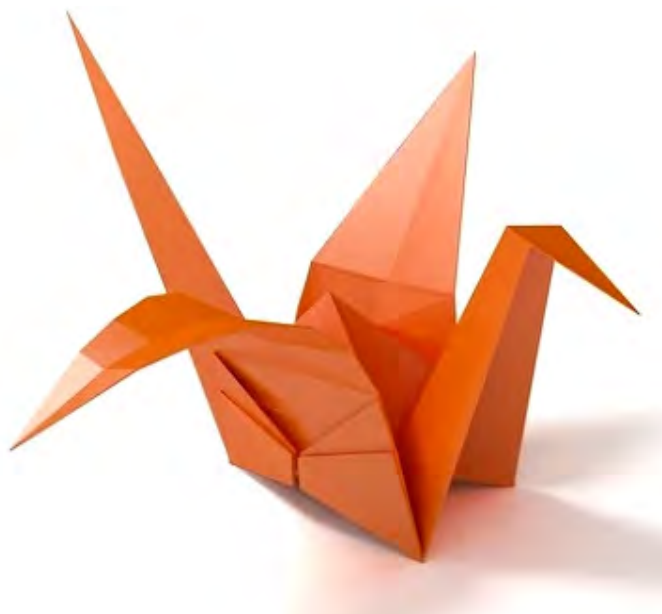


BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



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Bride Valley News – the magazine of the Bride Valley Communities and the Bride Valley & Chesil 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 or refuse submissions and cannot guarantee that items will be included.

The cover picture this month shows a paper crane, for the United Nations International Day of Peace, which is on Saturday, 21 September. In Japan, the paper crane became a symbol of peace after the bombing of Hiroshima. One victim of Leukaemia from exposure to the atomic bomb named Sadako Sasaki started folding 1000 paper cranes, believing if she did, she would get a wish granted by the Gods. After Sadako Sasaki passed away, paper cranes became a symbol of world peace and The Children's Peace Monument was erected in Hiroshima.

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The Bride Valley & Chesil Churches

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

Rector: Rev'd Andrew Rawding (01308) 898799

Associate Priest: Rev'd Margaret Preuss Higham (01305) 87397

To enquire about Baptisms, Marriages or Funeral arrangements in the Bride Valley Churches of Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Littlebredy, Long Bredy, Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle or Swyre please contact

Rev'd Rawding by phone (see above) or

email rectorbridevalleychesil@gmail.com

You can also use www.acny.com for Baptism and Marriage enquiries.

Contact Rev'd Margaret Preuss Higham by phone (see above) or

email revmph@gmail.com for enquiries in the Chesil Churches of Abbotsbury, Portesham or Langton Herring.

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, responding to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. If you need help please contact the Churchwardens, Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator (01308 897260) or one of the Lay Pastoral Assistants who are:

Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169, 01308 898327, Jenny Malyon 01308 898768 and Liz Orza 01308 897451.

Home communion is available by arrangement. Please contact any of the LPAs.'

From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

How do we 'patiently put up with each other and love each other' (Ephesians 4:2)? We reflected on this recently at a mid-week Holy Communion service, considering 'the bread of life' and this Bible verse.

How do we patiently put up with and love each other in our homes? Statistically there may be 'domestic abuse' in some of our homes. How do we patiently put up with each other in our villages, with neighbours, with tourists, particularly on the busy narrow roads? Are we patient and loving when we look at the news, and see dead and injured children, protests, riots and violence, war and suffering, migrants looking for a better life and safety? We may want and need justice, but are our thoughts loving? The Bible verse includes: 'with all humility and gentleness'. That can be our biggest challenge: to find the humility to admit that we easily judge others, even if only in our thoughts, though none of us are perfect. We can feel entitled. Maybe we have been spoilt. But all of us at some times have needed people to be patient with us, to put up with us and love us, with all our faults.

Our reflection included recognition that sometimes we struggle because we can't be patient, put up with and love ourselves. We feel unlovable. We get anxious. We get angry. We cannot let go of the past. We still carry feelings of imperfection, punishment and shame, often from childhood, maybe from church. We feel hard done by. We become hardline, resentful, jealous. The power at the heart of the Christian faith is the power of forgiveness and the unconditional love that gently and patiently receives us with open arms of love. Right now, you may find it difficult to patiently put up with and love others. You may find it difficult to love yourself. Please don't harm yourself or others. But divine love understands. Divine love can bear all your impatience, all your pain and lack of self-love. Divine love offers you the gift of peace, 'the bread of life', and a fresh start.

Andrew

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: Ian Ibbotson 898484, Shipton Gorge: Phyl Webster 898657, Litton Cheney: Freddie Spicer 482617.

Safeguarding

The Churches of this Benefice have adopted the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and are 'Promoting Safer Churches'. The Benefice Churches have an open door to all survivors.

For further information or support please contact our Safeguarding Officer:- Les Keatley. Tel:- 07833545450 email:- Les@Keatley.me.uk

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Zachary Miles at Litton Cheney, 18th Aug

Charlotte Edwards at Burton Bradstock, 25th Aug

Funerals:

Rick Cook at Long Bredy, 14th Aug

Neville Mason at Litton Cheney, 23rd Aug

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



Thorners CE VA School

Writing this in August in advance of the school's return from summer holidays there has to be an element of supposition to what is written here. Established students have all moved up a year and we welcome those children joining us who will form the Reception class. Whilst they will have had some experience of a classroom environment, if they had been Fledglings the previous year, it will nevertheless seem strange and require a period of settling in.

Autumn Term is a period of time when everyone at Thorner's, including staff, are feeling their way to some extent, but it doesn't take long before a degree of familiarity allows everyone to explore just a little bit further. We will have more news to share in October's BVN, but for now it's time to sharpen a few pencils in readiness for the coming term.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

National Coastwatch

NCI LYME BAY VOLUNTEERS FLY THE FLAG

Volunteers at Lyme Bay have been flying the flag for coastal safety by taking part in a 2,000-plus miles station-to-station relay as part of the National Coastwatch charity's 30th anniversary celebrations. The special anniversary flag is travelling anti-clockwise to each of the charity's 60 coastal watch stations during the summer. It started in Fleetwood, Lancashire and will end its journey in



September at the most northerly station on the east coast in Filey, North Yorkshire. Sirius Insight, a leading technology company using AI (artificial intelligence) to transform safety and security at sea, is sponsoring the national flag relay.

At NCI Charmouth, volunteers received the flag on 13th July from watchkeepers at NCI Exmouth who arrived on foot. On 14th July the flag left Charmouth on foot along the South West Coast Path via The Anchor Pub at Seatown to West Bay. It passed through West Bay in the afternoon and departed by gig *Bucky Doo*,



escorted by the gig *Blaize* and a motor launch, *Shearwater*, owned by a watchkeeper, en-route to Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock. From the gig the flag was swum ashore and greeted by The High Sheriff of Dorset, Mr Anthony Woodhouse, the Station Manager and fellow watchkeepers. Station Manager for Lyme Bay, Judy Clarke said: “This year is an exciting milestone and it’s great for us all to come together, take part in some extra fundraising and have some fun in our own community at the same time.”



On Monday 15 July the relay continued with the flag leaving NCI Lyme bay at 10:30 en-route to NCI Portland. The Flag travelled by ‘tramper’, an off-road mobility aid, provided by Countryside Mobility and courtesy of the National Trust at Hive Beach, accompanied by Tamarisk Farm horses, to Bindbarrow, then Tamarisk Farm horses, to West Bexington.

Our Night Sky in September 2024

Saturn will be rising in the East about 20.00 followed by Jupiter and Mars at about 23.00. Saturn will be setting at about 05.00 whilst Mars and Jupiter will still be visible until day break. All of these planets will be brilliant objects throughout the night, with Jupiter being particularly prominent. We welcome Orion rising in the East at about 02.00



Gravitational waves are travelling ripples in time and space. Space time is rather like a rubber sheet. Massive objects like neutron stars and orbiting binary stars, or especially black holes, can deform this sheet of space time; A gravitational wave is a ripple in that sheet, and that ripple travels with the speed of light; it carries energy, it carries momentum, and it can carry information about the objects that produced it. We have built a gravitational wave detector so that we can read those waves, and, use them to understand the objects that produced them. The detectors are the space telescopes – the James Webb, and the Euclid whose detectors combine information to provide a 3-dimensional view of the Universe, stretching back to the Big Bang. Since they use Infra-Red, they are able to penetrate the dust clouds that normally prevent telescopes seeing beyond them

I am finding it difficult to keep up with all that is happening in our fascinating Universe!

Bill Turnill

The Bride Valley WI

The Bride Valley WI held their summer social on Hive Beach in beautiful sunshine for its July meeting. Thirty plus members met together for swimming, socialising and of course our customary Fish and Chip supper. Sadly, unlike last year, the dolphins did not deign to join us but the Dorset coastline and sunset did not disappoint.

Our monthly walk took us to Bronkome Hill Barrows and some absolutely stunning sea and countryside views. Yet again the weather delivered a beautiful warm evening. Thank you to Karen, one of our members, for leading the walk and providing interesting commentary.

Skittles for fun continues at the White Horse, Litton Cheney on alternate Tuesdays.

We meet every third Thursday at 7.30pm at Puncknowle Village Hall if you would like to join us.

Please contact us on Bridevalleywi@gmail.com

Events in the Bride Valley



The poster features a large green '30' with the Weldmar Hospicecare logo integrated into the '0'. Below this, the text reads 'WELDMAR 30TH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE AUCTION'. The main body of text describes the auction's purpose: to help Weldmar provide free vital specialist end-of-life care across Dorset. It lists over 30 lots for sale, including vintage wines, holidays, fine art, and original family days out. The auction opens on Saturday 2nd September 2024. At the bottom, there are logos for Handelsbanken and Symonds & Simpson, along with a QR code.

30 YEARS

**WELDMAR 30TH ANNIVERSARY
ONLINE AUCTION**

Help Weldmar provide free vital specialist end of life care across Dorset for patients and their loved ones, in our community, in the hospice and especially at home.

Over 30 lots to view and choose - from vintage wines, holidays, fine art and original family days out.

Auction opens on Saturday 2nd September 2024 - more details online. Click link below to discover more:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/auctionforweldmar

Handelsbanken

Symonds & Simpson



Save The Date!

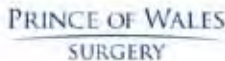
Flu vaccination clinics 2024.

Saturday 5 October	Dorchester
Saturday 12 October	Portesham
Saturday 19 October	Dorchester
Wednesday 30 October	LATCH

Invitations for all eligible patients to follow soon.

Did you know?

- ✓ You can support you GP surgery by booking your Flu vaccination with us. We always buy, in advance, enough vaccinations for all our eligible patients. By booking with us you help us not to waste costly vaccines.
- ✓ Can't make one of the dates listed above? Don't worry, speak to one of our Patient Services Team members about our other options.
- ✓ October is a great time to have your Flu vaccination to help protect you for the whole Flu season.



Bride Valley Gardening Club

Eating Up

I'm sure that I am not alone in having an invasion of slugs and snails this summer and wishing there was a way of dealing with the problem that was both practical and environmentally friendly. The RHS advice is to go out late at night with a torch and pick off these unwelcome creatures. Umm.... just how long might this take in an average size garden I wonder – and then there's



the allotment too if you have one. I have visions of a prolonged laser beam light show as neighbours patrol their gardens before going to bed. What a shame that handsome looking carnivorous plants can't be fed our unwanted slugs and snails, relying instead on a diet of flies.

On Monday September 16th at 7.30pm, and after a summer break in August, the Bride Valley Gardening Club will be welcoming Sue Gale from Bridport Flycatchers. From their gold medal winning collection she will be bringing a selection of their fascinating carnivorous plants to show us. During a 'hands on' demonstration we will learn everything we need to know about these often very beautiful plants. Sue tells me they are very easy to look after - and there will be plants to buy for you to test this claim!

As usual doors will open at the village hall, LATCH, at 7.00pm for a welcome drink, chat and plant sales. Donations of well grown potted plants are always welcome on the plant table. Welcome too are visitors at a cost of £2. Hope to see you there!

Ultra-Important: if you are the owner of poultry and other captive birds – You Need to Register

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-as-a-keeper-of-less-than-50-poultry-or-other-captive-birds>

Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)

Bride Valley Book Group Review

Our meeting in early August was thinly attended - holidays, summer visitors and Covid all played their part. Our current book was **“Loki” by Melvin Burgess** - a re-telling of the Norse myths in Loki's voice. We were aware of the popular film franchise featuring the rival Norse gods Thor and Loki but none of us had seen this. Most of us struggled with this novel often finding the narrative style difficult. Like the Greek/Roman myths - the Norse stories tend not to be chronological. Loki's voice as the trickster, shape shifting god was convincing and the back story to his rivalry with Thor is explained. Some of the stories are particularly visceral and shocking in their telling and this did not make for a relaxing read. Some of us knew these stories from childhood and it was noted that the writer had made some distinct changes which led to a feeling of frustration. At least one of our group thoroughly enjoyed the book but most of us were underwhelmed. Our next book is by Ali Smith, a novelist we admire and are familiar with - hopefully normal service will be resumed.

Liz Pinfield

Warning from Dorset Police

Over the last few months we have had several reports from members of the public who have received calls from persons purporting to be Police Officers. The supposed Police Officers give their name, a collar number (they have called it a badge number on occasion), a Police Station, will say something about your bank account being compromised, you can help catch them and will then ask for your bank details. They talk about transferring it to a safe account or ask you to withdraw some money and a Police Officer will collect it.



The persons will try and rush you into a decision, they will say this is urgent and it needs to be done now and it can't wait. All of this is a scam.

Every time you answer the phone be it a landline or mobile unless you know the caller, please STOP THINK TAKE 5 MINUTES. The Police will never ask you to do anything like this, nor will the Bank or other organisations. Never rush into anything you have been asked of by someone phoning you. Please put the phone down and speak with a family member, neighbour or a person you trust. You can also call the Police on either 101 (non-emergency), 999 (emergency) or online via Do it Online: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/

Below are some links with information about how to keep safe online and different scams you may see or hear about.

Get safe Online <https://www.getsafeonline.org/privacy-policy/>
Little Book of Big

Scams <https://www.met.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/central/advice/fraud/met/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf>

Thank you.

*Sarah PCSO 5410 Police Community Support Officer
Dorchester Rural West Neighbourhood Policing Team*

Dorset Police, Dorchester Police Station, DT1 1QZ. Tel: 07912898319

Burton Bradstock

Village Correspondent: Pat Grafton
patgrafton43@gmail.com Tel: 01308 898264
Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.



Dorset Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride Saturday 14th September

We will once again be raising funds for the maintenance of our Historic Dorset Churches. Willing volunteers will be riding or striding between churches and seeking sponsorship. More participants would be most welcome as will be financial support for their efforts. This year, amongst others, our Rector Andrew Rawding will be participating and should anybody care to join him for part of his journey around the Bride Valley and Chesil churches do please let him or me know.

Sponsorship can be arranged directly with the riders/striders, or by completing the forms which will be available on the cupboard just inside the church door.

A Just Giving page [burtonbradstockstmaryspwb](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/burtonbradstockstmaryspwb) has been set up and a variety of other methods of payment will be available after the event.

For further information please contact me on 01308 897408 or email pwbroomhead@gmail.com

*Peter Broomhead
Burton Bradstock Ride + Stride Parish Organiser*

St Mary's Church Fete 2024

Huge thanks to everyone who made the Church Fete on 1st August such a success. On a very hot day, so many willing volunteers stepped up to make it happen and the crowds came, enjoyed, and happily spent their money. Thanks too, to all the local businesses and organisations who supported us so generously with donations, prizes, and their time.

We are hugely grateful to our Rector Andrew Rawding and his family who not only welcomed everyone into their garden for the event, but who joined in

with gusto. Andrew took a great many wet sponges in the face for the Rinse the Rector game – perhaps not so terrible on such a sweltering afternoon! And a special mention must go to our three not-so-fearsome dinosaurs, costumed head to tail all afternoon – well done Jenny, Belinda and Mel. At the time of writing, the final numbers were still being crunched, but the great news is that the Fete raised some £6,000, a wonderful achievement that will go towards enhancing St Mary's as a valuable space for use by our community.

Our sincere thanks,

The Church Fete Team

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am-12noon. 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.

If you would like more information please call Pauline (898327)

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 01308 897648.

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 11th Sep

Friends of the Library

Wed 9th Oct

Greenfingers Club

Burton Bradstock Films

Films return to the Village Hall on Friday 27th September with ONE LIFE, starring Johnny Flynn and Anthony Hopkins. Based on the book If It's Not Impossible, which tells the story of Nicholas Winton, a young London broker who visits Prague in in 1938 to convince the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before the Nazis closed the border. 50 years later Winton is haunted by the

fate of the children he wasn't able to save but then the BBC show That's Life reintroduced him to some of those he helped to rescue and he finally came to terms with his grief and guilt. As a result of the programme he was rocketed from anonymity to a national hero.

Tickets are £6 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be bought beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or on the door if available. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on the following Thursday

Diary dates

For those that like to plan ahead here are the dates of key Hall organized events in December:

Sat 7 th Dec	Christmas Market & Coffee Morning
Sat 14 th Dec	Christmas Quiz (By Sue Moores & David Edwards)

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" August 2024 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.60	No 66:	Mrs Jan Clark
2 nd	£17.30	No 71:	Mrs Tina Huggins
3 rd	£8.65	No 25:	Mrs Shelia Fry

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July 2024 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £4 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Supper Club

This month's Supper Club is on Monday 16th September at the Golf Club. Any enquiries, please phone Mags Chue 07790811905.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

On 13th September 2024, 7.30pm to 9.00pm, the Village Society's series of talks for the 2024-25 season begins with a talk entitled "Stories of a Cornish Ancestry", given by "Jack" & Teresa Ripper. Years of research have gone into this talk creating interesting, humorous and at times dark anecdotes about a family's past going back as far as the 15th century. Given the murky tails that emerged, it was no wonder that nobody in the family ever spoke of them.



Doors open at 7.00pm, £1.50 for members, £5 non-members, wine and soft drinks for sale, tea or coffee and biscuit during the interval and of course the raffle. This is the perfect time to meet old friends and make new ones while having an entertaining evening.

Members who have paid their subscriptions should all have received their membership cards by now. If not please contact Roger Ashman on 07971 649020. Those who are yet to pay and wish to join, please check your previous emails on how to or email bbvillagesociety@gmail.com. Once we receive your payment your cards will be put through your letter boxes.

Finally, anyone new to the village who would like to join the Society, give the above phone number a ring and speak to me. It is one of the best ways of meeting new people and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Burton Bradstock Bridge Club

We are a very friendly group who meet in the Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 1.45 pm until 4.30pm to play duplicate bridge. If you have played bridge before but feel you are a bit rusty this would be ideal! We could find you a partner if necessary and you would be assured of an enjoyable afternoon with a break for tea and biscuits. Please come and make some new friends. We start the new season on Tuesday 3rd September. For more information, please contact Kathy on 01308 485626.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

As you might be aware, the whole of the seven local authorities within Libraries West have been affected by quite a number of technical difficulties and an official apology from Dorset Council is on display in the Library. Our volunteers have been wonderful coping with everything from slowness of the system to total failure some days. Thank you also to our customers who have been pretty tolerant but at times there is a limit!



We held a fun Children's Craft Morning on 30th July and 8 children attended with their parents/carers. It was a full-on session and everyone went home with steam trains with moving wheels, cards decorated with seeds to grow for their flowers, puppets, one decorated cap, all based on this year's Summer Reading Challenge characters. It is a very user-friendly scheme this year but we didn't have time for making music, comics, photography and dance! Perhaps next year?

We will have held our Summer Lego Club on Tuesday 27th August at which our 'Marvellous Makers' are expected to come up with more inventive designs. There is always something new to make. Hopefully by then the children will have read their 6 books as part of the Reading Challenge and their certificates will be presented to them at school in September.

The time for us to ask all Friends for their annual subscriptions is coming up soon on 1st October. Reminder letters will be going out to existing Friends but perhaps you might consider becoming a Friend or asking new neighbours if they would join. The minimum annual subscription is just £5 but feel free to donate more! Sue Harrison will be delighted to hear from you and application forms for becoming a Friend are available in the Library. We are so lucky to have our own Community Library in the village and we rely heavily on the Friends' subs for income. Please help us to continue to serve our community.

We will be hosting our Library Coffee Stop on Wednesday 11th September in the Village Hall from 10.00am and there will be a Book Sale in the Library at the same time. We look forward to welcoming you there – plenty of delicious cakes will be available! Book donations can be left in the Library during the preceding week.

Burton Bradstock Community Library opening times are:
Monday 2.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-12noon
Thursday & Saturday 2.00pm-4.00pm
although we will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August.

Email: burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com
www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library

Happy reading!

Sue Brown
Chairman

ps Thank you to everyone for their support for my Coffee Morning at which we made £360.50 for the Book Trust.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Community Apple Pressing Event:

****Join Us for Community Apple Pressing!****
****Date:** Saturday, 12th October**
****Time:** 2:00pm**
****Location:** Rectory Garden**

All welcome for an afternoon of apple pressing fun, with delicious freshly pressed apple juice and a wonderful sense of community. If you have surplus apples let us know and we will pick/collect during the week prior or just bring them along on the day.

EVERYONE WELCOME – SEE YOU THERE! In addition, the Friends of Burton Bradstock School will be running some fund-raising activities.

Contact: Andrew Bailey 07778 261796

Burton Bradstock WI

Just a short report this month as we have had a well-deserved break during August and so have not had any meetings. However, that doesn't mean to say we haven't been busy! On a very hot afternoon at the beginning of August several members volunteered to run the cake and the craft stalls at the Church Fete. Many members had worked hard before the fete to make items for these stalls, which raised a substantial amount of money for the Church. The ever popular - and heavily laden - cake stall just about sold out in the first 40 minutes so it looks like we will have to increase our efforts even more next year to meet the increasing demands! The craft stall also sold most of their items, so it looks like a busy time ahead to replenish our stocks! A special thank you to Pat Broomhead for contributing an amazing amount of preserves to the stall, which obviously boosted the takings.



Also in August, we had two teams of four taking part in the first round of the Dorset Federation Annual Quiz. We usually only manage to rustle up one team for this competition but we were thrilled this year that we had a few more enthusiastic participants. Some of the questions were a bit tricky so hopefully both teams have done well enough to get through to the Final in October. The answers have been sent off to be marked, so we wait to hear! Watch this space!

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday, 10th September at 7.30pm when David Taylor will be speaking about the "Dorchester Tunnels". Visitors are always very welcome at our meetings so do come and join us if you are interested. *Janet Pearson 898346*

The New Burton Bradstock Greenfingers Club

The original Greenfingers Club was formed in 1963 by a group of men who had an interest in 'fishing or tilling the ground' and they met in the Dove Inn on Southover. They held various fun events throughout the year including conkers, winter supper, pumpkin competition, skittles, darts, all raising money for the RNLI. The highlight of the year was the Veast when members donned fancy dress and marched up to the top of the cliff from the Dove to the accompaniment of the bagpipes



and drums. They took a 9-gallon cask of cider in a wheelbarrow, plus bread and cheese, all of which was consumed at the Lookout. There are a number of descendants of club members still around in the village and we have been offered much support in carrying on the name. We are still looking for a resident piper but can manage most of the rest!

We will meet on the second Thursday of the month from September to May in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Our small team has been working on an initial programme and our inaugural meeting will be on Thursday 12th September when our speaker will be Ian Bark talking about Community Orchards, followed by Mark Bugler demonstrating Winter Hanging Baskets on 10th October. Coffee and tea will be available after our talks.

We intend the Club members to have fun while learning, sharing and considering environmental issues. Obviously, the December meeting will have to include cider and cheese! Groves discount cards will be available in September to run until April and new ones will be issued later for the year starting 1st May 2025. There will be a small raffle and everyone is encouraged to share any spare plants they have, with proceeds going to the Weldmar Hospice to continue the work of Geoff Adderley's fund-raising stall in Southover.

Entry is £1 for the 2024 meetings and we will collect subs in January when we know how many people are interested in joining. Most importantly, do come and join us on 12th!

Carol, Pauline, Sue, Tina and Val (The Ginger Group)

Due to popular demand, Cilla has compiled a list of jobs for the coming month:

Garden Jobs to do in September

Take cuttings of pelargoniums, salvias and fuchsias and protect over winter. Keep deadheading tender perennials but be prepared to lift them before the first frosts. Water asters during dry spells to prevent powdery mildew. Start planting winter bedding. Amaryllis and prepared hyacinth bulbs can be planted now for flowers at Christmas. Plant out lettuce seedlings, spring cabbages, garlic and autumn (Japanese) onion sets. Establish new strawberry plants while the soil is warm. Cut down fruited summer raspberry canes to ground level. Net ponds in preparation for leaf fall.

Burton Bradstock Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club



Our new season of twice weekly meetings begins on Monday 23rd September at 6.45pm and Wednesday 25th September at 2.15pm, in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

New members are especially welcome why not come along and give it a try!

If you are interested in joining just come along to any session (first one free) or call the Club Secretary on (01308) 897421 for more details

Artsreach

A Date for your Diary in the Christmas Spirit

7.30pm on Sunday 15th December

We are pleased to announce that Artsreach returns to Burton Bradstock Village Hall next December, with a wonderful pre-Christmas performance by DAVID MYNNE of 'A Christmas Carol'. First devised and performed in 2017, A Christmas Carol has toured nationally every December since then, and had a highly successful run in Los Angeles in 2019. Joy to all mankind? Bah! Journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London. Spend an evening with Ebenezer Scrooge: a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, clutching, covetous, old miser. Watch horrified as Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts, each one more terrifying than the last. Sob at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child riven with rickets. This is Dickens' original words with added silliness. Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story: A Christmas Carol. Bah! Now with even more Humbug

Littlebredy

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Both Church services here in September will be somewhat “special”. The 11.00am service on Sunday 8th September marks the first public ministry in Littlebredy of our new Rector, Andrew Rawding. He and Loveday his wife are understandably keen to meet as many parishioners as possible – and we hope vice versa – so we hope for a good congregation that morning, and there will be coffee and biscuits on offer afterwards for all those who can stay for familiarisation and a chat.

Two weeks later, on Sunday 22nd September, also at 11.00am, our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held in Church, followed by the traditional village Harvest Lunch. Arrangements for both should have been circulated round the village before you read this, but again it would be good to welcome as many people as possible to Church and then the walled garden barn. Church attendance not necessary (but preferred!) as a qualification for attending the lunch.

It is good to see new white paint marks around the two deepest potholes in the village, both in the minor road between the cricket ground and the foot of the Valley of Stones. Apart from residents along it, this lane should be little used, as it is longer, narrower and with less passing places than the duplicate route using White Hill, but the potholes are especially deep and potentially lethal for users of the national cycle route 2, especially when they become invisible when covered by puddles. Let us hope they can be mended (and permanently) soon.

Shipton Gorge

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

SHIPTON GORGE
VILLAGE DIARY

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.

St Martin's Church

Floodlight Sponsors for September

The lights are shining for:

For all our hard-working farmers

Jenny & Peter of Rockway, for good friends, past and present

Chris & Mags for Dara, a loyal friend

**Janice, remembering Percy & Nesta Symes married 75 years ago on
22nd September 1949!**

Thank you to our floodlight sponsors. The dark nights are on the way and we need your sponsorship to keep the lights glowing across the village, so please, if you enjoy the lights, and want to keep them lighting up our village, why not sponsor them for a special occasion. For a suggested donation of £5 you can light up the church and have your occasion mentioned in the BVN. Please contact Phyl Webster on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post-box.

Thank you also to Janet, Caroline & Faith Epplestone for their generous donation towards the maintenance of the bells. Some of you may remember them as former residents of Shipton Gorge and in fact the initials of their father, "JPE" are engraved on one of the bells!

Village Hall

August 2024 100 Club Draw results:

1 st	141	£25	Patsy & Rob Jacobs
2 nd	115	£10	Dave and Tracey Barclay
3 rd	83	£5	Doreen Rodgers

Congratulations to all winners.

What's on at The New Inn

Thursday 19th September. Food from 6.00pm. The return of the pub quiz @ 8.00pm. Food will be available and briefed once the menu's confirmed.
Saturday 28th September from 10.00am. Bring & Buy, Bric a Brac, plus Cake & Coffee Morning at the New Inn. Funds raised will be split between NISL & the local scouts, who recently helped us out by generously loaning equipment for the Stomping Dave event.

A huge THANK YOU from the bellringers!

Your generous donations to our teas and cakes at the village fete last month raised £550 towards our £9000 of works needed on the bells. That is fantastic, thank you. It would not have been possible without the many outstanding cakes and savouries from all our talented bakers, 24 of you, so too many to name here, your creations were wonderful and delicious! Finally, thank you to the bell band and friends who helped on the day, they yet again demonstrated brilliant team work.

We are always looking for new ringers to join our jolly band so if you are intrigued or would like to give it a go, get in touch. We are hoping to start another round of training in the Autumn.

Elizabeth Ferguson
07799 751130

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winners in the August draw were Margaret and Tony Tewson – second time for them. A bottle of gin has been delivered. Congratulations to both of you. All tickets are now sold for the year ahead – thank you to everyone who has bought them.



Saunders Richardson Wood

Another quiet month in the wood – apart from a small team who bottled the nettle fertiliser for the fete. We managed to bottle around 79 litres, most of which was sold thanks to our marketing maestro Marina. If you were thinking of buying some, you will have to wait until next year now. In July a sparrowhawks’ nest was spotted in the wood – and three youngsters have successfully fledged and can be heard calling to each other. If you see any flying about, they might have come from our wood.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

As you know, you are welcome to pick the fruit in the Orchard, however, don’t forget to check the tree plan on the notice board to see what is likely to be ready this month – and what they can be used for – appearances can be deceptive and you might get an unwelcome surprise. The long grass is due to be scythed, obviously weather dependent. The maintenance days are currently planned for Monday 9th and 23rd September 11.00am-12.00noon. If you would like to help, please do come along!



The Village Fete at the end of July was a great event and well attended, helped by sunny weather and the lure of good company, tea and cake and Pimms. Our tombola stall proved to be successful - a big thank you is due to all who made such generous donations.

For those who like to plan ahead – particularly if you intend to do any jam making or preserving - the **Apple Day Produce Sale** will be held this year on Saturday 19th October in the Village Hall.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635 or email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com
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>

Litton Cheney

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St Mary's

Our regular service pattern continues during September, but looking ahead to next month we shall be holding our **Harvest Festival** celebration on **Sunday 6th October at 11.00am**, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch – further details in October's BVN.

Ride and Stride

Time to dust off the bike or resole the boots. Saturday 14th September is the day for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride this year – visit as many or as few churches as you wish with sponsorship to raise money for the Trust who will share it between the Trust and St Mary's Church. Do the business online at www.justgiving.com/campaign/dhctrideandstride2024 or get a form and further details from Kathryn Brooks (482548 or kbrookslcpc@btinternet.com).

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council at LATCH will begin at 6.30pm with a presentation on Rural Housing Enablement – please note the earlier timing. The bi-monthly PC meeting will follow.

Parish Clerk – Sadly, due to personal circumstances, our Clerk, Lucy, has found the need to step back from her role, but will remain in post while we search for a new Parish Clerk. Whilst it is a task requiring a fair degree of organisation, it is not onerous in terms of working conditions and time. This would suit someone who perhaps has spent some time in administration and would like to put their talents to further good use. We are hoping to recruit someone who can take on both Litton Cheney and Shipton Gorge parish councils as indeed Lucy has done with some success. This situation provides the Clerk with the ability to interact between the two councils,

allowing both organisations to learn from each other, and work in conjunction. If this position interests you, we would be delighted to hear from you. In the first instance, contact Clerk Lucy Beasley at littoncheney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Full Fibre Update

Full fibre creeps ever closer, and there are small pockets in the village that are being informed by Openreach that it is now available. We hope to keep you up to date via the village website and Facebook. Those who have pledged their vouchers are likely to be connected in the first instance, with others to follow in slower time but it is hoped that villages in the immediate vicinity will be fully connected within the next year or so.

Chilcombe Bridge Update

Isambard Kingdom Brunel originated the design of the Clifton Suspension Bridge that spans the Avon, opening in 1864, and also the Tamar Railway Bridge that opened in 1859. Our ambitions are somewhat smaller, but with the potential to be just as significant, given Chilcombe Bridge spans a tributary that eventually merges with the mighty Bride as it courses its way down to Lyme Bay and the English Channel.

Many thanks to everyone who has pledged a donation to the bridge fund. We are now awaiting a positive response from Dorset Council and will keep you all informed. In the meantime, further funds most welcome.

Contact: Quentin Blacke 07919905588 q.black@outlook.com

Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) – for September

Weekly:

Mondays: 3.30 - 4.30pm, Big Q Church (Term time only)

Wednesdays: 4.45pm, Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

7.00pm, Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Thursdays: 9.15am - 11.15am First Steps Toddlers (fortnightly, term time only)

Special:

Tuesday 10th: 6.30pm in Meeting Room: Parish Council - Presentation on Rural Housing Enablement followed by bi-monthly Parish Council meeting
Monday 16th: 7.00pm Bride Valley Gardening Club

Coming up... Thursday 3rd October – Film Night – “One Life” – see details below.

Village Cafés: 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 wtlitton@gmail.com

Flu Clinic – October – LATCH

A flu clinic will be held at LATCH on 30th October – see poster in Valley Notes for more details

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Next film at Litton Cheney Community Hall

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER - ONE LIFE *'a remarkable true story'*

Starring **Antony Hopkins**, **Johnny Flynn** and **Helena Bonham Carter**, the film tells the true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London banker who rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis on the brink of World War II. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky is still haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children – now adults – that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

The film has two narrative strands. Johnny Flynn plays the younger Nicholas, then Sir Anthony Hopkins, the 1980's Nicholas. Cert. 12. 1 hr.45min

Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Films start 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)
Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

Artsreach

Save the date!

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT
7.30PM



VRi from Wales are three musicians with ‘a magic chemistry’ (*Folk Wales*). **VRi** means ‘lifting’ and ‘uplifting’ in Old Welsh. Meet Patrick Rimes, Jordan Price Williams and Aneirin Jones at LATCH and enjoy their unique old and new songs drawing on Welsh identity and struggle -

If you would like to help with this or other Artsreach events in any way, please contact Patricia Scholfield on 01308 482514 or email patriciascholfield@phonecoop.coop

Bride Valley Bingo

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the Bride Valley Bingo Night on 26th July at LATCH, and helped us raise £725 for The Dorset Cancer Care Foundation based in Poole.

The Christmas Bingo Night will be held on Friday 29th November and the chosen charity will appear in the October issue of the BVN. Please watch this space and come and support us in raising monies for Dorset based charities.

A special thanks to the Bingo fundraisers without whom these bingo events would not happen.

Jackie Horsley

Local Book Review - “West Bay - That Was the Year That Was”

Harbour life, events, people and history, as recorded in a journal of 2012. Written by local author Sylvia Stafford, and available in local bookshops. A New Year’s resolution, made over twelve years ago, led to this illustrated journal of one year in the life of the busy harbour and popular tourist resort of West Bay, Dorset. Daily events and meetings with local residents, workers and visitors to the area were recorded against the background of what turned out to be a hugely dramatic year, both within Dorset and nationally.

The White Horse

Not much from The White Horse this month; the sun is shining at last, the holiday makers are here, and we are cracking on with the main job of serving food and drinks and providing entertainment for them and our lovely locals. Just to let you know, the music will continue until the end of September and we are open from midday to around 7pm on Bank Holiday Monday with 2 bands (at 1 and 4) and Basilico Pizzas. We will be, unusually, CLOSED on Tuesday, 27th August. Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you soon.

Andy & Liz

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

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The Garden Party at the Crown

What a wonderful day! The sun shone and everyone had a good time. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped, either donating cakes, bottles and chocolate, setting up and manning the stalls and games, or helping to clear away afterwards. And a huge thank you to Lyn and Paul for letting us join in. Money was raised for a Breast Cancer charity, and £1134 was raised for the church for which we are most grateful.

It was great to see the village coming together so well to celebrate.

Ride and Stride

This event, organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, will be held on Saturday 14th September. Half of the sponsored proceeds raised for each

parish are returned to the parish, and the Trust uses the other half to make grants to Churches of all denominations for repairs and improvements. If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact Jethro Truscott on mobile 07800 893090

Lammas Praise Service

On 4th August an outdoor Lammas Praise service was held in the churchyard in Puncknowle followed by a bring and share picnic lunch. The sun shone and the altar was adorned with barley sheaves, a loaf prepared by Liz, and a beautiful picture created by Tina, with Ariadne providing the music. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a special service.



Dates For Your Diary

On Sunday 22nd September we will be holding a PET SERVICE in Puncknowle Church at 3.00pm. All creatures great and small (with well-behaved owners) are welcome to this informal service, with refreshments provided at the Crown Inn afterwards.

On Sunday 6th October you are welcome to join us for Puncknowle HARVEST FESTIVAL The service starts at 11.00am and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at the Village Hall. We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 5th. Feel free to join us at the church service, or lunch, or both.

Puncknowle 100 Club

Here are the draw results for

July 1st Prize Steve Mann
2nd Prize Ross Wallace
August 1st Prize Patti & Thomas Merri
2nd Prize Lyn Jennings (Amos)

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

This year's AGM will be held on 19th September at 7.00pm in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please do come along if you can.

What's on at Puncknowle Village Hall in September		
REGULAR EVENTS		
Mondays	10.00am - 11.00am	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Mondays	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Pilates Contact Sarah on 07885 037340 or by email sarah@modified-pilates.co.uk
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 7.00 pm	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Wednesdays	10.00am - 12.00noon	Table Tennis Contact Brian on 01308 897987
Wednesdays	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Table Tennis Contact Eonne on 07891 210739
OTHER EVENTS		
Monday 2nd	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public. More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Tuesday 3rd	7.30pm - 10.00pm	Parish Council Meeting Open to the Public
Thursday 5th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Craft Club Contact Brenda on b.oliver@btinternet.com
Thursday 12 th	7:00pm - 10.30pm	Whist Drive Contact Jenny on 01308 897863
Monday 16 th	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Benefice Meeting
Tuesday 17 th	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Luncheon Club Contact David on 01308 898492
Thursday 19 th	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Village Hall AGM Open to the Public
Friday 27 th	10.00am - 12.30pm	Art Club Contact Sally on 01308 897987

Long Bredy

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Long Bredy 100 Club July Results

£30.00	No. 7	D. Andrews
£15.00	No. 112	J. & F. Farley
£5.00	No. 22	J. Cain

In Loving Memory

Rick Cook

Rick Cook passed away peacefully on 26th July 2024, surrounded by his family. Our community will miss him deeply. He was such a wonderful friend and neighbour and made the world a brighter place everywhere he went.

Rachel Hayes

It was with sadness we heard of the passing of Rachel Hayes. Rachel with her late husband, Mervyn, moved to The Rookery just after they were completed, and she lived there until her illness in May this year. There was no funeral service but friends, neighbours and work colleagues along with Rachel and Mervyn's beloved dog, Skye, were able to say goodbye with a gathering at the White Horse. Rachel loved Long Bredy and was a loyal friend to all who knew her. Skye has a new home in the village where she is free to roam the many fields that she walked with Mervyn and Rachel over the years.

Church news

An almost full Church welcomed the Rev'd Andrew to his first service with us in July. We look forward to many more thoughtful inspiring services with him

and his family. Also, many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to keep the churchyard so beautiful. Anyone wishing to help would be very welcome.

Coming up in September...

Coffee Break

The Coffee Break will take place on **Saturday, 14th September** from 10.30am – 12:00pm in the Village Hall.

Join neighbours and friends to catch up and enjoy some refreshments. All are welcome!

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday **15th September** at 9.30am with refreshments served afterwards. We will collect non-perishable food and money for the food bank. If you would like to contribute, please either leave them in the church or hand over to Ruth Cullingford or Jackie Cain.

Come Along Inn

The 'Come Along Inn' will be opening its doors on **Friday, 20th September**. Usual opening time 5.30pm – 9.00pm at the Village Hall. The usual selection of drinks and supper will be available. Looking forward to seeing you all and cheers for now.

Note for your calendars

Long Bredy Defibrillator

We will be holding our next defibrillator training event on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 7.00pm in Long Bredy Village Hall.

Anyone can use the defibrillator, you do not need training, but if you want to feel more confident using it and/or have any questions then the training session is a perfect opportunity for this. No need to book, just come along.

Candlelight Supper at St Peter's Church

On Friday 4th October the Monks of St Peter's Church invite you to join them for a candlelight supper! Space in the church is limited so you are advised to book early for this very special event. Your place at the table for the evening will be available at 6.30pm for supper at 7.00pm and have a

charge of £12 towards the fare. You can book through Brother Kinghorn: aking44634@aol.com, 01308482270, Brother Cain: 01308 482379 or Brother Cullingford: 01308 482562. The monks will be making their favourite brews available plus wine from the vineyard and there will be the opportunity to leave with some local produce!

Fundraising Event

This year's fundraising event, "Would I Lie to You" will be on **Saturday 2nd November** in Long Bredy Village Hall.

A fun evening involving 3 men, 14 strange objects and guessing who is telling the truth and who is lying. Further information to follow so watch this space!



Recipe Corner

If there are any recipes you'd like to share with the community, please email them to Rebecca or post it through the door at No. 5 Bedford Terrace.

This month's recipe is... Green Soup

- 4/6 courgettes chopped.
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 potato chopped
- 500ml vegetable stock / herbs of choice or enough liquid to just cover veg.
- Optional - Brie to top soup to serve

Instructions

Sauté onions. Add other ingredients and cook till veg is soft. Liquidise and serve hot with melted Brie (optional).

Freezes well.

Bon Appetit and thank you for the recipe, Jackie Cain.

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from Uncle Eustace



My dear Nephew Darren,

I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my - fortunately limited - experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words. When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from *Hymns Ancient and More Ancient* to the more recent version: *Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient*.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thines' or 'wouldsts'. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them - an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

A New Start in Autumn

The following short story is contributed by the Editor's computer, and was generated by the OpenAI program ChatGPT, following brief instructions to write a short story about 'new beginnings in Autumn'. It was able to produce this in about 10 seconds, so see what you think! One of these days might it replace the Editor?

As the first leaves began to carpet the streets of Burton in vibrant reds and golds, Clara felt a sense of change in the air. The summer had slipped away, and with it, her comfortable routine. This autumn, she had resolved to start something new—a pottery class at the Village Hall.

The first session arrived, crisp and breezy, and Clara wrapped herself in her favourite scarf before heading out. Nervous butterflies fluttered in her stomach as she entered the Hall, where the scent of damp clay mingled with freshly brewed tea. A small group of eager faces filled the room, each carrying their own hopes and uncertainties.

Clara took a deep breath and joined the circle of students. Their instructor, Mr. Simmons, had a warm smile that instantly put her at ease. "Today, we'll learn how to throw pottery on the wheel," he announced, demonstrating the technique with practiced ease.

With guidance, Clara approached the wheel. As she centred the clay and began to shape it, all her worries faded away. The cool, malleable substance became an extension of her hands. She lost herself in the rhythm, laughter and chatter of her classmates creating a comforting backdrop.

By the end of the session, Clara had formed her first bowl—uneven, but filled with potential. She left the Hall with clay under her nails and a heart lighter than it had been in months. Autumn had welcomed her into a new chapter, and she realized starting something new could feel like a beautiful beginning.


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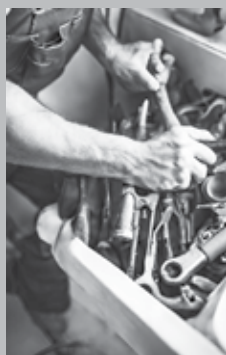
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