this we shall, hopefully, have finished our second lockdown, which I hope everyone has found easier than the first and has also managed to stay safe and well throughout! Maybe you have sorted out those cupboards yet again or continued to tidy up the garden in between taking your daily bout of exercise. Maybe it has been a good time to do all those Christmas preparations that usually get left to the last minute and hopefully we are all organised ahead of time for once?

It is a shame that all our usual WI Christmas events have not been able to take place this year. We were due to have a Christmas-themed talk in November, a Christmas party this month as well as our annual Christmas meal at the Bridport Golf Club and a Christmas coffee morning and bazaar. We have certainly missed all of these activities, especially the important social side of them.

On the other hand..... our very own WI recipe books are nearly ready! They just need to be tweaked a little and then it will be full steam ahead!! If anyone would like to buy a copy just give me a ring on the number below, although WI members need not worry about doing so as they will be contacted separately. There are 100 amazing recipes in this book, all tried and tested so it will make an ideal Christmas present too.

As for the Commemorative bench..... I won't go into the full story but after many trials, tribulations and disappointments concerning positioning, the prohibitive cost of a secure installation, insurance cover etc., it seems that we have now found a suitable resting place for it in the corner of the play area just behind the new swings, where there is currently a gap. We are just awaiting the final approval from the Parish Council and that will be another achievement for this year. So, we may not have had many meetings but have still been working hard in the background nevertheless. We shall certainly make up for lost time with our social events as soon as this is all over!! Let's hope that the second lockdown has helped and that the rules can be relaxed a little so at least we can all have a well-deserved celebration at Christmas with as many members of our family as possible. Have a very, very Happy Christmas!!

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (Fbbl)

During the second National Lockdown, Libraries are continuing to offer on-line services to manage your account, make reservations and access e-resources. As detailed below, Burton Bradstock Community Library will be offering a facility for you to collect ordered items from the library porch on Wednesdays and Saturdays, but there will be no access to the library itself.

Please order your reading material for Christmas as early as possible. Some Libraries within Libraries West have been unable to re-open, so where possible, to avoid disappointment, please order copies which are available from Dorset Libraries. If you are unable to access the on-line catalogue, or need help ordering from the catalogue, please call Keith on (01308) 898008 or Rose (01308) 898049.

Looking forward, when the National Lockdown restrictions are lifted, we are planning to resume **OPENING** the Library to browse on Wednesday mornings, and to pick up pre-ordered items on Saturday afternoon.

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library:

During National Lockdown:

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and drop off books

Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30pm

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm


After National Lockdown:

The Library will be **OPEN** to browse and take out books, jigsaws, DVDs and obtain photocopying on **Wednesdays from 9.30am-12.30pm**

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and drop off books **ONLY** on Saturdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm .

The library will be closed over Christmas and New Year from **21st December, re-opening 6th January 2021**

Contact information:

Email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

web: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

For our volunteer's safety the letterbox at the library is closed, please address any correspondence
c/o Vine House, Shadrack, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QF

Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas cards are £1 each available to order by telephone from Sandy on 01308 898358, at Vine House, Shadrack (opposite the Anchor Inn) or at the Library either by email or during opening hours.

Please leave your contact details so we can arrange for collection/delivery. Payment can be made by cheque payable to "Friends of Burton Bradstock Library" or by payment of the correct money (no change can be given). The cards are also for sale at the Village Post Office & Farm Shop.

This year, there will be a draw of 'Friends of Burton Bradstock Library Membership 2020/21' numbers to win the beautiful painting which James Webster has donated to produce the Library Christmas Card. The draw for the picture will take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 16th December.

If you are an existing member but have mislaid the 'Friends' membership renewal form that was delivered to you, or, if you have not been a member in the past but would like to join and take advantage of being included in the Painting draw, a membership form may be downloaded from the Library website or picked up during opening hours.

To have your Membership Number entered in the draw, you must have subscribed for membership no later than Saturday 12th December.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancies on the Council

There are 2 vacancies on the Council. The PC meets on the first Weds of every month except August, currently via zoom. New Councillors would be welcomed to help promote the community projects that the Parish Council supports. Please contact the Clerk for further information or sign in at the next meeting.

Parish Plan consultation extension

The Parish Council are extending the consultation period for the Parish Plan to the end of January 2021. Have a look at the draft Parish Plan and provide comments on the PC website: burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/

Corncrake Consultation

The Parish Council are consulting on the draft Corncrake Management plan. This can be found on the PC website, also, a grazing licence for Corncrake as part of the plan and seeking a grazier with meadow management.

Property Maintenance

A specification has been agreed for redecorating the outside of the Reading Room, Post Office and repainting the Phone box,

Play Area Project

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the play area project from the initial stages of the project through to the design and most importantly the funding. The Play Area is now complete and open for use.

Your issues

If you would like to attend or raise issues of community concern at a future Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 2nd December 2020- 7.30pm via Zoom. Unless the guidance changes the PC will continue with Zoom meetings, see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All information and supporting documents for meetings is 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.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:
theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org
<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

Friends of The Post Office Farm Shop

Thank you to all who are supporting our local Post Office Farm Shop!

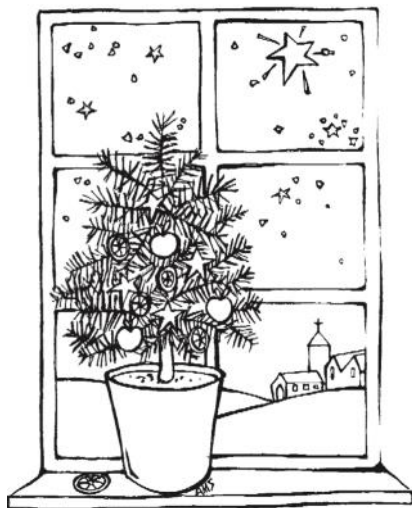
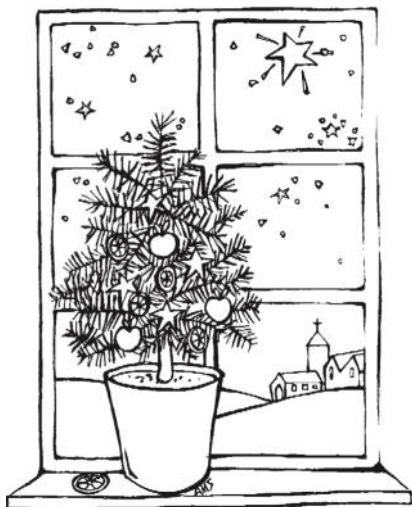
Many of us have continued to receive our weekly food box deliveries, a service much valued (to join in, phone 897243 on Monday, delivery Thursday - minimum £10.) It is proving particularly helpful in Lock-down.

Christmas Cards and Christmas stamps are of course available - details on the website at <http://maydownfarmshop.com/>

Gill, Pete and Laura are now taking orders for Christmas hampers, saving us from hunting for Christmas presents - they wrap and dispatch them and it's done, hey presto...

Thank you to all residents who are supporting the Post Office Farm Shop

John Grantham on behalf of the Friends of The Post Office Farm Shop





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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR SERVICES IN CHURCH

First Sunday	Holy Communion	9.30am
Second Sunday	Evening Prayer	5pm
Third Sunday	All Age Holy Communion	11.30am
Fourth Sunday	Family Service	9.30am

The Church is kept closed all week to ensure that it is completely clear of any contamination by casual visitors.
All are very welcome though you will be asked to observe social distancing and to wear a facial covering.

**PUNCKNOWLE PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT
-INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY**

Tenders are invited for the contract to maintain the grassed areas of Puncknowle Playing Field. The contract will run for 3 years commencing 1 April 2021.

Puncknowle Playing Field was established in 1987 at the bottom of Clay Lane, Puncknowle, and is owned and operated by Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council. Full details of the contract responsibilities and administration can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Please submit your tender in writing by **11th January 2021** to:

The Clerk,
Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council
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The Crown Inn – There for the village and proudly supporting Puncknowle through lock-down with scrumptious take-away food.

Lyn and Paul are looking forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon.

Opening Times Sunday to Thursday 12 noon to 9pm
 Friday to Saturday 12 noon to 10pm

Food Sunday 12 noon to 6pm
 Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 8pm

The Christmas menu will be available throughout December. Bookings can be taken.

We will be open on Christmas day for drinks only. (Providing Boris allows us!)

Welcome to Swyre

We extend a warm welcome to Linda, Kate and their family at Green Barton.

Hoping that there will be many happy years ahead in the village.

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Stay better connected during lockdown with Dorset's Digital Hotline

A team of dedicated volunteers is on hand to help hundreds of Dorset residents stay connected during lockdown.

Dorset Council's Digital Champions, who used to hold regular surgeries in libraries, have continued offering their expertise throughout the Coronavirus crisis via the Digital Hotline.

Now with another lockdown underway and winter just around the corner, the Digital Champions are again urging people to contact them if they need help getting online.

From setting up Zoom meetings to FaceTiming friends and family on their smartphones, the Champions are there to assist with any digital enquiry.

Dorset Council's deputy leader, Cllr Peter Wharf, said: "One of the most important things that helped get us through the last lockdown was the ability to digitally stay in touch with our loved ones.

"Our digital world also enabled people to work from home, helped businesses stay alive and allowed children to keep up with their education.

"Technology can make a huge difference to people's lives and help them feel less isolated.

"We would urge anyone who needs help with any aspect of digital technology to call our hotline and benefit from the expertise of our wonderful Digital Champions."

Since the Digital Hotline was launched in March, more than 450 people have called in for assistance.

Enquiries have ranged from ordering groceries online to setting up virtual Tai Chi sessions and accessing NHS website services to solving more technical problems with a laptop.

Digital Champion, Andy Penney, said: "We would urge people to call us with whatever digital issue they may have, however big or small the problem may seem.

“A lockdown during the winter is likely to be a particularly difficult period for many people but technology can really help by keeping everyone better connected while making life easier.”

Fellow Champion, Mike Watson, added: “Our aim is to help people get over any hurdle that might be preventing them from enjoying and making the most of digital technology.

“Wherever you are in Dorset we are here, ready and waiting to help with any technical enquiry you may have.”

Anyone can call the Dorset Digital Hotline with a digital question on 01305 221048 weekdays from 10am to 12noon.

When calling outside those times people can leave a message and a Digital Champion will get back to them.

In line with Government regulations, Dorset Council’s libraries and Tourist Information Centres (TICs) across the county have now closed until Wednesday 2 December.



Royal Voluntary Service Knitted Teddy Bears’ Picnic

During lockdown when all home visiting services were suspended our Home Library Service volunteers kept in touch with their clients on the phone, which has been much appreciated particularly by those who live alone and don’t have family and friends nearby. And to keep everybody engaged and busy we came up with the idea of a Knitted Teddy Bears’ Picnic, calling on all crafters stuck at home during lockdown and beyond to help us by making bears, picnic food and blankets – no limit to the imagination! We advertised this county wide in March, and we now have handcrafted items flooding in from the whole area and beyond.

We have been kindly invited by Cards for Good Causes in Dorchester to display some of our creations in their temporary shop in Antelope Walk

(the former Tourist Information Centre). Our teddies are sitting there happily, enjoying their picnic and the attention they are getting from all the customers in the shop. And of course people are able to buy them and take them home – all proceeds and donations will support the work of Royal Voluntary Service in Dorset.

Sadly due to the second lockdown the shop is now closed until 2nd December, but we are hoping that many people will read this, and come and see our teddies when the shops reopen!

If anybody in the community has made bears or other items for us and kindly held on to them until now, can they please get in touch with us on 01305 236666 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk to let us know and we will arrange to pick them up!

Royal Voluntary Service is a charity supporting our communities in a variety of ways. Our local office is in High West Street Dorchester, and our main service in Dorset and BCP is the Home Library Service which we deliver in partnership with the Library Services. It is available for free to anybody who finds it difficult to get to their local library, providing them not only with a 3 weekly delivery of individually chosen books and/or talking books, but also a regular visit by a trusted volunteer and a much needed social contact.

The Home Library Service was suspended in March due to the Coronavirus situation, but we are now active again offering a Doorstep Delivery service of books: strictly non-contact and following all safety guidance. Books are chosen and made ready at the library and are delivered to our readers' doorsteps by our volunteers who are currently not able to enter the house – but the return of our book deliveries has been very much welcomed by our readers and by our volunteers, who love to have their reading materials back as well as having a chat with their volunteers, even if it has to be at a distance!

For any information regarding the Knitted Teddy Bears' Picnic or the Home Library Service/Doorstep Delivery Service please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager, on 01305 236666 or maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.



SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2020

Please note that these services may change if the current government restrictions regarding Covid continue through December



	1st Sunday 6 December Advent 1	2nd Sunday 13 December Advent 2	3rd Sunday 20 December Advent 3	Christmas Eve 24 December	Christmas Day 25 December	4th Sunday 27 December
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 6.30 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service	11.00 Christmas Communion	11.00 United Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	5.00 Carol Service		9.30 Christmas Communion	
Swyre	3.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30pm Early Christmas Communion		
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service	11.00 All age Holy Communion		11.00 Christmas Communion	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion		
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		10.00 Live Nativity		11.00 Christmas Communion	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion			11.00 Christmas Communion	