

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



August 2024

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 is clematis 'General Sikorski', pictured at Corner Cottage's garden in Long Bredy, which was open to the public on 30th June as part of the NGS 'Yellow Book' scheme where gardens are open for charity.

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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, Pauline Woodford (Burton Bradstock only) 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

Greetings from 'Rosie's Rectory', our new family home. You may be wondering, why 'Rosie's Rectory'? I will explain. For the last four years we have lived in a rented house in Belfast. On 2nd January our landlord texted me with 'a very generous offer' of three months' notice to 'vacate the property'. He had been offered £450 per month more in rent: 'which is an offer I can't pass up'. I negotiated a reprieve until June, but we needed to find somewhere to live, as we have no home.

Our six-year-old twins were listening. Arthur told his school friends, which caused upset. Rosie said to me: "Daddy, when we move house, I want to move to a Rectory." The twins were born into life in a Church of Ireland rectory. However, I left the Church of Ireland in 2021 on a point of conscience over 'structural, cultural and social homophobia'; there was no turning back.



*Loveday and me at
Abbotsbury Swannery.*

The other place I knew there were rectories was the Church of England, where I was ordained in 2002. When we visited the rectory in April, we called in at Bridehead. I explained the story to our generous host Sir Philip Williams, who responded: "Well then, it's Rosie's Rectory."

We are very pleased to be here, not just to be given a roof over our heads, but because kind and warm-hearted people have already made us feel welcome, voluntarily cleaning the rectory, and literally clearing a path through garden overgrowth. We are most grateful. We are also excited to be on a journey of growing in more love for ourselves, for each other, for the community, and for the world. This is the adventure of following Jesus Christ. It is not always an easy journey, but my personal experience is it is always worth it.

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

Les Keatley is the Benefice Safeguarding Officer. If you have any concerns that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm, or you need to speak to someone, or you are a victim of domestic or sexual abuse or you need Survivor care and support contact Les. Email: Les@keatley.me.uk or phone 07833545450

From the Registers

Baptism

Etta de la Hunty - 7th July Burton Bradstock

Ella Lambie - 14th July Burton Bradstock

Funerals

Bruce Milne - 11th June at Long Bredy

Albert Ebdon - 12th June at Swyre

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



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

**'Do justice; love kindness; and walk humbly with God
(Micah 6:8)**

We are inspired by this verse from the bible and how it shapes all we do. We all believe that fairness, kindness and being humble are the key to flourishing for all. The links between this and our school values of Happiness, Friendship, Hope, Love, Courage, and Respect are clear.

July has flown past in a flurry of trips and celebrations. At the end of this term, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who are moving on to the next stage in their education. I know you will join me in wishing them well and I am sure that we will, as we do with many previous pupils, see them back at Burton to let us know how they're getting on!

During the first week in July we held an activities week for our Year 5 and 6 class. They enjoyed walking the coast path from West Bexington to Freshwater (with the added treat of bowling at the end!), taking on the climbing walls at Seals Cove, tackling the high ropes course at Tunnel Treetops, having an extended forest school session including a campfire and marshmallows, a film night and sleepover at school and they finished the week with a fun swimming session at BLC. They had a great week – a huge thank you to all the staff who were involved.



Our annual sports day took place at the end of June. There were more formal races and field events in the morning for our 'Beach Team' cup and then our fun sports in the afternoon. It was a great event - thank you to the Friends for providing refreshments for the children and adults.

Kingfisher class enjoyed an Egyptian day with Neil from 'The Time Travellers'. At the end of the day they presented their learning about mummification to the rest of the school and their families. It was a great day!



Please follow our Facebook page for more pictures of all the things our children get up to.

I look forward to sharing our news after the break when our new classes have settled in.

If you would like to visit our friendly village school, please contact our school office via email: office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

Adam Gough, Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

By the time you read this we will be on our summer holidays, but we are already looking forward to a return to school come September, with a new Reception class and Fledglings, while everyone else moves up a year.

We finished the school year and summer term on a high note with a production of "Alice in Wonderland" and then headed off into what we hope will be warm summer days, allowing us to recharge the batteries in readiness for the new Autumn term.

Mike Sitch, Headmaster

Our Night Sky in August 2024

The Sun will be setting at about 9pm followed shortly after by Venus. Mars and Jupiter will be rising in the North East at about 2am and will be prominent until sunrise about 6.00am.



A gravitational wave is an invisible (yet incredibly fast) ripple in space. Gravitational waves are invisible. However, they are incredibly fast. They

travel at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second). Gravitational waves squeeze and stretch anything in their path as they pass by.

Einstein predicted that something special happens when two bodies—such as planets or stars—orbit each other. He believed that this kind of movement could cause ripples in space. These ripples would spread out like the ripples in a pond when a stone is tossed in. Scientists call these ripples of space gravitational waves.

The first crude (by today's standards) observatory detected a wave caused by a supernova, but the constant minute ripples in space have been detected by the James Webb and Euclid space telescopes parked a million miles from Earth in stable orbits which keep them seemingly motionless in space.

Meanwhile, the Chinese have returned a sample of dust excavated near a polar crater on the far side of the Moon; the amount of water contained in the sample will indicate how suitable the site would be for a permanent manned base.

Bill Turnill

Bride Valley Open Gardens

The Bride Valley has many beautiful gardens, some of which are open to the public through the National Garden Scheme, an organisation which was founded in 1927 by the Queen's Nursing Institute. 609 Gardens were then opened and over £8,000 was raised for District Nurses. The scheme's charities have evolved over the years and funds raised today support a wide range of 18 nursing and health charities including Marie Curie, Parkinsons UK, and Carers' Trust as well as Community Gardens and the Army Benevolent Fund. Last year £3 million was raised.



In Long Bredy, the gardens of Langebride House, re-opened after a break of a few years, and Corner Cottage both opened for the first time on June 30th. A combination of a warm sunny afternoon, curiosity to visit the gardens and home-made refreshments in the grounds of Langebride drew 124 visitors, far surpassing expectations. As a result, £1100.00 was sent to the NGS and a percentage of money from refreshment and plant sales went to village funds.



For many people, an NGS garden visit on a Sunday afternoon not only provides a variety of gardens to explore but also an opportunity to visit and enjoy different parts of Dorset. In the Bride Valley the Old Rectory Garden in Litton Cheney and Little Bredy Walled Gardens regularly open. Just look for the yellow signs and experience the pleasure of a beautiful garden which someone else is maintaining. You can find gardens open near you on the NGS website, just visit <https://ngs.org.uk>.

Sue Dyer

The Bride Valley WI

As I write this the rain is lashing down and all we can hope for is the sun will shine again. However, on a beautiful sunny warm night in June the Bride Valley WI visited the Xtreme Falconry at Dorset Falconry Park. Martin Ballam and his daughter were excellent hosts. We were able to wander around the site, looking at all the birds at close quarters. The owls, vultures and eagles were also keeping a keen eye on us!! We then listened to a very interesting and informative talk about the birds, the breeding, the incubation of eggs and the general running of the Falconry Park. We were able to see a fabulous Eagle Owl at close range, there is no doubt about the enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication required to look after the birds in Martin's care. We enjoyed the evening immensely.

Our walk was a little further afield last month. We met in the car park at Maiden Castle and had a walk around the ramparts, stopping at the ruins of the Roman Temple on the way round. We took some time to marvel that the creation of this defensive fortress was all done by hand. What a feat!! It was a lovely evening, topped off by hearing the huge variety of bird song from sky larks to stone chats.

Skittles for fun is continuing at The White Horse. If you would like to know more about our WI which meets every third Thursday at Puncknowle Village Hall please email bridevalleywi@gmail.com.

Events in the Bride Valley

**ST. MARYS • BURTON BRADSTOCK
CHURCH FETE**

**THURSDAY 1
AUGUST 2024
2pm - 4.30pm**

**RECTORY GARDEN & SURROUNDING AREA
BURTON BRADSTOCK DT6 4QS**

**GRAND DRAW • FACE PAINTING
CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW • TEAS & CAKES • HOG ROAST
ICE CREAM • CLIMB THE TOWER • LIVE MUSIC
STALLS & GAMES**

Free Car Park

**Admission £1
Children Under 12 Free**

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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY SPACE IN THE CHURCH

Church Doors – Enter here!

We're looking at the ways into church! We hope our entrances look welcoming and we'd love to welcome you all in to have a look at our churches this summer!



Can you photograph a church door?

It can be any of the inside or outside doors of our churches! Add your photo to our Facebook page: *Bride Valley and Chesil Churches* or send it to our administrator: Helen, at bvchurchesta@outlook.com and she can upload it for you.

On our Facebook page, we'll be holding a guess the church competition, using your photos. Then we will be adding them to the national #churchdoorchallenge! Your pictures will also feature on *A Church Near You* - and with your permission, we'll submit them to the Bride Valley News as a potential future front cover!

For the children...

You might like to challenge your little people to find out how many doors your church has and to say which door they think is the most historic! Have fun exploring and let us know how they get along! Small prize drawn from entries with name and age to admin Helen, bvchurchesta@outlook.com - competition closes Sept 1st.

You are invited to a

COFFEE MORNING
on **Saturday 3rd**
August

from 10.00am to 12 noon

at 10 Howarth Close in Burton Bradstock

in aid of the **Book Trust** which introduces
children to the magical world of books

Parking is limited so it is best to walk



At local churches this summer including Punccknowle, Litton Cheney, Shipton Gorge, Burton Bradstock, Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring!

KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES - FREE

Children should be accompanied and please take care in the churchyard!

Check on social media and at Church. Near you can for other churches taking part and other activities!

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL, MINIBEAST HUNTS, CRAFTS AND COLOURING

For more information contact: bvchurchesta@outlook.com

Portesham & Abbotsbury 1000

2024 is a special year for the villages of Portesham and Abbotsbury. Plans are in place to celebrate that 1000 years ago in 1024 King Canute wrote a charter giving the area known as Porteshamme to his manservant Orc. This original charter is stored in Dorset History Centre and this is the first written record that defines the area now known as Portesham. Abbotsbury will also celebrate its Millennium this year, however, the written record has been lost.



There is evidence of humans inhabiting this area since Neolithic times but this document is the first written record.

To mark this important milestone both villages will hold a number of events throughout the year and some have already taken place. Bunting including our logo is already on display. June, July and August will be the time of a series of events where we hope good weather will shine on us. For a list of events see www.MAP24.org These events are open to all.

AN EPIC ADVENTURE THROUGH INDIAN
MYTH & MUSIC

STORYTELLING EMILY HENNESSEY
SITAR SHEEMA MUKHERJEE

EFFILARATING. EVOCATIVE. VITAL. A WONDERFUL PIECE OF THEATRE. THEATRE BUBBLE

Storyteller Emily Hennessey and sitar player Sheema Mukherjee
conjure fast-flowing worlds of celestial celebrities, cosmic estate agents,
daredevil demons and gods behaving (very) badly in a spellbinding evening
of Indian stories of liberation, lies, love and life...

LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL
Thursday 8 August, 7:30pm
£12 in advance from
Patricia Scholfield: 01308 482514
or online at artsreach.co.uk
Doors open at 7pm - Indian refreshments available (cash only)
Show recommended for ages 14+

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Bride Valley Gardening Club

If you only visit one garden this year, be sure to make it Wildside. Only a mile down the road from The Garden House on the edge of Dartmoor, Wildside brings to fruition the 20-year vision, still emerging, of Keith Wiley. Having stood on a barren windswept ridge in freezing sleet all those years ago listening to Keith outlining his plans, it has been an exciting process for me, visiting regularly



and marveling at the results. Visiting in May it was awe inspiring to visit again, a mere six weeks later, to see how much had changed and find it even more breathtakingly beautiful. Not for the neat and tidy gardener who likes weed free soil and bare spaces between the plants, it is - in Keith's words - 'an exercise in new naturalism'. This means trees, shrubs and flowers living in harmony together, 'weeds' included, always with a long or short view and perfectly positioned places to sit and feel restored. Opening for just a few days each month from April – October, the garden is a living feast for the soul in every season. Although only 3 acres - made to feel so much more with hills, ponds and streams - it has so many places to lurk that I've never known it to feel overrun with visitors. No dogs, no refreshments, no plant sales just peace and quiet, birdsong and beauty wherever the eye rests. Keith is often on hand to answer questions, and his now updated website shows a tempting gallery of photos, as well as opening dates and visitor guidance. You might be tempted to combine a visit with The Garden House but I would advise against that, each garden deserving it's own lingering time. You can easily spend 3 hours at Wildside, and still wish you had stayed longer. The journey from Litton is about two hours, and well worth it. We make a point of not picnicking in the garden as there is no shortage of delightful spots close by on Dartmoor. I urge you to go.

Wildside Garden, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, PL20 7NP
wileyatwildside.com

Club Meetings

There is no club meeting in August. We meet again on September 16th when Suzanne Gale will give a talk on 'Carnivorous Plants'. Further details next month.

Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)

Bride Valley Book Club – Review

“Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line” by Deepa Anappara

We all agreed that this was a compelling book. We also noted that some years ago she had won the Bridport Prize for a segment of this novel before its completion and publication. We also felt that the title and the cover of the novel were misleading and could have been better chosen.

Djinn Patrol takes place in an unnamed Indian city in a shanty town settlement where ramshackle single storey wooden huts with tin roofs accommodate poor families who are only just higher up the social order than

the street beggars and scavenger gangs of homeless children. Nine-year-old friends, Jai, his studious and mature friend Pari and their Muslim classmate, Faiz join forces as “detectives” when children start to disappear from their “basti”. The children take risks, they truant from their overcrowded and under resourced government school, Jai steals money from his mother and other rules are broken in their quest to find out what is going on. The narrative rests almost entirely with Jai and he becomes a mouthpiece through which the dire poverty and inequality of Indian society becomes a social commentary.

Jai is aware that his parents have to work hard and are paid very little. He knows the police are corrupt and untrustworthy. He understands that bulldozers might arrive any day to flatten their houses. He sees nothing unusual about having to queue for the public toilet. He is aware of the religious discrimination against his friend Faiz - but his understanding of all this is restricted. Despite this he has moments of perception and often he asks the right questions of the adults in authority. Several of us were initially worried by the use of Indian phrases and felt that a glossary would have helped. However as the novel progresses it became easy to understand what was being said - we agreed that this technique gave the novel some of its immediacy.

Those of us who had visited India felt that the writing took us back there with its immersive evocation of food, smells, poverty and overcrowding, pollution and the plight of the many children on the streets. The innocence of the children is an uncomfortable contrast with the grim and upsetting child disappearances. Jai and his friends know these children have not runaway, they know the police are incompetent, they know dark forces are responsible - but yet - they struggle to articulate and grasp the enormity of the crimes being perpetrated against their community. Events take a grave turn when Jai's older sister also disappears. In the end it is the children who discover the clues which lead to the truth. Victims have been abducted or trafficked and they may no longer be alive. We never get a full explanation. Faiz and his family are forced out of their house, Pari wins a scholarship to a much better school and Jai resumes life in the basti with his heartbroken parents. The future looks grim. This novel is an indictment on India and its inability to care for its children.

Liz Pinfield

NHS

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When:
Monday 12th August
9.00 to 16.00

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Litton and Thorner's
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School Lane,
Litton Cheney DT2 9AU

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livewelldorset.co.uk

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Littlebredy

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 Village website: <http://www.littlebredy.com>



This is being written on the first rainy morning for several weeks (or at least it seems like it), very different indeed from the gorgeous sunny weekend which marked the marriage festivities for Bernie and Gina Lozowski in the Abbotsbury Tropical Gardens followed by Crow Hill Cottage in June. Various Littlebredy neighbours were involved over the wedding weekend, and again we wish the couple and little Niko all happiness in the years ahead.

We have said farewell (or more likely “see you again soon, we hope”) recently to Carol and Rod McCaskill, who have left Foxholes Farm Cottage for a new home in the Lake District. However, Craig and Amy plus Harris and Lewis are still in situ at the farm, so there may well be return visits from Rod and Carol. In any event, we naturally wish them well in their new home.

Advance notice too that the annual Ride and Stride event, organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust will be held this year on Saturday 14th September. Half of all the sponsorship proceeds raised by each parish is returned to the parish, and the Trust uses the other half to make grants to Churches of all denominations for qualifying repairs or improvements. We have supported the event for many years, and if anyone is interested in taking part in a communal cycle ride or walk this year, please let Tim Laycock or Nicola Armstrong know.

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/>

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.

SHIPTON GORGE
VILLAGE DIARY

St Martin's Church

Floodlight Sponsors for August:

***Jane & Tony Mallet remembering Cora Mallet
Hilary & Richard for the Village
The Rockway Residents***

Thank you to our floodlight sponsors. We do appreciate your generosity. We are very low on sponsorship for the months ahead. 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.

What's on at The New Inn

August 3rd, Olympics Super Saturday events TBC

Plus, throughout August we have selected Olympics events being shown live in the pub. August 31st: end of Summer event TBC

Village Hall

The plan to improve the facilities at the hall and to make it 'accessible to all' has finally taken a significant step forward. Following two surveys by ecologists to establish whether bats are accessing or roosting in the roof space it has been established that the hall is bat-free. As such, Dorset Council has been able to accept an Application for Planning Permission and we await their decision. The application and plans can be viewed on Dorset Council's website and the design drawing can also be viewed on the Hall's page of our Village Website.

July 2024 100 Club Draw results

1 st	130	£25	Ashley Harrow
2 nd	91	£10	Robert Langran
3 rd	3	£5	I & E Ferguson

Congratulations to all winners

Village Society

Shipton Village Show and Fete

Come along this Saturday 27th July, and after putting in your entry for the show, enjoy an afternoon, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, of fun and games for all the family.

Entrance is free.

Venue is the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming you all in supporting this annual event.

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winners in the July draw were Jo and Phil Minns – and their prize has been delivered. Congratulations to both of you. The tickets for the year starting in August will mostly be sold by now – however, there could still be a few available – if interested, please let us know.



Saunders Richardson Wood

The flora and fauna in the wood has been left to do its own thing lately. The section of hedge along Smacombe Lane which was laid over the winter has sprouted and bulked out and you would almost not know it had been done – a sign that it was cut (or pleached) correctly! The first batch of nettle fertiliser has been bottled for sale at the village fete. We might brew another batch which would be ready in late summer - just when some of your plants will need a bit of a boost. We'll let you know if we do, so that you can put your orders in. No open dates planned in August yet - but look out for posters around the village or on the village Facebook page in case that changes.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

The fruits on the trees are starting to develop and swell out – so fingers crossed for a good crop in the late summer and autumn. With the meandering paths cut through the orchard, it should be easier for you to access and identify each of the trees from the plan displayed on the notice board, and know when the fruits will be ready for picking. Channel your inner Mary Berry and incorporate the apples or damsons in your favourite recipes!



The low-key maintenance days are currently planned for Monday 5 and 19 August 11.00am-12noon. If you would like to help, please do come along! 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. More details nearer the time. 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

We warmly welcome our new Rector, Rev Andrew Rawding and his family to the Benefice.

A hugely successful Village Café held in July resulted in the magnificent total of £2,257 being raised for St. Mary's. Our thanks go to those who bought Grand Draw tickets, donated prizes and goods, and to all who came along to enjoy the morning and support the church and community. Thank you too to all those who toiled, helped and contributed to the event's success.

The PCC would like to thank John Vercoe, our outgoing Churchwarden, who has served for seven years and has now retired from the post. His tireless work, enthusiasm and dedication has been of enormous benefit to St. Mary's but unfortunately there is no one willing or able to fill the post now. This is a sad state of affairs for our church and we would desperately like someone to come forward to take on the job. *Could it be you?*

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Bishop's Council held in Salisbury, Janet Jackson was thanked by Bishop Stephen for her service and commitment over nine years representing the Bride Valley Benefice. Her place on Diocesan Synod would now be taken by Harry Berry, also a member of Litton Cheney St Mary's PCC.

Parish Council

The next meeting of Litton Cheney Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm at LATCH. As ever, we invite local residents to attend and participate during democratic time. If you have thoughts on how community infrastructure funds held by the parish council can be put

towards worthy village projects, we wish to hear from you. The Parish Council has recently given a grant of £4,000 to the Community Hall towards the cost of solar panels which will be installed during July.

Parish Clerk. Sadly, due to personal circumstances, our Clerk, Lucy, has found it necessary to step back from her role, so we are back in 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

The Litton Cheney Trust

The Trustees invite applications for a grant from students resident in Litton Cheney who will be proceeding to higher education and those leaving school or college who will be commencing full time employment or an apprenticeship. Please apply in writing giving brief details of your plans on leaving school. Those who have already received a grant from the Trust and are continuing with a second or subsequent year of study are invited to reapply for a further grant.

Letters of request should be sent or delivered to the Secretary to the Trustees Mr Freddie Spicer, 8 Garden Close, by 31st August.

Full Fibre Update

There has been excitement amongst residents of Litton Cheney, after a flurry of human activity around the poles carrying telephone wires, Openreach have been seen to be active in and around the village. Engineers are either carrying out overhead connections from pole to pole or making the underground connections to the poles. The final piece of the installation will come when the connection is made to the premises.

There are some hold ups, for example, with landowners not accepting new poles or Openreach waiting for updates to agreements with electricity suppliers for permission to co-use their poles. These situations, although frustrating for those of us waiting for connection, are being worked upon.

Good news came out of a discussion with one of the engineers, when he revealed that priority would be given to those who committed to Full Fibre via the voucher scheme.

Some lucky residents in the Barges and Baglake vicinity have already been connected. To check your availability, use the Openreach website www.openreach.com. For many, the suggestion is from soon until December 2025 as a completion date, but it is hoped that the infrastructure will be in place well before next year. Fingers crossed.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall

Events at LATCH – for August

Weekly:

Wednesdays: 4.45 pm - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson, 01308 482661)
7.00 pm – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Special Note: The hall will be unavailable until 4th August due to floor maintenance.

Thursday 8th – Artsreach – Indian Story Telling. Daytime (Children) and evening shows. See separate announcement in [Valley Notes](#) and also see below.

Sunday 11th – Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Monday 12th – NHS Health checks 9.00am to 4.00pm – see poster in Valley Notes for booking details

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, wlitton@gmail.com

Thank You - Litton and Thorner's Community Hall Trustees would like to hugely thank Litton Cheney Parish Council and Low Carbon Dorset for providing grants of £4,000 and £8,000 respectively towards the costs of installation of solar panels on the community hall roof.

Bride Valley Vineyard – Your Invitation

Invitation to Bride Valley Vineyard - Friday 16th August, 5.30pm-7.00pm.

We warmly invite the residents of Litton Cheney to join us for a glass of wine in the vineyard. Come along and see our vines, taste our wine and meet our passionate team. If you would like to pop along, please R.S.V.P. to

tours@bridevalleyvineyard.com. To find us, please take the track directly next to the village's thatched bus stop or use what3words/label, however announced. We recommend that you walk to the vineyard if you are able to as there is limited parking.

The White Horse

We sadly missed a couple of months with the BVN, but it's business as usual at the White Horse following the hectic 'bank holiday season'. Despite the continued lack of sun as we speak, we are in full summer mode - Basilico pizzas on Monday nights from 5.00pm, open at 4.30pm Tuesday to Thursday with pub menu from 5.30pm – 8.00pm, open all day Friday with lunch menu and Fish 'n Chips from 5.30pm - 8.30pm, and Happy Hour at 6.30pm. Open all day Saturday with lunch and evening pub menu and all day Sunday, with Sunday lunches 12noon - 2.30pm and into 'music mode' at 4.00pm! Hopefully, the sun will arrive with the holiday makers, but whatever the weather, we look forward to you joining us when you can 💜🌞 Andy & Liz

The White Horse – Have you seen our ducks?

After the last Duck Race on Easter Sunday, two of our ducks, Frank, aka Francis Drake, and Ida, aka Ida Down, went missing. We hope they have found a good home, but if you do happen to find them bobbing about somewhere on the briny or a river near you, give them a wave and wish them well. For all the latest happenings at your local, visit the website – <https://www.whitehorseinnlitttoncheney.co.uk>

ADVANCE NOTICE!

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Community Hall.

We will be showing the acclaimed **ONE LIFE** on **Thursday 3 October**. 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 before the borders closed on the eve of World War II.

Further details on the website and in September's BVN.

Artsreach Entertains

Save the date! Three shows in one day from Artsreach!

THURSDAY 8th AUGUST, AT LATCH in Litton Cheney

11.00am: Children's show (4+ years), first sitting: 'The Indian Story Den'.

3.00pm: Children's show (4+ years), second sitting: 'The Indian Story Den' with colourful myths and music inside a bell-shaped tent.

Book now, places limited! Under-18s, £5; adults, £7; families, £20.

7.30pm: Adults' show: 'HOLY COW!' Heroes, mothers and tenderness are found in stories of a world held up by elephants. Bursting with humour, dance, occasional bubbles and unpredictable watermelons. Tickets from Patricia Scholfield on (01308) 482574 or online at Artsreach.co.uk.

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

Village Correspondents:

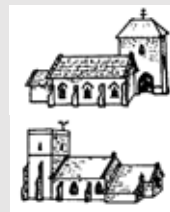
Elizabeth Slater (Puncknowle)

liz@ruddle.org.uk Tel: 01308 897751

Jill Neill (Swyre & West Bexington)

Jill.neill@live.co.uk Tel 01308 897479

Village website: <https://puncknowle.net>



Our New Rector, the Rev'd Andrew Rawding

We would like to welcome Andrew as our new Rector. We hope that he, with his wife Loveday and their children, will be very happy here in the Bride Valley. His first service in Puncknowle Church will probably be in September, although we will no doubt see him around before then.

Lammas Day service

On Sunday 4th August we will be holding a Lammas celebration at 11.00am. It will be an outdoor service in the churchyard followed by a Bring and Share picnic. If it happens to be rainy then the service will be in the church and the picnic in the Village Hall. Lammas is a very old tradition to celebrate the first of the barley harvest. The word Lammas comes from the Anglo-Saxon for Loaf Mass when the first barley loaves were presented at the church altar. Our altar will hopefully be decorated with corn dollies made by the Puncknowle Craft group. Do come and join us for this very informal service, you will be most welcome.

Puncknowle 100 Club

Here are the draw results for June

1st Prize Steve Neill

2nd Prize Lin and Peter Hampton

What's on at Puncknowle Village Hall in August		
REGULAR EVENTS		
Mondays	10.00am - 11:00am	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Mondays	6:00pm - 7:00pm	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		
Sunday 4 th	11:00am – 2:00pm	St. Mary's Church Event
Monday 5 th	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public. More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Monday 5 th	7:15pm – 8:15pm	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Tuesday 6 th	7:30pm – 10:00pm	Parish Council Meeting Open to the Public
Thursday 8 th	7:00pm – 10:30pm	Whist Drive Contact Jenny on 01308 897863
Wednesday 21 st	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public. More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE,
LONG BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY
LUNCH CLUB 2024**

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

Enquiries - please contact **David Buckland**.

01308 898492 for more details.

LUNCHES COST £6.00

August – No lunch

**September 17th Cottage Pie and onion gravy,
vegetables. Lemon Cheesecake**

Future dates:

**Oct 15th Roast loin of Pork with apple sauce, roast
potatoes, and vegetables. Apple Surprise.**

**Nov 19th Beef Burguigon with mashed potatoes,
roasted carrots and parsnips**

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

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

Please try to meet the monthly submission deadlines, which are normally set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. If you can, please submit articles to your Village Correspondent set to A5 format, with pictures and illustrations set to 'wrap text square' (if using Word). Our font is Franklin Gothic Book 10.5pt for the main text (14pt for headings) and if you can use these settings the editing job will be easier!

For consistent presentation we do not use headings which consist of all capital letters, and you may have noticed that any such headings are revised accordingly! If you can, please set all gaps between paragraphs at 6.5pt as this saves space.

Also, we only use one space following full stops!

Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor!

Long Bredy

Village Correspondent: Rebecca Grove
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Village web-site: www.longbredy.org.uk



Long Bredy 100 Club June Results

£30.00	No. 154.	J. Maskrey
£15.00	No. 53	D. Andrews
£5.00	No. 61	M. Bailey

Coming up in August...

Coffee Break

The Coffee Break will take place on **Saturday, 10th August 2024** from 10.30am – 12:00noon in the Village Hall.

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

Come Along Inn

The August 'Come Along Inn' will be opening its doors a week later than usual on **Friday, 26th August 2024**, which is a bank holiday.

Usual opening time 5.30pm – 9.00pm at the Village Hall and there will be the last BBQ of the season. The team look forward to welcoming old and new customers and getting the holiday off to a brilliant start.

Recipe Corner

When space permits, we'll be sharing a recipe that you can easily try at home. 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... Feta and Peach Couscous

Ingredients:

- 3 ripe peaches
- 35g mixed seeds
- Garlic
- 150g feta cheese
- Couscous
- Fresh lemon juice

Instructions:

De-stone and quarter the peaches. Put in a roasting tin with the seeds, crushed garlic and chunks of feta, and drizzle over 3 tbsp olive oil. Bake for 12-15 minutes at 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Cook the couscous following pack instructions. Toss the couscous with the roasted peach mixture and season to taste before serving. A drizzle of lemon is delicious, too!

Bon Appetit!

Burton Bradstock

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Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.



Tots Time

Thank you to all who gave us suggestions about the timing of Tots' Time. You can imagine our glee when some of the babies returned now that they are a bit bigger and have a different sleep routine. It is such fun to see how they use the toys and how they relate to each other.



We are delighted that our older Tots have another year with us before starting 'big school', so things are looking up!

Recently Tots made maracas so we could march round outside as a band; they decorated masks and thought about being able to see, when Audrey told the story of blind Bartimaeus. Then, when Cathryn told Jesus' story about the lost sheep, they glued cotton wool onto black and white sheep and we sang 'Baa, Baa, black sheep' with all the variations. Do ask if you want to know what they are! We have also painted balloons, planted sunflower seeds, and had time for free play with the toys and equipment.

Each week we have provided healthy (fruit and veg) snacks and home-made biscuits. Parents and carers have enjoyed as many cups of tea or coffee as they want, provided by Liz or Elaine and we have had fun dancing, running (not the babies!) and singing.

Now we have a break for the summer and wish everyone happy holidays. We plan to resume Tots' Time on 13th September from 2.00pm to 3.00pm as usual, and will welcome any new babies or bumps. For further information contact Audrey on 897227, Heather on 897780 or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

P.S. Photos of your sunflower (preferably with you beside it) would be wonderful. Send to Helen or any of the Tots' team.

On Wednesday 28th August I plan to cycle 25 miles on my exercise bike in our garden to mark 25 years since our daughter, Rachel, died, in her memory. This will definitely be my LAST sponsored cycle. If you wish to come and throw rotten tomatoes or wet sponges at me (between 10.00am and 4.00pm) that's fine, or to have a coffee/tea and nibbles that's fine too. If you would like to donate anything for Ukraine or Macmillan that would be great.

For more details contact Heather Rogers on 897780

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 on 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.

No coffee morning in August

Wednesday 11th September - Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

Burton Bradstock Films

Now takes a break until September, when we hope to have a list of entertaining films for the Autumn/Winter season. Full details will be in the BVN nearer the time.

General Information

The summer holidays approach, but regular activities take place in the Hall until the schools break up. During the summer break look for the Arts festival in the Hall for high quality Art and Crafts.

During the break we hope to re-tarmac the drive to the left of the Hall and around the new shed. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

July 2024 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

<i>1st</i>	<i>£34.60</i>	<i>No 85:</i>	<i>Mrs Veda Bull</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>£17.30</i>	<i>No 116:</i>	<i>Mrs Catherine Batten</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>£8.65</i>	<i>No 171:</i>	<i>Mr Steve Page</i>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the next draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

Calling all Growers & Gardeners...

The Burton Bradstock Greenfingers Club has been revived. After a break of several years, we would like to invite you to the Village Hall on 12th September at 7.30pm for our first meeting.



The speaker will be Ian Bark (former Bridport Mayor, Member of Bridport Community Orchard and the Burton Allotment Orchard)

There will be tea/coffee & biscuits available for a donation & also a raffle. Admission is **£1, come along to find out more & have an enjoyable evening.**

Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust

Thanks to all who attended the Community Land Trust AGM on 27th June.

Following the meeting in the Village Hall we watched a presentation from Common Practice, the local architects who we have been working with while we seek a site to build affordable housing within Burton Bradstock.

Jack Cardno described how he and Georgina Bowman are a design and build architecture practice who help connect communities to the land through craft-based research into story, economy and material ecologies.

The CLT had asked Jack and Georgina to open up the conversation around the village's need for affordable housing by visualising options to encourage people to come forward to propose a site, and providing an illustration of the sort of development that could be built on a plot within Burton Bradstock Parish. Visit www.burtonbradstockclt.org to see what they came up with and to find out more.

Remember, it costs just £1 to become a member of the CLT and have a say in the future of our village. We are still actively seeking a site to build affordable homes for local people in housing need. To build ten houses we only need 1.5 acres of land, preferably, but not necessarily, on the same site. So, if you have any ideas, please get in touch!

Darren Batten, Chair, Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust Board

Burton Bradstock Village Society

August is a quiet month for Society events while the Committee recovers from the Flower and Produce Show and gets next year's membership cards and programmes out to members. These will be with you by the middle of August and if not please let the Secretary know.

Thanks to the kindness of the BVN editors who extended the deadline for us, we can give you a short report on the Flower and Produce Show:

On a fine mild day, we had ideal conditions. Despite an awful growing season, we were delighted with the standard and number of entries across all classes which made it one of our best shows in years. With a total of 263 entries over the 68 classes, there was an overall increase of 70 entrants on last year and the highest for many years.

The trophy winners were:

Louis/May cup (Fruit & Vegetables): Richard Ferre

Bugler Cup (Roses): Joan Allan

Cracroft Challenge cup (Flowers): Dave Edmunds

Gordon Knight cup (Pot Plants): Derek Thomas

Flower Arranger Trophy: Kate Shemilt

Cookery & Home Produce: Sue Brown

Grove House Cup (Best Allotment): Tracey Green

Knightsmith Trophy (Preserves): Joan Allan

Mallinson Cup (Handicrafts): Linda Nicholls

David Barnikel Cup (Photography): Carol Higho

Millennium Trophy (Art): Pauline Woodford



Our 2024-25 season of evening meetings starts on the 13th September at 7:30pm with a talk entitled “Stories of a Cornish Ancestry”, a highly entertaining discourse on one family’s family history and unusual happenings given by Jack & Teresa Ripper. Doors open at 7.00pm, talk starts 7.30pm, £1:50 members, £5 non-members.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

I am pleased to report that the new Dorset Library/LibrariesWest system is in place and we have got all of our 22 volunteers ‘logged in’. I hope that everyone who uses the library realises what an amazing group of volunteers we have. On Tuesday 9th July we held two training sessions and nearly all volunteers were able to be there. We had very useful discussions, all learned something new, had a chuckle and, most importantly, ate chocolate biscuits!

The Children’s Summer Reading Challenge started on 6th July on the theme of ‘Marvellous Makers’ and there is a free children’s treasure hunt around the library. Ask at the desk for the answer sheet.

There will be a free Lego Club morning in the library on Tuesday 27th August starting at 10.00am which is open to all children and grown-ups.



Home Library Service - this is provided to customers who, for a variety of reasons, cannot use the conventional library service. These customers may be living in their own homes, or living in residential or nursing establishments; they can be private, housing association, or statutory establishments provided by the local authority, sheltered housing provided by either the local authority or a private housing association.

The Home Library Service is for someone who is unable to:

1. leave the home
2. travel to the library
3. gain easy access to the library, for example, due to poor facilities for users with a mobility problem
4. carry materials to or from the library

This free service for customers who are housebound and living at home or in sheltered accommodation is delivered by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers

who are commissioned by the library service. The RVS volunteers will assess whether the service criteria are met, and the individual reading needs. They will deliver books, fiction and non-fiction, and talking books to you on a regular basis. In addition, the library's wide range of virtual resources are also available the individuals with computers, tablets, or e-readers. These e-resources include magazines, books, and audio books. For more details, contact the Royal Voluntary Service and a member of staff will call to see if we can help you use the library service.

Royal Voluntary Service:

Maria Jacobson: service manager for Dorset and BCP Home Library Service

The Old School House, 49 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UT

Office: 01305 236666 Mobile: 07786 635154

Email: maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Web: www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Burton Bradstock Community Library opening times are:

**Monday 2.00-4.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am-12noon,
Thursday & Saturday 2.00pm-4.00pm**

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com

www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library Tel: 01308 897563

Sue Brown, Chairman

Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art 10th to 18th August

We are looking forward to the fiery music of the Balkans, cool Brazilian sounds, a joyous selection of classical music, and a wealth of art and craft during this summer's Festival.

The Art Festival opens on Saturday 10th August when the Village Hall is transformed into an art gallery for nine days. It's a great chance to view and buy high-quality work by West Country artists, ceramicists and crafters.

This year's Music Festival features "Balkan Bradstock", an electrifying performance from Paprika, the UK's leading Balkan music band, whose blend of folk, rock and jazz styles is bound to set feet tapping.

To launch the concert programme, a Festival Evensong will be held at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th August following a Tea Party at 3.00pm that afternoon in the Rectory Gardens, accompanied by live music.

The programme of concerts from Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August also includes Brazilian jazz with Sao Paulo born singer, Carolina Lelis, a Viennese Soiree, chamber music by Schubert and Fauré, and a late-night performance of Olivier Messiaen's iconic Quartet for the End of Time. Due to unforeseen circumstances Claire Bradshaw is not able to appear in the concert on 15th August. We are delighted that the multi-award winning soprano, Milly Forrest will take her place. We know you'll love her.

As usual, it all culminates in a Gala Concert with the full Festival Orchestra on Friday 16th August. There are also lunchtime concerts and late-night recitals, and in a special Castaway event, broadcaster and musician Sandy Burnett talks to the Festival's Artistic Director violinist David Juritz about the music that has shaped his life.



Tickets for all concerts are on sale from Bridport Tourist Information Centre, and can be bought in person, by post, by telephoning 01308 424901, or online using the QR code above, or going to www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/tickets/ You can see the full programme and download the Festival brochure at www.burtonbradstockfestival.com

Looking forward to seeing you!

Jenny Malyon, Chair of the Festival Committee

Burton Bradstock W I



We have had a very busy time during the past month.

13 members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the beautiful Walled Garden in Little Bredy. The weather turned out to be very warm so the shade of some trees was very welcome whilst the ladies had their tea and cakes.

Our meeting in July took the form of a general knowledge quiz with plenty of time for tea and a chat afterwards.

It was also our annual Art and Crafts Competition with categories for a Watercolour painting, artwork in any other medium, knitting/crochet, any other craft and photography. The competition attracted many entries this year and the photograph shows the proud winners with their trophies.



The morning after our meeting it was our turn to run the Village Coffee Stop so we left all the creative items out on display for everyone to see. The coffee morning was very well attended and there were certainly some very delicious cakes for sale!

Also in July the Lunch Club enjoyed another meal out, this time at the West Bay Hotel and the Busy Bees Group have had an afternoon tea at the Lemon Tree in Swyre.

We do not have a meeting in August but we shall still be busy – running the cake and a craft stalls at the Church Fête and taking part in the first round of the Dorset Federation Annual Quiz. We have two teams entering this year so we wish them Good Luck and hope they do well enough to get through to the final in October. Hopefully the current good weather (as I write) will stay with us throughout August so we can enjoy a relaxing break.

Janet Pearson

Thank You!

John and Annie Grantham would like to thank everyone most sincerely for all your most supportive good wishes and actions over the last eight months, especially, when one or both of us have been particularly in the wars health-wise. Little did we know when we moved to Burton Bradstock 28 years ago that we would find such an amazing community of friends. We would also like to give a special drum-roll for the Post Office/Maydown Farm shop for their splendid weekly food delivery service to us, to the Bride Valley Car Service and to Burton Bradstock Cars for all they do for us.

Thanks all!

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Burton Bradstock Community Speedwatch

This group of village volunteers has been led by Katie Pile since 2019. Katie has 2 children at Burton Bradstock School and has seen first-hand how some vehicles driving in excess of the speed limit can be quite scary, especially whilst walking to school with the shared pavement section of the village. Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted - initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live. Beyond these friendly gestures, focused enforcement and criminal prosecution follow based on the collated evidence.

There is no direct enforcement involved with the efforts contributed by Speedwatch volunteers. They do not substitute low prioritised enforcement issues with 'policing-on-cheap' solutions. Neither are they "waging war on motorists", nor "retired people with nothing better to do!". Volunteers are recruited from a wide demographic representation of concerned citizens who contribute with their time to make local roads safer for everyone to use. And, by doing just that, they participate selflessly in a noble effort to save lives by raising awareness of the dangers of speeding

At the last Community Speedwatch session on 20th March, between 1.00pm and 2.00pm, we recorded 12 vehicles doing in excess of 35 miles per hour.

Currently we are low on volunteer numbers and are hoping to train members of the community to assist with this potentially lifesaving task. If you are interested, please contact Katie on katiepile87@gmail.com

Allotments

Allotment plots are available. Please contact clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk for further information.



JUNE COMEDY EVENING

Well what a great atmosphere we had for our "Evening of Comedy", our 2 One Act Plays with a ploughman's supper and bar provided by Paul and Kate from The Anchor (thank you both for your wonderful support). It was a fun night out for all, starting with "Heaven's Above" – a light hearted look at the improbable antics of "Larry" (Ian Ibbotson) an HR stand in for St Peter at the 'Poorly Gate' Reception Desk trying to register a bemused hospital patient "Sally" (Suzanne Pearce), a tennis racquet wielding "Melvin" (Chez Dixon) and a quiet, sad "Bernice" (Belinda Constable) and ensure they all received their 'Welcome Packs'. It was a play with moments of sadness, but with a happy ending and each of the actors teased every laugh possible out of the audience.

Next up was 'Murder at Little Grimley' – another adventure for the inept foursome that make up a small amateur dramatic group known as Little Grimley Players! 'Gordon' (Will Orza), 'Joyce' (Liz Slater), 'Bernard' (Roy Perkins) and 'Margaret' (Carole Houghton) ably supported by D.I. Sam Pamberton (Alan Pankhurst) and a very funny cleaner/sign carrier played by Liz Orza. The fun began with an apparently murdered Gordon and a scream from Joyce – and then screams of laughter from the audience as the hapless plot unfolded.

A superb performance by all involved in both plays. But, a huge thank you must go to all the volunteers, local businesses, village groups, Burton Bradstock Post Office and Nick Good and his team for the sound and lighting, and of course to everyone who came to see the show, you didn't let us down with your laughing out loud and huge applause, you supported us brilliantly, thank you.

'What's next' was the inevitable question as we cleared up the Village Hall. Some play readings for future shows for sure, perhaps some Poetry reading... then it's PANTO time again! Panto 25 is 'Avast Behind' written by Vicky Orman and is the 'true story of Treasure Island'. It's full of swashbuckling derring-do as the feisty Jim Hawkins (and his Mum) try to stop Long John Silver (and his Parrot) from stealing Flint's treasure. Watch out for read-in dates in late August/early September. We want you all to take part!

Register your interest or make enquiries to Carole Houghton on 01308 898521/07764523182.



The Long Journey Back

The launch of a new local book by Elizabeth Buckler Gale will take place from 11.00am until 4.00pm on 29th August in the Burton Bradstock Reading Room. It tells the story of 3-year-old Betty (better known in the village as Liz!) Mackay, pictured on the right in the Library recently, who was evacuated to West Dorset in 1940. Her upbringing in the seaside village and the wrench when she was taken back to bombed-out London saw her determined to return. She is well known in the village and part of her story includes meeting troops stationed in Burton during the war (pictured below), and making an appearance on BBC Countryfile in a film about the preparations for D-day on the Burton Cliffs. You can purchase the book at the Reading Room on 29th August, and after that it will be available for purchase in Cilla and Camilla in Bridport.



The Duck Race

by Quentin Blacke

CHAPTER 4 – The Final Adventure.

The waves lapped relentlessly against the rubber inflatable, threatening to overwhelm it completely. The men and boys tried desperately to bail it out, but they were facing a losing battle as it settled deeper in the water. The Dorset coast loomed large, but without the now defunct engine, the refugees were powerless to reach the shore. Time was running out...

Little Aisha, huddled in the bow between her Mum, Jasmine and another lady, shivered in the cold. She was soaked through, frightened and hungry. Suddenly, her brother, Roj, shrieked loudly and pointed at something in the sea.

“What is it, Son?” called his mother, but the boy pointed all the more and began to laugh.

Bobbing towards them without a care in the world, came Frank and Ida, miraculously still together after weeks at sea. The boy leant over the side, plucked them from the waves and handed them to Aisha. A tide of joy swept over her and she smiled for the first time in ages. For the first time in fact, since she and her family had been forced to leave their home in Syria. Moments later, the RNLI Lifeboat rescued them just in time and brought them to the safety of Poole Harbour.

Epilogue

Months later, Frank and Ida have a new home in Somerset. They have pride of place on the bathroom window ledge in a small flat that Aisha and her family can at last call home. She plays with them at every bath time and they particularly love the suds!

Moral of this tale: Love a duck (or two). You never know where it or they might end up!

All four chapters of “The Duck Race” can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk.

Our thanks to Quentin Blacke for his imagination and storytelling talent.

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



My dear Nephew Darren,

Well, at least you tried. Filling in for another colleague who was away on holiday was kind of you; that it was somewhere with a high church tradition was adventurous of you. But just because something is worth doing, must you do it to *such excess*?

I can remember the first time I saw you having to use incense; you held the thurible as though you had just been presented with a dead rat. This time, however, I am told that you heated so much charcoal that the congregation thought you were going to hold a barbecue rather than burn incense.

The church warden was impressed with how quickly everyone knelt down, as you went by. If it was in more of an effort to stay clear of your thurible than to pray; well never mind, at least they were on their knees. And I am entirely on your side; you were not to know that their new fire protection system included automatic sprinklers, activated when too much smoke is detected. I am sure most of them would have dried out by Evensong.

You told me that you had not been sure what to do with the thurible when you reached the front. But swinging it so enthusiastically that the chain broke and catapulted several pounds weight of red-hot brass through one of their stained-glass windows was really not the best solution. Never mind. I am sure the insurance company will be sympathetic.

But surely you knew that smells also implies bells? So why the panic when the server rang the bells in your ear beside the altar? To have promptly dropped the chalice and shouted, 'fire!' was surely something of an over-reaction? Especially as it meant that the vergers re-started the sprinkler system. I am told that several in the congregation left church looking as if they had taken part in a mass baptism, involving full immersion whilst fully clothed.

I am told that you actually even wore full robes, rather than your customary T-shirt and jeans. Just one tip: should you ever wear them again, you might wish to wear the chasuble right side out. But that is a small point compared to the 'hat', as you called it. My dear nephew, wherever did you get it from? That is only worn by a bishop - and even then, the two tabs hang at the back, not over your face.

I am told that some of the congregation feared that in some frightful 'fresh expression' of episcopal rule, you had suddenly been handed control of the diocese. With the Church of England in its present woeful state, I suppose anything is possible.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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