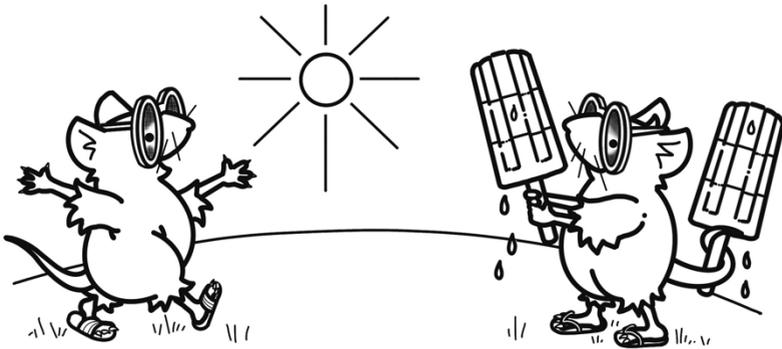


BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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Note: *Contributors are asked to note that space in the BVN is strictly limited and the Editor reserves the right to edit submissions and cannot guarantee that items will be included.*

The Bride Valley News is delivered to every home in the valley and carries not only news of local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. It is entirely produced and distributed by volunteers. Donations to help us continue to provide the magazine would be welcome and if you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:

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St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock
St Mary: Litton Cheney
St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy
St Peter: Long Bredy
Chilcombe (dedication unknown)
St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre

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To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone or email the Rector.

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community. What do we do? We respond to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. In times of bereavement, loss, emotional or other trouble. For as long as it takes. We can visit people's homes or call on the phone. We can arrange lifts to services if needed. We are all trained by the Diocese of Salisbury, and we all have experience, professionally or otherwise, of caring for those in need of comfort or practical help. We can access services where appropriate. If you need somebody then you can either contact the Rector or one of us on the numbers below.

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Pastoral Assistants & Prayers for The Sick

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams 01308 898799. If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

Church Floodlighting

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: Burton Bradstock: Chrissie Bailey 897603 or Ian Ibbotson 898484, Shipton Gorge: Phyl Webster 898657, Litton Cheney: Freddie Spicer 482617.

From the Registers for May 2023:

Baptism: Rory Warner-Gale, at Litton Cheney, May 28th

Wedding: Louise Dowding & Aaron Turner at Litton Cheney, June 24th

Funeral: Graham Cowland, 2nd June, at Weymouth Crematorium

Benefice Treasurer

The Bride Valley Benefice is seeking a volunteer Treasurer, to work with the administrator and have an overview of the administration of the finances for the Benefice. You would need to have access to a computer, some knowledge of excel, be able to be in touch via email, and an interest in looking at and understanding figures. The Benefice Treasurer reports to the Benefice Council and produces a report of the finances for the meetings (bi-monthly) and an overall report for the year. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or discussing the details, please contact Rev'd Jane Williams, bvrector@outlook.com or the Administrator Helen Fry, bvchurchesta@outlook.com.

FROM THE RECTORY

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

As you will no doubt have heard, Nigel and I will shortly be moving to Sturminster Marshall where I will be licensed as the new Vicar of the Red Post Churches. My last Sunday service here in the Bride Valley is on Sunday 30th July. This will be a United Service at 11am in St Mary’s Church in Litton Cheney. Please join us if you are able to and afterwards a chance to share a picnic lunch. This new opportunity is certainly mixed with the emotion of saying goodbye to friends and leaving the beautiful Bride Valley.

I’m very sad to leave, but I am convinced that God has amazing plans for you in the years ahead. Change is never easy but I am confident that God will use this vacancy for good. I’ve been so excited to see God at work amongst us all during the past four years; from Breakfast Church to new Lay Leaders, from Big Q Church to coffee mornings and lunch after mid-week communion. From Tot’s Time to Life Group, all amazing ways of getting to know people better, build community and care for one another.

All of these have been natural and accessible ways to glimpse God’s love and start (or sometimes restart, or continue) journeys of faith.

The Bride Valley is in very good hands; Our wonderful churchwardens, supported by very capable PCC members, including the Benefice Council with the dedicated Ministry Team and many others who lead and serve across our churches.

There are challenges – there always will be! Please support those who lead though this important stage and where possible look for ways you can be involved, asking God to show you. I know they’ll be pleased to hear from you. Please prioritise praying for the Bride Valley Churches and their future. There are few words which express my feelings, it’s hard to convey how deeply I appreciate the love and support that many have given me during these four unusual years together, the only thing I ask is that you continue to pray for me, as I will always be praying for you.

From the very bottom of my heart, thank you for this amazing and fruitful time together. I will miss you a lot.

With every blessing, now and for the future,

Jane, Rector of the Bride Valley Churches

Bride Valley Bring & Share Lunches

Our next Bride Valley Bring & Share Lunches will be on Sunday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd September in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The hall will be open from 10.00am to drop off dishes or you can bring them with you to the lunch. We aim to sit down to eat at 12.30pm.

For those new to this event or the Bride Valley, the lunch is an open event, free of charge, and we ask you to bring something savoury or sweet (or both!) to share. It's very relaxed and informal and an excellent opportunity to get to know people better.

Help in setting up, arranging food, washing up and clearing away is most welcome. Please contact me if you can help or would like more information.

Carol Brown
01308 897273

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.

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.



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

Adam Gough, Headteacher

New playground arrives at Burton Bradstock Primary!

Over the May half-term the playground equipment which we have been fundraising for has been installed! All the old apparatus has been replaced with a new 'trim trail' featuring a balance beam, traverse wall, wobbly log and rope weavers. Alongside the trim trail we have installed some roll-over bars which are proving very popular. The playground surface has also been upgraded to artificial grass which brightens up the space and provides a great surface for sitting and playing on. Thank you for supporting our fundraising events and to our Friends for putting them on – it is great to see projects such as this able to go ahead for the benefit of all the children at our school.

*Adam Gough
Headteacher*



Thorners CE VA School

It has been wonderful to have such amazing weather for our first week back.

Swimming

The pool is wonderfully warm (30 degrees) and inviting this week! Bravo to Litton for taking to the water so happily and for impressing us all with their developing confidence in the pool.

Imagination Playground

The children may have mentioned that we have bought a fantastic set of new play time apparatus - called Imagination Playground - a wonderful open-ended lunchtime resource for the children to build and play with!

Sailing Club

Sailing starts on Monday for the older children at the Olympic sailing venue in Portland from 4.30-7.30pm. Here's to more warm weather and gentle winds as we get back out on the water.

Sports

We've done brilliantly recently at a series of sports events - here are some of the highlights! Netball Winners x 2, Kwik Cricket Tournament - 6th, Rockley Park Sailing Regatta - 3rd, Quadkids and the Burton Football next week.

Ukulele

Bredy and Eggardon are continuing their weekly ukulele lessons with Dorset Music - there will be a concert at the end of term for parents.

Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs: KS2 Drama Club with Mrs Biggins on Tuesday lunchtimes and KS1 Story Time with Mrs Horton on Thursday lunchtimes.

After School Clubs

Tues - Big Q with the Vicar/Rounders

Weds - Forest School

Thurs - Athletics/Art/Nature Club

New School Caps are available for £10 from the office.

Mike Sitch, Headmaster

Bride Valley Gardening Club

If we are to believe the Chelsea Flower Show coverage, this year's "must have" plant, voted Flower of the Year, is Agapanthus 'Black Joker'. It appears to be a good plant and a looker too – tall and a mysterious dark navy, but who decides what is in and out in the world of plant fashion? For years dahlias were out of fashion only to make a welcome comeback with new introductions; the New English roses are all the rage in preference to old favourites; and grasses continue to grow in popularity.



I like to think our garden has evolved around plants we like regardless of current trends. Dahlias have always had a place with us, leaving them in the ground from year to year to take their chance. Every summer on rediscovery we nurture them back for their late summer appearance. Currently Dahlia 'Cafe au Lait' tops the charts - yes, I fell for it – but have abandoned it in favour of old favourites such as 'Moonlight' and the Bishop series with the stunning foliage. From small delicate bi-colours to great dazzling monsters there is a dahlia to enhance every colour scheme.

Recent polls have shown that the rose is no longer the UK's favourite plant, trumped now by the sunflower. Flowering for only a few weeks of the year the old shrub and species roses are now out of favour. Soft colour palettes dominate - with the milky coffee Dahlia there are apricot and peach roses such as David Austin's 'Dannahue' and Peter Beale's 'Louise Peel'. Neil Lucas, of Knoll Gardens, Wimborne, has introduced Sesleria 'Summer Skies', a grass I hadn't heard of. Perhaps after all plant fashions are useful, or how else would we have had this and many other decorative plants brought to the attention of so many?

Dates for your diary:

There will be no monthly meeting of the BVGC in July at LATCH, but members will be paying visits to Abbey Farm Flowers in Abbotsbury on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th July. The Flower and Produce show at LATCH on Saturday August 19th will put on display members' skill and hard work. There will also be an Art Exhibition with a horticultural theme. Entry for the Arts Exhibition is not restricted to Garden Club members – please see below.

Powerstock Open Gardens will take place 1st and 2nd July, full details on the UK National Directory website (<https://www.opengardens.co.uk>).

Happy gardening,
Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)

The Flower & Produce Show Art Exhibition is open to all. If you would like to enter a painting or two to be displayed at LATCH, Litton Cheney on Saturday 19th August, please contact Liz Gibbs on 07751 942588 or liz_gibbs@hotmail.com

Our Night Sky in July 2023

Venus and Mars will be setting at about 10 pm, while Saturn rises in the south east about midnight followed by Jupiter at



about 0200 in the east. These two will be our companion bright planets throughout the coming nights, rising earlier each month.

It started as an unremarkable flicker in the night sky. But closer observations revealed that astronomers had captured the largest cosmic explosion ever witnessed, an event thought to have been triggered by a giant cloud of gas being gobbled up by a super-massive black hole.

The flare-up, traced to 8bn light years away, is more than 10 times brighter than any known supernova and has so far lasted more than three years, making it the most energetic explosion on record. Scientists have estimated that it's a fireball 100 times the size of the solar system with a brightness about 2trillion times the Sun's. In three years, this event has released about 100 times as much energy as the Sun will in its 10bn-year lifetime.

Scientists believe that the explosion is the result of a vast cloud of gas, possibly thousands of times larger than our Sun, plunging into a super-massive black hole. The cloud of gas may have originated from the large dusty "doughnut" that typically surrounds black holes – although it is not clear what may have knocked it off course from its orbit and down the cosmic sinkhole.

This is not the brightest phenomenon ever witnessed. A brighter gamma-ray burst was spotted last year, but this event lasted only minutes. By contrast, the new event is still going strong, meaning the overall energy release is far greater.

What an extraordinary Universe we live in!

Bill Turnill

Calling all Pantomime lovers – 'young' and 'young at heart'

The Burton Bradstock Players are hoping to produce Goldilocks and the Three Bears during February half-term 2024 but we need more folk to come and join us.



Experience isn't necessary but a desire to have fun is essential! If you don't think you can learn lines or are too nervous to do something by yourself, don't worry, we always need people in the chorus - in fact you can't have a Panto without a chorus.

To give a taste of what is involved we are running a free, fun workshop evening on **Tuesday 18th July**; 6.30–7.30pm for children and 7.30-9.00pm for adults. Venue: Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

For the children: an opportunity to discover the characters, have a go at some simple dance routines, and maybe try some make-up/wigs from our costume department.

For the adults: a chance to try out a scene or two, get a taste for the music and generally find out what is involved.

For more information, please see our Facebook page: 'Burton Bradstock Players-Panto 2024' or contact Alan Hooley on 07854 440959, email: alan.hooley@talk21.com

Bride Valley Book Club Review

THE BLOOD OF THE FLOWERS by Anita Amirrezvani (2007)

Set in Persian 17th century Istafan (modern day Iran) a city famous then, as now, for carpet making. The historical setting - which in itself generated quite a debate - places the story alongside the rule of the real Shah Abbas whose dominance was synonymous with a cultural and artistic flowering. The narrator is a young girl who, following the death of her father, has no choice but to travel to Istafan - accompanied by her mother - to seek charity and protection from her uncle, a successful carpet maker to the royal court.

The narrator, never actually named, is already experienced at carpet knotting and persuades her uncle to teach her more to develop this skill. Initially she is an illiterate innocent in the familial and commercial machinations of her new extended family and she is pressurised into a “sighey” a temporary contractual marriage allowed within the Shi’ite Islamic tradition. Her story involves acts of rebellion, banishment and grinding poverty before she finally establishes the beginnings of a female carpet making collective. Most of us enjoyed the novel but a few were frustrated by various aspects of the story.

The narrative is punctuated with several Persian folk tales, each of which has a moral or didactic message. This divided opinion within the group as did the writer’s depiction of the powerlessness of women in general. There was more of a consensus on the evocative description of Istafan, its beautiful turquoise and golden minarets - and the carpet making process with its colour dyes, design and complex knotting patterns. We all agreed on the difficulties of trying to step outside our 21st century western perspective in our critical response to this novel. Although entranced by the 17th venture setting - we felt this story had contemporary resonance -
Liz Pinfield

Home Library Service

Dorset Home Library Services bring books, and in some cases DVDs, CDs and audio tapes on a regular basis to people who are unable to get to a library. Volunteers can select reading materials based on your individual taste and preference. Our volunteers are a friendly, familiar face and provide a useful check on your safety and well-being. Call 01305 236666 for further assistance.

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

The BVN has to be produced to a very strict printer’s deadline, and also within a limited number of pages. Please try to meet the monthly deadlines, which are set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor!

LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

The big event this month is **The Village Fete** on **Saturday 15th July** at LATCH, the School Playing Field and Discovery Area from 13.00 – 16.00. For details please see the poster elsewhere in the BVN. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between Thorner's School and St. Mary's. There'll be lots of stalls and games, a bottle tombola, BBQ, teas and ice creams, live music, maypole dancing, a Silent Auction, the Grand Prize Draw and loads more. Not to be missed!

Thorner's pupils will be coming to St. Mary's on Wednesday 19th July at 9.15 am for their Leavers' Service. All are very welcome to this final service of the school year.

As most of you will be aware, our Rector Jane is leaving us after four years and her final service will be a very special **United Benefice Service here at St. Mary's at 11.00 am on Sunday 30th July** followed by a farewell Bring & Share Picnic in the upper churchyard. All are very welcome, both to the service and the picnic and we hope many of you will come along to say goodbye and wish her well for the future.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The Parish Council's next meeting is on Tuesday 11th July, 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room of LATCH. Local residents are very much welcome to attend, and if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor you are indeed doubly welcome. The next Local Elections are in May 2024.

Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall in July

Weekly:

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

18.15 – Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com (07920 421783)

Wednesdays: 16.45 - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

19.00 – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

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

Special:

Saturday 1st – 9.30am Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950
bamboogtc@tutanota.com)

Friday 7th 10.00am – noon Art Group in Meeting Room

Tuesday 11th – 7.30pm Parish Council in Meeting Room

Saturday 15th 1.00pm - 4.00pm Village Fete (see separate poster)

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/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 or email
wtlitton@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE - ARTSREACH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

August 3rd ART WORKSHOP - "I AM A BOOK OF FANTASTIC THINGS". 5 YRS+

August 10th AFRICAN DRUMMING 7 YRS + Parents and Guardians are welcome to take part.

Both are morning sessions.

Further information from Patricia on 01308 482514.

The White Horse

It's summer! Lots happening. For all the details click on www.whitehorseinnlittoncheney.co.uk or visit FB.

Thorner's School Association & St Mary's Church

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1.00 - 4.00PM AT LATCH & THORNER'S SCHOOL DT2 9AU

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LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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St. Michael and All Angels

Anyone visiting the Church or walking through the Churchyard within the next few months will see evidence of a major project inside. For some years the state of the stained glass (and other) windows has been the cause of concern, and indeed there have been half-hearted attempts to tackle the worst of the problems from time to time within limited resources. Now we have husbanded greater resources, and a comprehensive programme of glasswork and fittings repairs, restoration and renewals should start during July and last until December. Some of the work can be done by the specialist craftsman in situ, but at other times the glass will be removed to his workshop and the window(s) will be boarded up for a while.

Church services should be unaffected, and the normal unlimited access to the building will normally be possible, but there may be the odd temporary closure for safety and/or security. The project will naturally be of general interest, but could comments and questions put to the specialist please be kept to a minimum while he's on site, as he will see them (quite rightly) as distractions from the work in hand!

Elsewhere in the village, access to a few houses, Foxholes Farm and (especially) the Walled Gardens is being affected by water running down the road outside the Yew Tree Cottages. Tests seem to show that the water supply pipework is not to blame for once, which may mean that the water is leaking from the River Bride, which in that area was diverted many years ago to hug the contour so that it would run through the gardens rather than follow its natural course. If that is the problem, then a solution will need much head-scratching as well as excavation and remedial works, which certainly won't happen in a hurry.



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& WEST BEXINGTON**
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St Mary's Church Puncknowle

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 Breakfast Church 9.30am in the Hall

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

Don't Forget – Breakfast Church 9.30am Sunday 23 July

Come along and enjoy a hearty breakfast for the body followed by hearty discussion for the mind. Everyone is very welcome.

Neighbourhood Plan for Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington

The next meeting about the Neighbourhood Plan will be at 7pm on Wednesday 19 July at The Manor House in West Bexington. All are most welcome to come along and

Share ideas
Hear about progress
Meet the steering group

We look forward to seeing you there and to get in contact please email pswnp1@outlook.com

**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

18th July 2023

**Sliced Ham and Beef, New
potatoes and Coleslaw. Fruit
Pavlova and cream**

Future dates:

AUGUST NO MEETING

19th September 2023

Cottage Pie, Apple Crumble , Custard/Cream

***All meals include fruit juice, cheese and biscuits
plus tea or coffee***

We continue to follow current COVID rules

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club May 2023 Draw

£30.00	No.73	D. and R. Cullingford
£15.00	No.112	S. Dyer
£5.00	No.27	J. Milne.

Drawn on 23.5.2023 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave and Ruth

Coffee Break

The next Coffee Break will be on Saturday, July 8th from 10.30 until 12.00
A range of refreshments will be on offer; if you are on holiday in the area,
do come and visit us. You will be made very welcome.

Come Along Inn

Our village pub will be open again on Friday July 21st Enjoy a drink with
friends from the village or further afield between 5.30 and 9.00pm.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church Fete - Thursday 3 August 2023

The annual Church Fete will be held on Thursday 3 August in the Rectory Garden from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. We are looking forward to providing all the usual activities, stalls and games. There will be live music and, once again, a magic show, which proved very popular with the children last year!

Proceeds from this summer's event will go towards continuing the creation of a welcoming Community Space within St Mary's. Inevitably, events such as these do not run themselves and stallholders would be very grateful for any contributions you are able to give to enhance their stalls.

Books: The book stall is always a success and Tom Holmes would be pleased to receive your unwanted volumes. If necessary, collection could be arranged. Contact Tom on 01308 897046.

Plants Stall & Garden produce: Please contact Pat or Peter Broomhead on 897408 or pwbroomhead@gmail.com The stall would welcome donations of plants, etc that would be suitable for sale.

Bric-a-brac/White Elephant: Donations of decent quality, saleable items in good/working condition would be much appreciated. Please contact John Grantham on john.grantham4@btinternet.com

Grand Draw: Liz Orza on 01308 897451 or lizorza@hotmail.co.uk – Liz would be pleased to hear from you if you have something to donate which could be included in the Grand Draw as prizes, or perhaps put into a hamper of assorted items.

Tea Time Stall: If you have any odd bits of pretty, retro or vintage tea things; china plates, cups and saucers and so on, to donate for sale, please contact Carol Brown by email on carolb0530@gmail.com
We also need donations of (full!) bottles of any kind for the Bottle Tombola; any children's toys, games or books for the Children's Stall and particularly Teddy Bears! Contact Jenny Malyon on jennifermalyonbbd@gmail.com
The Village Hall will be open from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 2 August where you can drop off donations for any of the stalls.

Can you help? We'd love to hear from volunteers to help during the Fete. If you are available on the Thursday from 8.30am we would be delighted to have your assistance in setting up marquees and gazebos for the stalls and games. Any general inquiries, contact Peter Tompkins on 01308 897043.

Please put Thursday 3 August on your calendar, come along, have fun, and support the Fete!

The Church Fete Team

Tots' Time

If the idea of jumping in and out of several bowls of fresh, cold water, having fun with paints and with play-dough, building towers with mega-blocks, having pram races, (with or without their doll-occupants), showing off your energetic moves as we dance, sitting on a carpet to hear a story and eating fruit, vegetables and home-made biscuits appeals to you, then come along to Tots' Time every Friday in term time.

However, you need to bring your adult with you, so they can do



boring things, like drink cups of tea, talk and talk, dry your wet feet and carry your beautiful, nearly dry paintings home.

Sadly, July 14th will be our last Tots' Time this session. We shall be saying 'good-bye' to our leavers and also to our Rector, Jane, who will be telling the Bible story that day. Please come for our last few weeks together, before we break up for the summer, then have a lovely holiday.

Tots' Time recommences on Friday, September 8th (D.V.) at 2.00p.m.

For more details, contact Audrey (01308 897227), Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.co

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates, which usually meet in the Church on the second Thursday morning of the month, will have a change in July. We shall be meeting for an afternoon tea on the grass outside the church on July 13th from 2.30 - 3.30 pm, weather permitting, otherwise inside. Everyone is welcome but this is particularly suitable for older residents and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. For further details please call Pauline on 898327.

Pop - Up Afternoon Teas

We are back!!!! On Tuesday 8th August and Thursday 24th August.
From 2.00 to 4.30pm

At St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock

All welcome to meet up for delicious cakes and tea. Please get in touch if you can help to bake for this event. (Carol 01308 897273)

Proceeds will be shared between the Church Mission Society (CMS) and the Sudan Medical Link.

Carol Brown
01308 897273

Welcome to Keswick

The Keswick Christian Convention (the oldest and only 'free' Convention) has continued annually since 1875, helping literally hundreds of thousands of Christians to deepen their faith, and some to find it.



Now you can join this event for free at the 11.00am Morning Bible Studies and 7.15pm Evening Celebrations by Livestream from July 15th (evening Celebration only). The full programme starts with the Bible study July 16th – 21st (week1). Week 2 starts on July 22nd (evening Celeb) then Bible Study and Celebration 23rd -28th. Week3 begins on July 29th and runs until August 4th.

All meetings are on You Tube. Just go to [m.youtube.com>user>keswickconvention>2023](https://m.youtube.com/user/keswickconvention/2023) and click on the appropriate livestream that starts 20minutes before the event. The theme for 2023 is Human. You can also join Keswick via facebook at [m.facebook.com>posts>we-are-live-streaming-the-keswick-convention](https://m.facebook.com/posts/we-are-live-streaming-the-keswick-convention). Failing all, try googling: keswick convention 2023 livestream and choose a link for keswick 2023 livestream. Hope this works for you (and me!!) and that you are blessed

Ryder Rogers

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 and all are welcome.

Wed 12th July
Wed 13th Sep

Organised by the W.I.
Organised by Friends of the Library

Please note, there is no coffee morning in August

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films take a break from May to August and resume showings in September. Look for details in the BVN nearer the time.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator at the Hall was used (reportedly successfully) in June. In the process the door to the cabinet was broken and a set of pads used. Replacements were ordered immediately and it will be functional again as fast as the replacements allow.

To date, the unit has been called for 6 times and used twice in the 8 years since it was installed with funds and grants raised at the time and subsequent donations from the Parish Council and others. The Hall Trust has organised more than 50 free training courses during the period and maintained weekly checks on the unit, monthly updates to the UK wide Defibrillator registration system and regularly replaced pads, batteries and consumables as required. A great asset to the Village.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club” June 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.20	No 30:	Mr Colin Clark
2 nd	£17.10	No 67:	Mr Chris Sundt
3 rd	£8.55	No 23:	Mrs Carole Burnett

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £6 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Roll up, roll up! We are rapidly approaching one of the highlights in our year, the Society's **Flower and Produce Show** on Saturday 15th July in the Village Hall.

Entries are welcome from everyone in the village and all pupils attending Burton Bradstock Village School. Please submit your entry as soon as possible - we will accept entries up to 9.30am on the day of the Show.

With 67 competition classes, there is something for everyone and opportunities for all ages to get involved. If you believe your jam, flapjacks, tomatoes, crochet, photography or roses are potential award-winners, or you would just like to take part, please see the full schedule, as well as entry forms and guidance, on the village website (<https://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/villagesociety>) and in the Post Office and Library.

Admirers can visit the show between 2.15pm and 3.15pm on the day to enjoy the beauty and the wonder of the entries. Entry is free for exhibitors and children, and £1 for everyone else. As an added incentive to join us you can **buy many of the submitted entries** on the day. The **cup awards are presented at 3.15pm**.

Almost one-third of the village are already members of the Village Society. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact our Secretary Roger Ashman on 01308 898442 or roger.ashman30@gmail.com. It's our 50th anniversary this year and if you have any ideas about celebration activities, please contact Roger.

Finally, here are some photos from our **Plant and Cale Sale in May** when we raised £877.



Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The Parish Council held its first Annual Parish Meeting for some time on the 31st of May and hosted a very informative evening. All Parish Councillors were present and representatives from Burton Bradstock WI, Village Society, Village Hall Trust, Village Volunteers, Primary School, Community Land Trust, Library and the Music Festival also attended and provided updates on their organisations. Dorset County Councillor Mark Roberts was also in attendance with apologies received from MP Chris Loder.

This was followed by a presentation from our guest speaker, Eimear Coyle from Litter Free Dorset giving information on what they do and their current litter free campaigns.

The open discussion followed with Parishioners providing ideas and suggestions related to the parish of Burton Bradstock.

Speed Limit

Speed of vehicles and motorbikes through the village

Suggestion of a pedestrian crossing to help school children, villagers and visitors to cross the B3157 taking you from the school, playground and village amenities across to the south side of the village.

Concerns regarding pedestrian safety with the narrow dropped kerb pavements which run down Barr Lane and the High Street.

Parish Council and members of the audience requested a Speed Indicator Device at both ends of the village.

Councillor Roberts also agreed to investigate extension of the 30 mph boundary, and felt he could certainly assist with an extension up to and to include Beach Road.

To enable a cycle and pedestrian path to link Burton Bradstock to West Bay and then on to Bridport - there was the suggestion of moving golf club footpath to the perimeter - Cllr Roberts agreed to speak to the Dorset Council Green Spaces team.

Other items such as the management of Corncrake and litter bins also were discussed.

The meeting closed with an opportunity to chat with councillors over refreshments and snacks, and to raise any other issues on a one to one

basis.

We hope to arrange specific working parties to explore the points raised and to give parishioners a chance to work directly with their council to achieve some of these objectives.

Thank you to all those who could attend and although well attended this year, we hope that we can encourage even greater numbers in 2024.

Lisanne Mealing
07479818551

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

The Friends of Burton Bradstock **Library AGM** held on 23rd May saw Rosemary Daniels and Bryan Brown step down as Library Trustees, and David Edwards as Membership Secretary. They had all devoted so much time and effort over the years and, as was expressed at the meeting, the Library owes especial gratitude to Rosemary for her devotion to duty previously as Minute Secretary and since 2014 as Chair. We hope that they can all make the most of their new found freedom!

Thankfully three new trustees were willing to stand at the AGM and at their subsequent meeting, a fourth member was co-opted so the new committee is at full strength. They have agreed on **new opening times** from **1st July**:

Monday 2.00 -4.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am -12 noon, Thursday and Saturday 2.00 -4.00pm.

Louis, our Digital Champion, will be altering his hours to Mondays from 2.00pm (from July 10th) and Wednesdays from 10.30am, these new times commencing on July 5th). If you would like to arrange a session with him in Burton Bradstock Library to include help with your laptop/smart phone/tablet, online services, shopping or banking, call the central booking hotline on 01305 221048 or Bridport Library on 01308 422778.

Calling All Children!

The 2023 Reading Challenge is called 'Ready, Set, Read!' and runs from **1st July to 23rd September**. It is all about games and sport, joining a



superstar team and their animal mascots. We would love you to come into the Library to sign up to take part. There will be activity sessions in the Library and a race track for young and old sports enthusiasts to vote for their favourite sport. Just ask at the desk.

The New Carpet

Recently new carpet has been fitted throughout the Library so do pop in to view it and remember that everyone is invited to make the most of our facilities – book ordering, family history research, jigsaws and much more!

Sue Brown
Chair



Burton Bradstock WI

There is not much to report from Burton Bradstock WI this month as we have not had a meeting since I last wrote for the June News. However, we did run three stalls very successfully at the Village Fayre on the last Bank Holiday in May, namely the craft, cakes and the “best of the donations” from the White Elephant stall. The cakes sold out extremely quickly and the other two stalls had very few items left at the end of a busy afternoon, so we were able to raise a pleasing amount as a contribution to the upkeep of the Village Hall. We shall now be working hard to replenish our stocks before the Church Fête on 3rd August.

By the time you read this, 18 members will have enjoyed a lunch at The Greyhound pub in Beaminster and we shall also have had our June meeting at which we shall have learnt about the history of Tyneham village.

At our July meeting on 11th at 7.30pm we shall be hearing from Hilary Green about “A Year in the Life of a Beehive”. Hopefully there might even

be some local honey available to buy! Also, at this meeting our annual competitions for painting, knitting and other crafts will be taking place. Let's hope there will be lots of entries showcasing our many skills. The displays will remain up for the following morning on which we shall be hosting the monthly Village Coffee Stop (12th July at 10am) - so hope to see you there to sample some of our delicious cakes!

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

12-20 AUGUST 2023

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Six days of brilliant classical, jazz and world music with internationally acclaimed performers and a nine-day exhibition featuring some of the finest art and ceramics in the South West
David Juritz Artistic Director

Tickets: Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901
St Mary's Church, the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
www.burtonbradstockfestival.com

SHIPTON GORGE

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Shipton Gorge. Tel: 01308 897278.
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St Martin's Church

The Floodlights are shining in July for:

Mary George and her family
Ed and Linda Buck
Doreen
Henrietta

Thank you so much to our sponsors for this month. Your support is very much appreciated. If you enjoy seeing the lights and would like to keep the tower glowing over the next few months, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. We are now extremely low on sponsors and we would love to hear from you if you have a special celebration or a memory coming up. The suggested donation is £5.

**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.

Village Hall

June 2023 SG 100 Club Super Draw results

1 st	95	£100	Martin Lerner
2 nd	113	£25	Mags Griffith Hardman
3 rd	17	£20	Linda Simpson
4 th	27	£15	Christine Green
5 th	143	£10	Terry Parrott

Congratulations to all the winners.

Parish Council

Before any parish council meeting, an open forum is held where parishioners can raise any concerns or issues that need to be brought to the attention of the council. It should be mentioned that Parishioners attending the meeting are free to leave at any time and there is no compulsion to stay for the whole meeting. Our next meeting is Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm. At this meeting there will be discussions regarding replacing the vandalised basketball hoop and small goal post. The date of installing the new swings is yet to be confirmed, but it should be happening very shortly.

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winner of the June draw was Sheena Hall - a selection of Dorset (and Devon) goodies has been delivered and hopefully enjoyed! Congratulations Sheena!



We will be selling tickets again soon - cost is £10 for the year starting August - with maximum of 100 tickets to be sold. If you are interested, please email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com.

Saunders Richardson Wood

Another busy time in the Wood with several Open Wood days, with volunteers helping to improve access to the new trees by clearing the nettles and redirecting some of the paths. We are also clearing the glades in preparation for a Teddy Bears Picnic on 26 August. The nettle tea fertiliser is coming on nicely – if the smell is anything to go by – and should

be available to purchase at the Village fete on 5th August. There will be Open Wood sessions on Wednesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 July, 2pm - 4.30pm. Members only, however, it is free to join, and we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

Thanks to some keen volunteers, a selection of insect friendly plants was planted up in the top border – the warm and wet conditions at the time obviously helped get them started. The meandering path has allowed patches of wildflowers to come through, particularly ox-eye daisies. We have also taken advantage of the mole hills and sprinkled them with some wildflower seed – courtesy of Burton Bradstock library. Only problem is keeping these patches watered in the current conditions! Also, look out for signs in the Orchard illustrating certain bees which might be spotted out and about in the month.



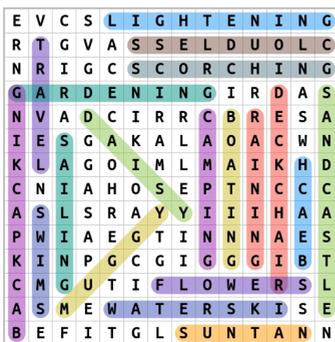
If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635

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>

Word Search answers from the June edition



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| DAISY | SCORCHING |
| CAMPING | SANDCASTLE |
| RAINING | BACKPACKING |
| TRAVEL | DECKCHAIR |
| LIGHTENING | FLOWERS |
| WATERSKI | BEACH |
| GARDENING | SWIMS |
| MUGGY | SAILING |
| SUNTAN | BOATING |
| CLOUDLESS | |

The return of St James the Least of All

After a considerable break (the letters last appeared in the BVN in 2014), the Rev'd Dr Gary Bowness resumes his tongue-in-cheek letters to his nephew from 'Uncle Eustace'.

On why we don't bother to lock the church

From the Rectory, St James the Least:

My dear Nephew Darren,

Since I happened to be in your area last week, I tried to call in at your church, and was sorry to find it was locked and bolted, with surveillance cameras watching me.

We tend to be a little more relaxed about matters of security. The key to the medieval lock was lost some time during Queen Victoria's reign and never replaced. How someone managed to misplace a foot long piece of cast iron, weighing about 10 pounds is a mystery. If it had fallen out of someone's pocket, it would certainly have broken their foot. Ever since, no one has bothered with locking the door – which makes me wish our burglars last year had thought of trying it, before wasting so much energy smashing a stained-glass window when they visited in the early hours one morning. On the other hand, were the key still in use, I should probably be arrested these days for carrying an offensive weapon.

As with most rural churches, keys which open just about everything in the village are hidden in various parts of the church. The vestry key is under my seat cushion, the organ key under a vase on the altar, the church hall key on top of the hymn book cupboard, and Miss Simpson's spare front door key inside the font. I have never been certain whether the latter is there for safety, or as a general invitation. I am sure someone could usefully produce a book suggesting the many places that keys are likely to be found secreted in churches for the use of vergers, flower arrangers, cleaners – and thieves wanting to save themselves time and effort.

I suspect that the burdened look that many urban clergy wear is not because they are weighed down with parish troubles, but because they are obliged to carry with them a superfluity of keys needed to negotiate every

door in church, hall, school, and vicarage. And why is there always one for which no one has any idea what it opens?

The only occasion I have ever thought it would be useful to be able to lock a church is when you have a party of visitors inside. So often, on hearing the words “let us pray” or the start of an appeal for funds, they bolt for the door.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

JULY 2023	1st Sunday 2nd July Trinity 4	2nd Sunday 9th July Trinity 5	3rd Sunday 16th July Trinity 6	4th Sunday 23rd July Trinity 7	5th Sunday 30th July Trinity 8
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Café Church	11am Holy Communion	
Chilcombe				6pm Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11am Holy Communion	
Swyre	6.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Joint Breakfast Church	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All age Holy Communion		
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.30 Holy Communion	11am United Service followed by picnic
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Wednesday 5 th July Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock followed by Light Lunch					