

Christmas Services in the Bride Valley Churches

Carol Services

11th December

Puncknowle 5pm

18th December

Long Bredy 9:30am (including live Nativity)
Shipton Gorge 6pm
Litton Cheney 6pm
Burton Bradstock 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

Burton Bradstock

4pm

Crib Service

Litton Cheney

4pm

Crib Service

Swyre

9:30pm

Early Christmas Communion

Litton Cheney

11:30pm

Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

Shipton Gorge

9:30am

Family Communion

Burton Bradstock

10:30am

Family Service

Littlebredy

11am

Family Communion

Puncknowle

11am

Family Communion



⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



**We wish all our friends & neighbours
A Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023**

Geoff & Sandy Adderley

Alan, Rosemary & Ruby

Roger & Linda Ashman

Andrew & Eve Bailey

Chrissie & Andrew Bailey

Howard & Linda Bongers

Pat & Peter Broomhead

David & Yvonne Buckland

Veda Bull

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Judy Clarke

Mary and Bill Turnill

Elaine Colbert

Anne Combe

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Val & Richard Ferre

Sandra and John March

Geoffrey Fry

Gary and Sarah Tabner

Margaret Harding

Sue and Bryan Brown

Tom Holmes and Pauline Mackie

Ian & Mary Ibbotson

Rob & Rebecca Bryan

Cilla & Trevor Jones

Bob Ponchaud and Sue Haines

Malcolm & Christine Lawrence

Sheila & Geoffrey Spencer-Smith

David and Ethna Jenkins

Bob & Christine Hynds

Richard, Claire & the girls @ Norburton Hall

Elaine @ Lerrett Cottage

Helen, Andrew, Isobel and

Flora Fry

Jenny & Tony Malyon

Hilary Mousley

Liz Orza

Susan Paul

Mags and Chue

Julian & Irene Piper

All at the Post Office

Michael Read

Anne Rees

Colin & Myra Gardiner

Ryder, Heather & Aaron

Roy & Gill Perkins

David & Yvette Smith

Tony & Irene Smith

Anne Southgate

Tim & Sue Linford

Jane & Eric Stubbs

Susan & David @ The Stable

Chris & Gaye Sundt

Elaine Tame

Janet & Steve Tolputt

Peter & Pauline Tompkins

Clare Viney

Graham and Steph Skinner

Helen & John Sinclair

Ian & Elizabeth Wigglesworth

Catherine & Philip Williams

Tony & Mo Williams

David & Pauline Woodford

Keith & Pat Lewis Badgett

John & Christine Lewis

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www.longbredy.org.uk

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

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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 £2.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

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
on **07393 607025 (note new number)**

between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



FROM THE RECTORY

Putting “Christ” back into “Christmas”

This phrase was so overused in my youth that I think we all lost touch with any sense of what it means – lately it seems to have been reduced to making sure your chocolate advent calendar has a picture of the nativity on it.

Should we bring back this catchy phrase, perhaps reinvented a little?

“Putting Christ back into Christmas” surely means connecting how we celebrate with why we celebrate. This of course means finding ways to tell the Christmas story afresh for this time and for new generations, but to me it means much more than that as well. It means celebrating in a way that is in keeping with our vocation as Christians to care for the world we live in and all the people in it, and our calling to live simply and with self-control.

Even those of us who are usually striving to live lives that are environmentally friendly, generous and ethical can find ourselves tempted to abandon these principles in the festive season, as we seek to make things special for ourselves and our loved ones with lots of presents, excessive food and drink, and glitzy decorations. But, does that really do justice to what we’re celebrating? A saviour born to a poor family who would become refugees ... a God who loved the world so much that he was born here to save it ...?

Perhaps a more Christ shaped Christmas means finding a way to celebrate it that isn’t at the expense of other people, or the earth. With that in mind here’s a few suggestions:

Reuse your Christmas decorations rather than buying new ones – especially plastic ones – plastic will be here for life not just for Christmas!

Buy organic and local if you can – to reduce the impact your food has on the environment and the species that live in it. Cook a little less meat, and a few more local vegetables.

Try to resist the urge to buy new clothes, especially if you’ll only wear them once or twice. The fashion industry is one of the biggest contributors to climate change and modern slavery!

Choose recyclable wrapping paper (the less shiny stuff, with no sparkly bits), and send less Christmas cards.

Look for palm-oil free mince pies!

Let's pledge together this December to be kind to the planet, give to the poor, cherish our loved ones, spend time with the lonely, embrace those who are grieving and pray for those we find it hard to get along with ... because that's where you'll really find Christ this Christmas.

An eco-friendly, ethical Christmas doesn't have to be more expensive! Simple can still be special. Consider one really thoughtful gift, rather than a shower of presents, or cooking only what you think might actually be eaten, rather than over-catering and wasting food.

If you're able to, please be generous to charities this Christmas. Many are having a hard time at this time of year, resources are needed to keep everyone safe, warm and able to rejoice.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

FROM THE REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

Burial of Ashes

Joyce Hyde – Burton Bradstock – 3rd November
Bernard Watts – Long Bredy – 26th November

Funeral

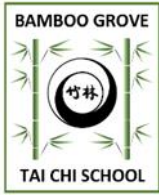
Mike Southgate – Burton Bradstock – 4th November
Arlo Randall – Shipton Gorge - 25th November

Bride Valley First Steps Play group.

At Litton Cheney Village Hall every Thursday 9.30 - 11 (term time only)
For babies and young children aged 0-4. £2.50 per session. (£1 per additional child)

Will include, messy play, soft play, baby sensory, workshops, music and movement and so much more.

No need to book just Come and get involved in some good old play!
@bridevalleyfirststeps



TAI CHI COMES TO LATCH

Bamboo Grove Tai Chi School will begin offering classes in Tai Chi and Qigong (Chinese breathing and stretching exercises) at LATCH from January. With us you will learn traditional tai chi and qigong for the modern world, for the most part accessible to people of all ages and levels of physical fitness.

What are Tai Chi and Qigong?

Tai Chi is a profound system of exercise and body-mind training ideal for helping people tackle many problems caused by modern life, such as sedentary, inactive lifestyles, endless "multitasking", chronic levels of stress, overuse of digital media and technology, and disconnection from nature. Originating as a martial art, it is now practised by the overwhelming majority of learners for health and well-being.

The qigong exercises that we teach can be considered as sequences of stretches, twists and stepping movements which, combined with specific breathing techniques, help to release tension as well as opening out, grounding and energising the body. They serve as a good preparation for beginning tai chi, but can also be practised on their own.

Our classes feature:

- traditional tai chi and qigong, deriving from authentic lineages;
- balanced and flexible training, whatever your aims;
- live, in-depth and time-efficient classes, supported by an increasing range of online material;
- a certified Advanced Instructor of the Tai Chi and Qigong Union of Great Britain and a highly experienced educator.

FREE ONLINE TASTER LESSON NOW AVAILABLE: PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

For more information, please see our website at www.bamboogrovetaichi.co.uk or contact Andrew at email bamboogtc@tutanota.com, mobile 07912 107950.



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



November Review

“The Haunting of Alma Fielding” by Kate Summerscale

Some of us were familiar with this author having read her previous best seller - “The Suspicions of Mr Whicher”. We had very mixed feelings about the story of Alma, a housewife from the fringes of suburban south London, the paranormal events in her home and the subsequent investigation by Hungarian exile Nandor Fodor.

This true story lay beneath a rich archive unearthed by Summerscale in Cambridge University Library. In the febrile years leading up to WW2 - Alma became a cause celebre with the red top tabloids of the day when poltergeist type phenomena were reported at Alma’s home. We needed to remind ourselves that mediums, seances and investigation of the paranormal were all quite popular in the period between the two world wars. We discussed various reasons as to why this might be - beyond it being a time when people were more gullible and impressionable. Fodor was already working for one of two rival “scientific” organisations in London both dedicated to researching and publishing the paranormal. He secured funding to investigate Alma and her home in order to try and understand - and provide evidence for - what was going on. Fodor began his mission believing Alma to be genuine but as his exhaustive investigation progressed he had to conclude that she was a fraud. Fodor had unmasked other fake mediums in the past so he was no stranger to the kind of ruses and trickery which could be used to dupe the general public. His methods were carefully documented with photographs, note taking, meticulous observations, intrusive body searches and even x-rays.

Summerscale relates the chronology of Fodor’s investigation in painstaking detail and several of us found this became tedious in its repetition. It was at this point that some of us gave up and went on to read other more appealing books! However those who persevered found the latter half of the book more interesting. Fodor was well aware of the work of Sigmund Freud and knew of his flight from Vienna to London where he continued to practise despite being terminally ill. Fodor contacted Freud and shared his theory that Alma had a deeply suppressed trauma in her past which was driving her behaviour and self projection as the conduit of communication with the spirit

world. To Fodor's surprise Freud studied the research documents and broadly agreed with Fodor's conclusions.

We felt this account was an odd mix of historical enquiry, an exploration of cultural and sociological factors from the pre WW2 era alongside genuine strands of psychological theory. Summerscale's epilogue follows up on what happened to the protagonists in the years which follow. Fodor travelled to New York where he trained as psychotherapist/analyst. Alma and her husband moved to Branscombe in East Devon where they lived in a self build prefab bungalow on the cliffs. She was known to have conducted seances in the local village hall! This book is typical of Summerscale's fascination with the "dark side" of human existence. Some of us felt that Alma was the victim of trauma. It became apparent during the investigation that two of her children had died. The book posed several unanswered questions. Was Alma exploiting a clever fiction of her own making? Did Fodor initially really believe her to be genuine and were his investigative methods ethical? How complicit were the other occupants of Alma's house? How do we explain the fascination with this case in the public imagination?

Liz Pinfield

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group

We meet every Tuesday afternoon in Burton Bradstock Village Hall between 1.45 and 4.45. We are a very friendly club that plays duplicate bridge. If you are fairly new to this wonderful game this would be ideal for you or, if you have played in the past and are a little 'rusty' again this is for you.

For information please phone Kathy 485626

Craft Group

On the 1st Thursday afternoon in each month a group meet in Puncknowle Village hall to try out different craft activities. It's a chance to get together and try out things you've never done before - making quilts for Project Linus—Christmas decorations—all ideas are welcome and tea and cake are part of the afternoon. Members of the group lead the activities but you can do your own thing and just join in the chat!!!

If you would like to join us just come along at 2pm on Thursday January 5th January—we would love to see you. More information???? 01308 482802



Bride Valley Gardening Club



Our last meeting for 2022 took the form of a quiz set by Sue Brown. While there was a clear winning team it took a tie-break question between 3 teams on the same lowest score to find the winners of the garden twine! We ended the evening with a chance to chat over wine, mulled apple and cheese/biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 20th 2023, will be published in the BVN next year.

Jobs to do during December and January

Now's the time to ensure everything is prepared for next spring; prevent pests and diseases accumulating by removing any remains of overwintering weeds, diseased material and old crops; continue winter digging, adding homemade compost or well-rotted manure; clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Clear leaves from the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpines as they are vulnerable to rot in prolonged damp conditions. Regularly check stored fruit and vegetables for signs of decay.

In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrot varieties, leeks, onions and summer cauliflowers under cover. Sow some of the slowest growing annuals (e.g. petunias, impatiens, begonias and salvias) in modules and place them somewhere warm to germinate. Continue to winter prune apples and pears. At the end of the month begin chitting potatoes (encouraging them to sprout) by standing them upright in an egg box in a cool, light place. They will be ready to plant out in about six weeks. 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 2023.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Our Night Sky in December 2022

Venus and Mercury will be setting very soon after the Sun, but Saturn will linger until 9 pm while Jupiter will not set until 1 am . Meanwhile, Mars will be rising in the East soon after Sunset, followed by Orion, both of which will dominate the night sky after Jupiter has set.

The NASA DART mission aimed at altering the orbit time of Dimorphos round its parent asteroid Didymous has proved a tremendous success. Analysis of data obtained over the past two weeks by NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) investigation team shows the spacecraft's kinetic impact with its target asteroid, Dimorphos, successfully altered the asteroid's orbit by a greater time than had been expected. This marks humanity's first time attempt at purposely changing the motion of a celestial object, and the first full-scale demonstration of asteroid deflection technology. Images from a number of telescopes helped scientists calculate the orbit change resulting from DART's impact. The images sent back of the collision just before impact, showed a rubble littered surface suggesting that Dimorphos probably consisted of a loose collection of rocks rather than a solid object like Didymous. For those of you who have not seen the astonishing videos of the approach and collision, do visit the NASA web site.

Next month, I hope to tell you about how "Dark Energy" might be making the Universe expand at a much faster rate than had been previously measured.

Meanwhile, I wish all my readers and fellow sky watchers a very Happy Christmas and 2023.

Bill Turnill

HELP!!! Safe Storage Space Wanted

The Burton Bradstock Art Exhibition is looking for a safe space in which to store the screens used to display the art at the annual exhibition.

Dimensions are 2.6m length, 1m width and 2m height, approximately the space required for a small sofa. Ideally as close to the Village Hall as possible! If anyone out there has such a space, please let us know. lizorza@hotmail.co.uk

Burton Bradstock Community Library
Serving the Bride Valley

Opening Times and Christmas closures

Please note that the library will be CLOSED on Saturday 24th December and Monday 26th December, and Monday 2nd January 2020. The library will be open as normal all other days:

Mondays 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Saturdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm

As a Community Managed Library we offer a full library service for the Bride Valley as part of Dorset Libraries. You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, and also return books which you have borrowed from any Dorset (or Libraries West) location, all without cost using your Dorset Libraries card (membership is free).

We offer a photocopying service, free Wi-Fi, and there are two public PCs available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Don't forget that you can use your library card to manage your account from home or mobile device, including ordering and renewing books, and there are extensive free online resources available such as e-books, e-magazines, e-comics and e-newspapers.

There will be a drop-in session run by Citizens Advice, from 12.30pm until 2.00pm, on Wednesday 7th December, with a special focus on coping with the present cost-of-living crisis. Please call in if you need confidential advice and help on any issue.

All information can be found on our website: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk, and you can telephone the library during opening hours on (01308) 897563.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE BRIDE VALLEY 2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY
CALENDAR
(16 MONTHS)
IS NOW AVAILABLE
TO PRE-ORDER**

**Our stunning pictures are all from the recent
'Life in the Bride Valley'
photography competition judged at the recent
Community Variety Show**

**£7.50 for one £14.00 for two and just £20.00 for three
with proceeds going to Litton and Thorner's Community
Hall**

patricia123gates@outlook.com Or telephone Tricia Gates on 01308
482742

YOU LOVE BOWLING

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT YET!

**Why not come to Burton Bradstock
Short Mat Bowls Club
and give it a try!**

**In Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Monday evenings from 6.45pm until 9.00pm
and Wednesday afternoons, from 2.15pm until 4.30pm**



Bowls will be provided (just bring flat shoes)

For further information please ring John Lewis on 01308 897304.

News from Portesham Surgery

Merger:

Our two merger information evenings at Portesham and the Prince of Wales Surgery went well, with a good turnout of patients interested in learning how the changes might affect us all. We hope we reassured everyone that we do not expect you to notice many changes, and that you can continue to ring us and book your appointments here as before. Most of the benefits of the merger should happen in “back-office” savings and our ability to join forces with a larger clinical team which will help us to provide the same appointments even when we have GPs on leave.

Appointments:

We hope you are starting to see the benefit of the new appointments system introduced in September with much less reliance on e-consults and more face to face appointments available to book. The new system offers GP appointments for two weeks ahead so if you need a follow-up appointment further ahead you will need to ring us nearer the time. Nurse appointments can still be booked further in advance. We are now in the busiest time of the year so we do have to prioritise the most urgent patients – please bear with us.

Dispensary Opening Times:

From **1st December** we will trial new collection times, between **8.30 and 12 noon** (instead of 1pm as it is now) **but from 4 to 6pm** (an extra hour in the afternoon). We hope this will reduce the need to queue in the evening while still giving the dispensary a breather in the afternoon when they can focus on dispensing rather than dealing with patient queries at the hatch. Patients needing acute medication (urgent meds issued by the GP on the day) can still come at any time but we do ask those collecting non-urgent monthly medication to respect the opening hours as this allows the team to be more efficient and keep up with the workload. Thank you.

To women of a certain age, a date for your diary: 30th November 6.30 to 7.30

Our new GP Dr Charlotte Hill writes: “After years of silence the menopause has finally gone mainstream. This is a cause for celebration. I hope to be able to raise awareness and continue the conversation with patients and colleagues alike. Most women will experience symptoms of menopause. Some of these can be severe, including poor sleep, anxiety, memory problems, hot flushes, itchy skin, tinnitus, and palpitations.

Lack of menopause awareness and support is costing the UK close to £10 billion, according to analysis by Balance Menopause. Raising awareness, supporting women to seek menopause care, and encouraging open conversation benefits everyone. Please join us at the Surgery and for an educational evening on all things Menopause.”

We will also invite patients by text in case your parish magazine arrives after 30th November – as space is limited please email Portesham.reception@dorsetgp.nhs.uk if you want to join the evening.

We hope to put more events like this on in the future on a variety of health and wellness topics which we hope will be of interest to different groups of patients.

Patient Participation Group:

Our PPG plans to restart regular meetings in January and will soon be looking for new volunteers to join. At a time of change it is more important than ever to make sure we keep you informed and are open to hearing of any concerns you may have, so please keep in touch with your existing village patient representatives, and if you are interested, consider joining the group in the New Year.



Bride Valley WI



Our November meeting was a carousel of Christmas Crafts. 4 different Activities, felt Christmas Stars. Origami Christmas trees, folded paper angels and a Santa—all able to be hung on our Christmas trees. Great fun!! Also a blind tasting of Mince pies.

Monthly walks and Skittles practices have all been well supported.

December is our Christmas meal at the White Horse so we won't be in the Hall at Puncknowle but our next meeting will be in January on the third Thursday in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.

Bridevalleywi@gmail



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



As the song goes, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!'. I write this as plans are taking shape for our Christmas Nativity at Freshwater, Christingle at the Church and Christmas Fair amongst many other things in the lead up to the holiday.

On Friday 11th November, the children took part in a Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church. We were joined by families and the local community. We stood and marked the 2 minutes silence outside the church before our Chair of Governors, Mrs Lewis Badgett, read out the names of local people who lost their lives in the Great War.

November also saw us running the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall. This is always a popular event and it was again this time. Our Year 5 and 6 children waited tables and shared their learning with their families and members of the local community, and our Early Years Children also visited on the way back from their welly walk. We raised £242.50 which will go towards our playground redevelopment fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, especially our kitchen helpers who gave up their time to make all the teas and coffees!

As mentioned above, we have a number of events in the run up to Christmas. This starts with a theatre group visiting school at the end of November and our Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December from 3:30-5pm at school – all welcome with proceeds going towards our new playground apparatus. In the final week of term, we have our Nativity performance at Freshwater, Christmas lunch, parties and Christingle Service at St. Mary's church.

I look forward to telling you all about them in the January edition of the BVN. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Burton Bradstock Primary.

Adam Gough
Headteacher





Thorners CE VA School



As we head into December the children have been incredibly busy!

Sport

As well as our usual football coaching and archery lessons this term the children have also been doing brilliantly at other sports. The netball team, coached here by Mrs Hayter, managed to get to the final and win the Bridport primary schools' tournament and are now to go on to play the winners of the Beaminster pyramid tournament for the West Dorset trophy. Well done to all for such a superb effort!

In Cross Country - two teams of runners took on a host of other schools and a very muddy Colmer's Hill course as they competed on a beautifully sunny Saturday morning. Many of our team have been attending our school running club with Ms Atkin on Thursdays after school and the sessions clearly paid off with all runners completing the course and the boys team finishing third overall. A special mention must go to Henry who came third overall in the Boy's race. it was also wonderful to see that our team was made up of children from yrs 4 and 5 so they will be able to run again next year! Bravo!

Assemblies

The children held a special assembly outside today at 11am to mark the anniversary of the armistice of 1918. They decorated the school with poppies of different colours and recited poems from Sassoon and Brooke. The old bell was rung at 11am and the children observed a minute's silence to pay our respects to all those affected by conflict. Thank you to all staff who helped the children decorate the school so creatively in particular Ms Taylor!

During assembly times the children will now have a new weekly type of assembly every Thursday. Although we are only too aware of how fortunate we are to grow up and work in such a wonderful part of the world we are also aware that this can give the children a skewed perspective on the world and so we are starting this new series of assemblies to help the children "get their heads up" and think a little more about what goes on in other parts of the world and indeed in other parts of our country beyond the Bride Valley. We are using a web-based platform called LYFTA which has a series of 'story worlds' from all around the globe and that focuses on issues that our

children may not experience first hand in their daily lives. From plastic on Indian beaches to trade in East Africa each story (told by a young child from that country) helps us think about global issues and perhaps encourages us all to think about them from a different perspective.

Christmas Preparations

As we break up so early for Christmas this December, the nativity rehearsals and carol practices have had to start in November which has given us and the children an early dose of Christmas excitement. This year we hope to hold two events, the first an outdoor activity and carol evening in our Discovery Area alongside a TSA fundraiser in LATCH and then our school play the following week. Needless to say, it is lovely to see the school buzzing with children learning lines, carols and generally rushing about dressed up as sheep, kings, angels and shepherds.

We hope the children and all in the Valley have a wonderful Christmas and a lovely New Year.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster



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St. Mary's Church

Carol Singing: Paul Cheater and members of the choir will be singing carols round the village on **Thursday 15th** and **Friday 16th**, weather permitting. Everyone is absolutely welcome and this is always a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Come along to the Jubilee Hut/Bus Shelter at 6.30 p.m, dressed warmly and with a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.

We hope many of you will join us for our Christmas Services. The **Carol Service** is on the **18th at 6.00 p.m.** – our traditional candlelit service with readings and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies – always a special occasion.

On **Christmas Eve**, the **Crib Service is at 4.00 p.m.** and a service of **Holy Communion at 11.30 pm** that night. On Sunday 1st January 2023 there will be a United Benefice service on Zoom at 10.00 a.m.

Light up the Church this Christmastime - For a donation of £5 you can floodlight St Mary's church for an evening over the Christmas and New Year period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact Freddie Spicer to arrange a date on 482617 or fandspicer@gmail.com

BANK CARD GIVING DEVICE AT ST MARY'S

Contactless donations by bank cards can now be made to raise funds for the church as an alternative to cash. This is an electronic device which is simple to use. Gift Aid will automatically be added to any donation (no Declaration is required). The machine can be found by the font as you enter St Mary's and is simple to use.. A donation is made by choosing the amount then tapping your card on the machine, chip and pin is available if preferred. Why not try it out?

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th January 2023. The village precept for 23/24 will be confirmed at this meeting and you are encouraged, as always, to attend the meeting, and participate in “Democratic Time”.

The Parish Council wishes all residents in the Bride Valley a most happy Christmas, and a hope that 2023 will bring good for all.

Village Christmas Tree

Grateful thanks to Ron Davidson and his happy, gallant band of helpers for taking on the job of erecting, decorating and lighting the village Christmas tree at the Triangle

Avian Bird Flu

Avian Bird Flu Restrictions are now in force throughout the UK, and it is a legal requirement that all domestic fowl and pet birds are kept enclosed, thereby preventing wild birds from interacting with them. Fines for non-compliance are high.

Parish Bench Fund

Suggestions are invited for suitable locations within Litton Cheney Parish for additional sites for our benches. It may be somewhere with a stunning view or a place to rest our weary bones. The fund welcomes further donations. Contact Clerk Maggie Walsh for further details - [01308 281561](tel:01308281561)

Exciting plans are afoot for The Queen's Bench to commemorate Her Late Majesty's reign. Further news in the New Year.

Thank You

Once again we thank the Premier Crew for giving up time and applying effort in helping clear up around the village. “The Crew” are village residents of all ages who volunteer, dependent on availability, in helping out with tasks around the village. If you would like to join this illustrious group please contact John Firrell at jfirrell20@gmail.com or 482313.

David Ingram has kindly volunteered to take on the mantle of Flood Warden and has recently undertaken training at West Bay, together with other like-minded individuals in Dorset. More details on this later but our thanks to David for being willing to take this on.

HELP WITH FUEL BILLS

The purpose of The Litton Cheney Trust is to give financial help to Litton Cheney residents “who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress”. This may be particularly relevant this winter so if you are struggling with your fuel bills do make contact with one of the Trustees who are the Rector Jane Williams, Penny Dewar, Lyn Lacey, Nick Bunting and Freddie Spicer (who is also the Secretary 01308 482617).

Wessex Water – Road Closures

During the month of December in the lead up to Christmas, Wessex Water will be carrying out extensive work in both Litton Cheney and Long Bredy requiring road closures. Individual households will receive letters from WW with more detail in advance of the closures and in due course more information will be displayed on the village website. Some disruption sadly will be inevitable.



Events at Litton and Thorner's Hall (LATCH) for December



Weekly:

Tuesdays: 15.30 – 16.30 Big Q Church (term time only)

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

Wednesdays: 16.15 - Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](#))

19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)

Special:

Thursday 1st – Film Night - “Elvis” - Film starts at 19.30

Sunday 18th – Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn

(nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Coming in January - Saturday 21st – **NEW Tai Chi classes – See Valley Notes for details.**

Hire Charges: Our hire charges have remained unchanged for some years now, but unfortunately with the rise in energy costs we are going to have to increase our rates from 1st January 2023. The cost for local users and Thorner's parents (Band 1) will be £8 per hour for the main hall and £4.50 per hour for the meeting room. Band 2 and Wedding Weekend rates will also be increasing.

Village Cafés: A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

Hall Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE BRIDE VALLEY 2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY
CALENDAR
(16 MONTHS)
IS NOW AVAILABLE
TO PRE-ORDER**

**Our stunning pictures are all from the recent
'Life in the Bride Valley'
photography competition judged at the recent
Community Variety Show**

**£7.50 for one £14.00 for two and just £20.00 for three
with proceeds going to Litton and Thorne's Community
Hall**

patricia123gates@outlook.com Or telephone Tricia Gates on 01308
482742



**BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY
VILLAGE HALL.**



Price freeze! All our costs are going up, but we have decided during these difficult times for all to hold our prices this season (until May'23) at £5. Please support us when you can as it doesn't take many extra people to make a difference.

Reminder - THURSDAY 1 December - ELVIS '*all the magnificence and the tragedy of Elvis Presley*'

From Oscar-nominated visionary filmmaker Baz Luhrmann comes Warner Bros. Pictures' drama ELVIS, starring **Austin Butler** as Elvis and Oscar winner **Tom Hanks** as his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

The film explores the life and music of Elvis and delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (**Olivia DeJonge**).

Cert. TBA **2hrs 40 min** – There will be an interval, but **BRING A CUSHION!**

Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

Next films (subject to licences being available):

Thurs. 2 Feb Top Gun : The Maverick

Thurs. 2 March Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Thurs. 6 April Operation Mincemeat

Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.
We will be sharing the licence for these films with Burton Bradstock who will show them on the previous Fridays.

Village Website – www.littoncheney.org.uk

There is plenty more information relating to the village and its surroundings on the village website. Regular visits will keep you updated.



CHRISTMAS 2022 AT THE WHITE HORSE

Not all times are set in stone so would recommend calling 01308 482539 or checking our Facebook page

Sunday 11th Christmas Dinners 12–2:30 **Mummers Play 5:00pm**
Tuesday 13th Open 4:30 Pub menu World Cup Semi Final 19:00 KO
Wednesday 14th Open 4:30 Pub menu
World Cup Semi Final 19:00 KO
Friday 16th Open 12:00: Fish and Chips: Happy Hour: Meat Draw
Saturday 17th Open 12:00 Pub Menu: **20:30 Christmas Karaoke**
Sunday 18th Christmas Dinners 12-2.30 World Cup Finals
15:00KO Christmas Draw 18:00
Thursday 22nd **19.30 Quiz by Liz of 2022 and Christmas**

Friday 23rd Fish and Chips: Happy Hour: 20.15 Grand Christmas Meat and Cheese Draw

Christmas Eve OPEN ALL DAY - Normal pub menu 12-2.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY - OPEN 12-2pm DRINKS ONLY

BOXING DAY - POST-CHRISTMAS WALK – Turkey Walk Off!

Meet here midday for Coffee, Welly boots advised.

OPEN 1pm-5pm FOR DRINKS and snacks on bar

Tuesday 27th December CLOSED

Wednesday 28th

Open 12-6pm Lunchtime menu 12 – 2pm

Thursday 29th

Open 12-6pm Lunchtime menu 12 – 2pm

Friday 30th

Usual Fri. Fish and Chips: Happy Hour: Meat Draw

Saturday 31st December OPEN ALL DAY –

Lunch time menu 12-2.30pm.

New Year's Eve Party - low-key, bit of music, few nibbles, Big Ben at midnight, Auld Lang Syne and fireworks on the TV (and possibly a random celebration of some other country's midnight earlier in the evening if the locals request it!)

Sunday, 1 January 2023 Sunday Roasts 12-2.30pm closing at 7pm)

Monday 2nd January

Lunch time Menu 12-2 Closing 6pm-ish

THEN CLOSING from Tuesday 3rd January to Monday 16th January inclusive

(ALL SUBJECT TO WHAT HAPPENS IN THE WORLD OF COURSE).

Hope to see you at some or all of the above.

Thank you for your support through another strange year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

ANDY & LIZ

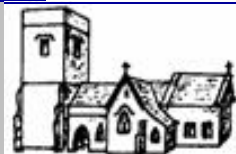


LONG BREDY

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St Peters Church

Long Bredy 100 Club

£30.00 No 119 L. Palm
£15.00 No. 103 J. Clewlow
£ 5.00 No. 38 A. Harrison

Poppy Coffee Break

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in so many ways to make the November Coffee Break such a success. Also thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you are enjoying your purchases from the bric-a-brac tables. Due to everyone's generosity we raised the £210 for our village 'Tommy' and are also able to send £670 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This includes £125 raised from the sale of poppies at the October Coffee Break, 'Come Along Inn' and St Peter's Church.

You will also be pleased to know all items unsold have been taken to the Cancer Research UK shop in Bridport which was delighted to receive them.

Grand Christmas Draw

Please return tickets as soon as possible to Jackie Cain ready for the draw which will take place on **Saturday December 10th** at the **Christmas Coffee Break**.

Christmas Coffee Break

This is on Saturday December 10th in the Village Hall from 10.00 until 12.00 Please note the start time is earlier than usual. There will be lots of Christmas items on sale in addition to the usual delicious refreshments.

There will be a log fire and a warm welcome; if you are new to the village or the Bride Valley this is a good place to meet people.....

.....as is.....

Come Along Inn.. Long Bredy's Pop-up-Pub.

Doors open at **5.30pm until 9.00pm** for wine, a range of bottled beers, soft drinks and food as announced on posters. It all takes place on **Friday December 16th** in Long Bredy Village Hall.

St Peter's Church Christmas Service

There will be a **Live Nativity** (Donkey, sheep and Holy Family) and **Carol Service** at 10.00am on Sunday December 18th at St Peter's Church.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome to all or any part of the service.





**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE
& WEST BEXINGTON**
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS



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ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

No service on the second Sunday

Third Sunday All Age Communion 11am

Fourth Sunday Puncknowle and Swyre Breakfast Church

9.30am in Puncknowle Village Hall

Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

AN INVITE TO CHRISTMAS TEA AND CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to the Village Hall Christmas Tea Party on

Sunday 11 December at 2.30pm. This is a free community event at which refreshments will be provided and it is a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas and the fire lit to welcome you in. There will also be artisan stalls and a chance to win a home baked Christmas cake in the raffle.

At 4.30 all are welcome to join the candle lit walk to St Mary's for the reading of the Christmas story and carols by candle light. This is an interactive service where the children help to create the nativity scene and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

PUNCKNOWLE CHURCH AND THE CROWN INN
INVITE YOU TO

**CAROLS AT THE CROWN
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 7PM**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CAROL SINGING
IN THE WARMTH OF THE PUB

THE CROWN INN PUNCKNOWLE

Welcome to December everyone. Thank you for your continued support over the past year, what with spiralling costs and fuel worries we know it isn't going to be an easy winter and we really do appreciate every customer who comes through our door.

We have a few dates for the diary:

World cup football games will be shown during our opening times.

Tuesday 6th Tikka Trak curry night.

Thursday 8th Quiz

Friday 16th Live Music with The Vinyl Monkeys.

Saturday 17th Puncknowle Church Christmas Carol Evening.

Thursday 29th Bingo.

New Years Eve party and buffet.

Our village Christmas dinner dates are yet to be finalised but will be held over a choice of 2 days. Bookings now being taken for our Festive Menu and afternoon tea. Please call us for details.

We are currently open all day every day from 12 noon, we have a pool table, darts board and table skittles. The fire will be lit to give all our customers a cosy welcome throughout the winter months.

We wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you to The Crown Inn during 2023.

Lyn and Paul



WHIST DRIVE AT PUNCKNOWLE

Come along and enjoy some friendly company at our WHIST DRIVE held at Puncknowle Village Hall.

Friday 9th December

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

There will be a raffle and refreshments are provided after the first session. Entrance fee is £3. Prizes are awarded at the end of the evening. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Jenny Parr on 01308 897863

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE,
LONG BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

Enquiries - Please contact **David Buckland, 01308 898492** for more details

LUNCHES COST £6.00

13th December 2022

Roast Turkey Roll with trimmings, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables.

Christmas pudding with custard. Tea/coffee

**Future dates: 17 January 2023, Lamb Tagine with rice,
Sticky Toffee Pudding & custard/cream**

***We continue to follow current COVID
rules***

Shane's retirement

So!! Our lovely postie Shane has retired, probably the only person that knows every single one of us, and all our dogs. He will be greatly missed by all as he was far more than our postie but a friend to everyone and went above and beyond every day for us. Happy retirement Shane and thank you



Chase away those winter blues!

Come and join in the

WINTER FUN CLUB

Puncknowle Village Hall
10.15 – 11.45 a.m.
on alternate Thursdays

Enjoy activities, refreshments and games
Make friends & share ideas in a warm place.

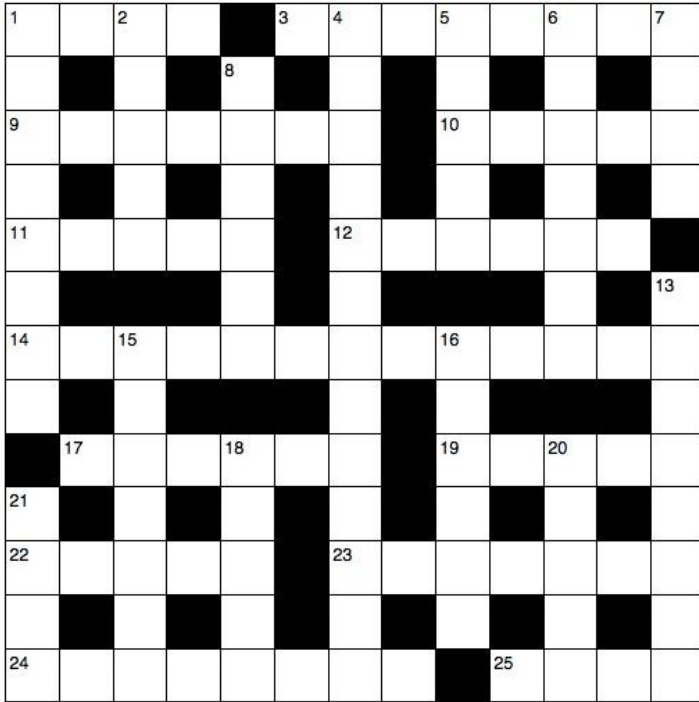
December 8th Crafty half-hour - Follow my lead - Money-saving ideas

December 22nd All-age fun! Bring the kids to share in activities, fun and games together with the adults (please let us know if possible how many children to expect).

Future dates January 5th & 19th
February 2nd & 16th March 2nd & 16th & 30th

Any query, offer of help or request for transport?
Please call/text Marion Derbyshire 07815 661973

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CROSSWORD

Solution

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Sudoku Easy

Sudoku Medium

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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — —'
' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

Owing to escalating energy costs affecting us all, a sad decision had to be made by the PCC and the illumination of the tower has had to be reduced to two hours each night, 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. We do hope our generous sponsors will not be too disappointed.

December Floodlight Sponsors:

For Steve Larcombe

Ann Jones, remembering her dear Mother-in-Law and Mollie's birthday

Lily and Harry Myers in loving memory of their daughter Beverley

Roy Symes wishing Jill Parsons a Happy 80th birthday

Jenny and Peter remembering Mums, Dads, family and friends past and present at Christmas time.

David, a generous gent

Jill & Dave Curtis, for all their friends in the village.

"Sorry we didn't get chance to say "goodbye" to you all"

Barbara and Dick West, for Robert

a loved son, brother and uncle

(The tree in Bonscombe Lane was grown by Robert and donated in his memory.)

Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas

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.)

Christmas Breakfast Church
11th December at 9.30 a.m.
in the Village Hall
Everyone Welcome

Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 18th December at 6.00 p.m.

Refreshments after service

(Please bring a torch!)

Please join us for a

Christmas Day Family Service

9.30 a.m.

November 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

- 1st £25 No 91 Robert Langran
2nd £10 No 30 Jenny & Peter Tiller
3rd £5 No 50 Tye Love

Congratulations to all the winners.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/>

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all those who walked our footpaths and bridleways over the summer and for the feedback that has now been passed on to Wally Axford our rights of way liaison officer. This is very useful for us to ensure our paths remain open, safe and useable. A lot of footpath maps were given out and so we think there may be others who have yet to send in reports. If you haven't yet told us what you found on your walk, then please send them to Diane James (dianejames20@gmail.com) and of course continue to let us know at any time if you find anything of concern while out walking the paths.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the New Year on Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and there will be a public presentation from Jurassic Fibre prior to the meeting, starting at 6.30pm.

Meanwhile we wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Mary Boughton

FULL FIBRE BROADBAND

As you may have heard, our application to Openreach to use the government's voucher scheme to bring full fibre broadband to Shipton Gorge was unsuccessful. However we have been talking recently to **Jurassic Fibre**, another major installer of ultrafast broadband, whose network has recently gone "live" in Bridport and Weymouth and who are interested in extending this in our direction.

We have therefore invited Penny Jones from Jurassic to give a short presentation in the village hall starting **6.30 pm on Wednesday 11th January** to explain who it is, what it can offer to communities like Shipton, and to answer your questions. The session will probably run for 45 minutes. If you were interested in our original application, or if you have recently moved to the village and would like to learn about future-proofing your broadband, please come along.

Remember, getting full fibre broadband installed under the voucher scheme is a community-driven activity, and the greater the level of interest we show the more likely we are to succeed.

Tony Mallett

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club – The winner of the November draw was Chanelle Dunstan-Beasley – a bottle of Fordington Gin has been duly delivered. Well done Nell – hope you enjoy it.



Saunders Richardson Wood – Unfortunately, the planned Bonfire and Marshmallow party in early November had to be cancelled. The weather leading up to and on the day was just too wet to make it feasible – or more importantly, enjoyable. We are going to do our best to rearrange. We are planning a tree survey over the winter to identify any trees which might need attention – especially after the recent stormy weather, otherwise, it will be fairly quiet for the next month or so.

Shipton Gorge Orchard – We are hoping that some of you were able to take advantage of the bountiful crop of apples this year and you have been able to enjoy them, either cooked, preserved or just fresh off the trees. We were able to take a couple of car loads off to Dorset Nectar Cider Farm for processing – in return for a number of bottles of their traditional artisan cider and apple juice.

Apple Day Produce sale 22 October –

A successful and well supported event in the village hall. As well as jams, preserves, baked goods, there were plants, a nature table and children's activities, a silent auction of watercolours by Paul Cook, Bumblebee Conservation info, artwork, cards etc by Caroline Liddington and Bramblecot Yarns – wools and knitted goods. We raised around £450 which was brilliant.



Thank you to everyone who came along on the day and all who donated produce, plants etc, it was very much appreciated.

Can we take this opportunity to wish our members and all the readers of BVN a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website: http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Burton Bradstock

St Mary's Church Advent 'Songs of Praise!'

On December 4th we shall be holding an Advent Songs of Praise service which will be led by the Reverend Jane Williams. As usual there will be six hymns, several readings and a musical item. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30 am, and lasting just under one hour, this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served after the service.



Come and join us for these inspiring services!

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am -12.00noon, and our next meeting is Thursday December 8th when we will be having some seasonal music and snacks with our hot drinks. Although everyone from the village is welcome, this is particularly suitable for older people and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. Do come and join us and if you would like more information please call Pauline. (898327)

Tots' Time

'Row, row, row your boat
Down the River Bride
If you see a heffalump
Don't forget to hide.'

So runs a verse we have added to a well-known song - at least 8 verses by now - with gruesome sound effects ! We do quite a lot of singing at Tots' Time, whether we are outside or inside, using guitar, C.D. or mobile phone accompaniment.

When Rev'd Jane told the Bible story about Daniel and the lions we decorated home-made 'lion' ginger biscuits using icing sugar to make lion features and a furry mane. What a glorious mess! However, no-one minded gobbling them up.

It will be hard for Audrey to resist using glitter as she organises a poppy-themed craft activity in November, but, as Christmas approaches the glitter will have its day. We shall be painting stars on stones as part of this year's Christmas project.

Do come and join us if you are a bump, a baby, a toddler or even quite grown up, like our clever four-year-olds ! And please bring a parent/carer with you.

Further information:-Audrey(01308879227), Heather (01308897780) or Helen BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

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

Coffee Mornings

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below. They run from 10:00am to 12:00noon, the December date is Wed 14th organised by St Mary's Church.



Burton Bradstock Films



Burton Bradstock Films take a break in December and will return on Friday 27 January 2023. Provided a licence can be obtained, we are hoping to show TOP GUN : MAVERICK a high-octane spectacle with thrilling aerial action and a follow up to the original Top Gun of 30 years ago.

It is regretted that after 10 years of charging just £5 for a ticket the overall costs have now risen so rapidly with inflation that from January the price of a ticket will increase by £1 to £6.

Christmas activities

The festive season approaches and the Hall Trust is organising the two regular activities which are very popular.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market and coffee morning will be held on Sat 10th Dec from 10:00 to 12:30.

Following last year's successful format, half the Hall will be dedicated to a smaller number of market Tables selling high quality Christmas related goodies, the other half will be laid out for coffee and cake with table service. Entrance will be £1 for adults, children under 16 free.

Christmas Quiz

The hugely popular Christmas Quiz will be held on Sat 17th Dec, with Quiz prepared and run by Sue Moores and David Edwards. Doors will open at 6:45 for a 7:30 start.

The ticket price of £10 per head will include a light supper, plus all the normal crackers, party poppers, balloons and odd Christmas carol that add to the festive fun. There will be a sensibly priced bar, raffle and prizes for winners and last place.

There will be teams of 6 per table to reduce crowding and the central aisle will be kept free.

Tickets for teams of 6 went on sale at the Post Office in blocks of 6 on Wed 23th Nov on a first come first served basis. If still available please purchase all 6 of your tickets at the same time. Once you have your team tickets contact Richard Ferre (details below) to confirm your table and dietary requirements.

Individuals or couples unable to make up a team but wanting to participate should contact Richard. There will be places available for those people to be put into a team on a first come basis.

If history is a guide, tickets will sell out quickly.

Please be warned that the ticket price will rise next year as all costs are going up rapidly.

Contact details for Richard rwferre99@gmail.com or 897648.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

November 2022 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£39.20	No 78:	Mr Robert Hawes
2nd	£19.60	No 34:	Mrs Sue Brown
3rd	£9.80	No 154:	Mrs Gill Mayo

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December 2022 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.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

The Speakers Programme

Our talk on Friday 18th November is after the deadline for December’s BVN, so a full report will appear in January’s BVN. The December Village Society evening is on Friday 2nd Dec, but instead of the normal speaker we will be running a light hearted Bingo session. Seating will be around small tables with 4 chairs each. There should be 4 games, 3 before the break, one after, with 2 prizes per game.

This will be accompanied by the usual mince pies and mulled wine at the interval and the bar will be open on arrival. Everything needed will be provided on what we hope will be a fun and festive evening.

Entrance will be £1.50 a head for members and £5.00 for non-members, as usual, but the normal speaker’s fee will be spent on prizes for the bingo games.

Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

Christmas

As this turbulent year draws to a close, we would like to wish all of our members, and indeed all of the residents of the Bride Valley, a very Merry Christmas , and a happy and above all a healthy 2023.

Membership

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442. Membership costs £5.00 per annum.

Mike Southgate

Anne and her family would like to thank all those that sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy on their bereavement. Your kindness and support have meant so much and have helped them through this sad time.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Christmas Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

The library will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, and Monday 24th & 26th December, and Monday 2nd January 2020. The library will be open as normal on all other days:

Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Saturday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Please order your books for the holidays in good time, so you are not disappointed.

Citizens Advice for the Cost-of-Living Crisis

On 7th December between 12.30 until 2.00pm an open drop-in confidential session is available in the Library. This is the last of a series of trial sessions to see how useful these might be. If it is something you would like to see continue and something you would like to make use of please let us know.

A selection of 8 different Library Christmas Cards painted by James Webster are available to purchase in the Library and the Village Post Office. All proceeds support the "Friends".



Christmas Decorations

Christine and John Lewis are decorating the Library for December giving us all some much-needed good cheer. Christmas jigsaws and children's books all add to the festive feeling.

Lego in the Library on Tuesday 20th December



Come and build a snowman, make a Christmas theme.

Starting at 10.00am for approximately 2 hours, the Library welcomes Lego Builders, Young and Old. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The session is free. Children's books will if possible remain accessible to read or take out on loan. Due to the fact that the bookcases are

rearranged, adult books will not be accessible.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Library in whatever way over the last year and take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact information:

Tel: 01308 897563 email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk



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Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)

Weldmar Hospice Fund Raising

Once again this year we raised funds for Weldmar Hospice, by the sale of surplus vegetables and flowers. Most of these came from Burton Bradstock allotmenters but some were also donated by villagers.

We raised £613 this year, and over the last 8 years we have split £5,600 between Fortuneswell Cancer Trust and Weldmar Hospice.

Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause and to our customers that bought the produce.

Geoff & Sandy Adderley

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 21st December at 7.30 in the Reading Room. This will be a Hybrid meeting and a zoom invite will be available on the website the week before if you would like to attend virtually.

Contacting the Parish Council

We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

Planning Notices

A reminder, that as planning notices are no longer sent to neighbouring properties from Dorset Council, when applications are sent to the Clerk, we put a notice, with a link to planning on our website. A notification is also posted on our Facebook page and displayed on the board by the library and Reading Room.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council social media

On Facebook you can keep up with all the latest events, developments, planning, road closures by following@burtonbradstockparishcouncil

The Parish Council also has a new Twitter account. Please follow us at @BBParishCouncil (Burton Bradstock Parish Council).

This replaces an earlier account. We'll be tweeting about PC matters and other things of local interest!

Parish Council Vacancies

The parish council has some vacancies. If you would like to support your village by representing residents of Burton Bradstock, then please get in touch initially with the clerk to ask for more details.

Do your children use Burton Bradstock's play area?

We have a great group of volunteers who, once every 5 or 6 weeks, complete a one page sight inspection of the play area taking 5 minutes at the most. Some have been doing this for a few years and their children are no longer using the playground as much. It would be really helpful if we could get a few volunteers whose children use the play area to join the rota. If you would be happy to do this please email the clerk.

Flood Action Week: Households urged to prepare in 2022 year of extremes

Since 1998 we have seen six of the ten wettest years on record.

We have some sandless, gel, water activated bags that are easier to store. Please get in touch with the parish council to receive some if you are at risk of flooding.

The Parish Council would like to wish Season's Greetings to you all.



Burton Bradstock WI



We were pleasantly entertained at our November meeting when retired vet Martin Fielding gave a very amusing talk about his experiences whilst he was working. It was quite surprising as to how many humorous -and often dangerous - situations that vets find themselves in during their day-to-day work. However, we now know how to rescue a horse from a field of slurry and how not to get a dog to sit! Very useful!

At the end of October nine members met at the Crown Inn in Puncknowle for a delicious lunch. With only a few in attendance it was easy to join in and chat across the tables with each other.

Also in October three members represented our WI at the Dorset Federation Annual Meeting at The Lighthouse in Poole. Apart from the business side of

the meeting there were two interesting talks. A representative from The Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW) explained where the donations from WIs go and how they support women in rural communities in other countries. An inspiring talk by a keen adventurer about her journey in an inflatable dingy along a river in Guyana left our members full of admiration but not quite ready to set off on their own such adventure due to the many dangers and creatures that she had to contend with!

The skittles group has started to meet again in order to get in some practice for the forthcoming competition. They chose to meet at the skittle alley in the West Bay Hotel for a change and enjoyed the evening with some new members also taking part.

Our early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning will have taken place by the time you read this. Judging by all the crafts and other items that we have gathered together we should hopefully be able to raise a lot of money for our funds. Some members will also have visited the Christmas Market in Bath – on the train for a change, which will have made for a good day out. Hopefully the weather will not have been as cold as last time we went!

We are looking forward to our December meeting on 13th at which we shall be enjoying a variety of games as well as mince pies at our Christmas Party. Neither can we wait for our Christmas lunch on 6th December at The Ivy House in Groves Garden Centre to which partners are invited as well.

Finally I am pleased to announce that we have knitted a total of 242 squares, some of which have already been sewn up into blankets of various sizes for Ukrainian refugees. Our love goes along with them and we hope the recipients find some warmth and comfort from them.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Janet Pearson

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group

We meet every Tuesday afternoon in Burton Bradstock Village Hall between 1.45 and 4.45. We are a very friendly club that plays duplicate bridge. If you are fairly new to this wonderful game this would be ideal for you or, if you have played in the past and are a little 'rusty' again this is for you.

For information please phone Kathy on 485626

Ukraine Hardship Appeal

Supporting the Bridport Town Council 'Liaising with Ukrainians' Fund

A SMALL DONATION - RECEIVE A GIFT

Bulbs, cake, soap, decorative mug, meat voucher, hand-made earrings, car winter set, greetings cards, studio vase, hall light, pair of cushion covers, chocolates, soft toy, wine, candle sticks, not book, cracker fillers plus more. The Traders have been very generous to me, so may we all enjoy our Christmas. Keep fit and well, and see you on 10th December at the Christmas Market and Coffee morning in the Village Hall. The first customers get a free lavender bag!

Barbara

Sudoku Easy Solution

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Sudoku Medium Solution

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Helping the Planet in the Bride Valley

Over 50 years ago, the writer John Fowles at Lyme Regis concluded “What we don’t, or won’t know [about the environment] is that the getting-right cannot be left to government, to the people who are paid to care..... Conservation can never be someone else caring. It is you caring. Now.”.

It is no surprise that many people in the world feel helpless in the current, rapidly deteriorating situation. The militancy of organisations such as Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil is, sadly, perceived by some (including many politicians) as a form of political anarchy and can therefore sometimes be counter-productive.

The Help Our Planet (HOP) project has been set up to address these issues and encourage people to do what they can to help individually or in groups. Talks by experts on the environment and combatting the effects of climate change are being held at Sladers Yard, West Bay, on a monthly basis and will continue throughout 2023.

There are many issues of concern in the Burton Bradstock Parish that need to be addressed. The local countryside; including the precious Jurassic coast, is paying the price for the expansion of caravan sites, and other tourist facilities.

The ecological balance is being disrupted more and more by felling of mature trees, bonfires, removal of hedgerows and clearance of river banks. Equally disturbing is the pollution of the inshore waters by discharge of sewage, rendering the water off Chesil beach down to West Bay and beyond hazardous to swimmers, as numerous notices in the media have testified.

Hive beach, of course, so popular with holiday-makers, families and children, is the responsibility of Wessex Water but ultimately is it up to the Parish to exert pressure on those responsible. Pressure groups include Surfers against Sewage.

The ‘Butterflies and Amazonia’ programme is part of the HOP project, raising funds for the work of the WWF, Survival International, the church and others working in the Amazon.

The next event: ‘Saving the Amazon and its Peoples’, with the first Anglican Bishop of the Amazon, Saulo de Barros, biologists Professor Philip Howse, Sir Ghillean Prance, and soprano Katherine Fuge is on Monday December 12th, 2.p.m. at St Mary’s Church, Bridport.

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael & All Angels

The village's traditional Ceremony of Commemoration at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday was marked by two quite contradictory factors. On the positive side, the two minutes' silence was ended with a very moving rendition of The Last Post, expertly played by solo trumpeter James Orr, of Langebride House, Longbredy. It made a most excellent addition to the customary solemnity of the occasion – congratulations and thank you, James.

Conversely, though, there was another background noise to the whole event, namely the continuous throbbing electronic bass which was still emanating from a jollification believed to have been taking place all night long at the Hardy Monument. There was certainly no silence at all from there, let alone two minutes worth, and the music system could apparently be heard a lot further away from the site than Littlebredy.

It seems odd to be writing about Christmas in the first half of November, but this is a reminder that our service on **Christmas Day**, which falls on a Sunday this year, will be at **11.00 a.m. in Church**. All are of course especially welcome at this principal feast of the Christian year.

It is Longbredy's turn to host the traditional shared **Carol Service** this year, and this will take the form of a **Live Nativity, first outside then inside St. Peter's Church, beginning at 10.00 a.m., the previous Sunday, 18th December**. Donkeys will be among the congregation, and it is understood that each youngster who is there will be given a memento of the occasion. Again, all are welcome to travel down the valley to share in the service.

Therefore this is also the opportunity to wish everybody in Littlebredy or connected with the village in any way a very happy and fulfilling Christmas season, and a successful and fruitful 2023.

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Happy Christmas from everyone involved in the production of the Bride Valley News



DIARY DECEMBER 2022

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs	1st	7.30pm	Litton Film Night 'Elvis'	Latch
Wed	7th	12.30–2pm	Citizens Advice for the Cost-of-Living Crisis	Burton Library
Thurs	8th	10.30 – 12 10.15– 11.45	Burton Coffee Mates Winter Fun	Burton Church Puncknowle Village Hall
Fri	9th	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Puncknowle Village Hall
Sat	10th	10–12 10-12.30	Christmas Coffee Break Christmas Market	Long Bredy Village Hall Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	11th	2.30pm	Village Hall Christmas Tea Party followed by Carol Service in the Church	Puncknowle Village Hall
Mon	12th	2pm	Saving the Amazon and Its Peoples	St Mary's Church Bridport
Tues	13th	1pm	Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	14th	10.-12	Coffee Morning run by St Mary's Church	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thurs	15th	6.30pm	Village Carols	Jubilee Bus Shelter
Fri	16th	6.30pm 5.30–9pm	Village Carols Pop-up Pub	Jubilee Bus Shelter Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	17th	7pm	Carols in the Crown	Crown pub Puncknowle
Tues	20th	10am	Lego Building	Burton Library
Wed	21st	7.30pm	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room Burton

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2022

	1st Sunday 4th December Advent 2	2nd Sunday 11th December Advent 3	3rd Sunday 18th December Advent 4	Christmas Eve 24th Dec	Christmas Day 25th December	NewYear's Eve 31st December	New Year's Day 1st Jan
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 10:30am Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Nativity/ Christingle 6.30 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service	10.30 Christmas Day Service	Watchnight Service at 11.30pm	United Service on Zoom at 10am
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church	6pm Carol Service		9.30 Family Communion		
Swyre	3pm 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 Family Communion		
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6.00 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion			
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Live Nativity with Carols				
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion			11.00 Family Communion		

Midweek Holy Communion 11.30 am Wednesday 7th At St Mary's, Burton Bradstock followed by a light lunch

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

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