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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*) ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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WEEKDAY	SERVICES,	APRIL 2016
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Monday	4	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	5	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	7	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	7	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	11	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	12	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	14	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	14	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	14	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Monday	18	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	21	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	21	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Friday	22	8.30	Swyre
Monday	25	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	26	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	28	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	28	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	28	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Friday	29	8.30	Swyre
Friday	26	9.00	Swyre
Monday	29	9.00	Long Bredy

FROM THE RECTORY

Stephen Batty

As Sir Philip Williams begins to serve as High Sheriff of Dorset for the Shrieval Year 2016-17, the communities of the Bride Valley wish him and Lady Catherine every success in carrying out the various duties and responsibilities which attend this role.

The ceremonial title of High Sheriff can be traced back over one thousand years – in earlier English history, Sheriffs were responsible for collecting taxes and ensuring civil order.

The term 'Sheriff' has evolved from 'Shire Reeve', denoting a figure who was annually elected to supervise lands for an English Lord.

In more recent times the role has involved a presence at public occasions often involving members of royalty during their visits to our counties.

Those who bear civic responsibilities such as that of High Sheriff need our thoughts and prayers and support in carrying out their duties. Here's a prayer, adapted from one that was composed for those who give their talents in the service of others through politics.

Loving God we pray that all who serve us in civic duties may act with wisdom, courage, compassion and integrity. We pray for those who take on positions of leadership and responsibility and all who support them. Guide them and us that we may seek to work in solidarity to build a society which reflects your justice, righteousness and peace.

This we pray for the sake of Jesus' peaceable kingdom. Amen.

GOOD BOOKS Bridport's Christian Bookshop St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL Tel: 01308 420483 email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers. Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm, Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our next church and churchyard working party will be on **Thursday 7th April** from 9.30. Do come along and help if you can.

The Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 14th April at 7.00 p.m. in Church.

Bell Ringing: A band of ringers from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will be ringing a Quarter Peal on **Wednesday 13th April** from 9.30 a.m. which will be dedicated to Stoker First Class (RN) Reginald George Northover, a bell ringer from Litton Cheney, who died in the Great War (31 May 1916).

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

We shall be holding another Quiz Evening at The White Horse on **Sunday 1st May** - look out for posters around the village. A fun evening with great prizes, so do come along and support us.

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE FETE



The Village Fete, in aid of the upkeep of St

Mary's Church, will be on **Bank Holiday Monday 30th May at LATCH**, opening at **12 noon** with BBQ food. As well as stalls, games and teas, there will be demonstrations with radio controlled planes by the Phoenix Model Flying Club. Should be a great show! Further details in May's BVN.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy exists on the Council that will in every likelihood be filled by cooption. If you feel the time is right for you to serve your community, that you are prepared to get stuck in and get things done please give **Parish Clerk John Firrell** a call on 482313 or contact a Parish Councillor whose name and phone number can be found on village notice boards for more details.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 10[™] MAY AT 7 PM – LATCH

The big one! Our annual gathering of local residents when the past year is reviewed, and this year there are decisions to be made on a Neighbourhood Plan and grand ideas for the children's playground. Your chance to decide the future of your village. Do come!

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) EVENTS IN APRIL

Mondays	Beavers and Cubs (not 4 th)
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.(if enough people)
Wednesdays	First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 4.00 p.m. (if enough people)
Thursdays	Watercolour class 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. (from 7 th)
Thursdays	Scouts (not 7 th)
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 a.m. (dates tbc)
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Thursday 7 th	Film Night "Suffragette" 8.00 pm Doors open 7.30 pm-
	see separate article for more details
Tuesday 19 th	Youth Club
Saturday 9 th &	Artsreach Field Days Art Exhibition 11.00 a.m 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 10 th	plus Willow and Leather Workshops on Sunday - see full
	announcement page 34 in Valley Notes
Saturday 23rd	Village Café in aid of Cancer Charities

A ONE SIZE FITS ALL AGM FESTIVAL - THURSDAY 5TH MAY AT 7 PM

Three village organisations are holding their AGM on the same evening – can you have too much of good thing? Come and find out what this merry band of volunteers get up to in trying to make village lives a little more pleasureable. Litton and Thorner's Community Hall, Litton Web Group and Litton Cheney Social Committee would love the pleasure of your company on Thursday 5th May. As a special treat you will be given the opportunity to volunteer to join one or more of these auspicious bodies – thumb screws are freely available. Come and join us – we're a pretty friendly bunch. Meet people you may not even have met before. More details in May's BVN.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** will take place on **Thursday 19th May** at 6.30 from The White Horse with the Off at 7.00pm. It is important to get there well before 7.00 to have time to plot the course, and agree strategy.



Equally important is to avoid a married couple on their own in one car...so do bring your neighbours, friends, anyone!! Seriously, it is a wonderful evening, and leads you to places in West Dorset you may well not have visited before, or ever will again!!

Return time is around 9.00pm when drinks and a light snack will await you. All for £5.

dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. 7

Clive Edwards is the contact person, and it is important to let him know you will be coming . Call 01308 482605 or email clivecgedwards@gmail.com. There will be more information on the village website and notice boards

Unfortunately there have been two resignations from the committee, Lyn Lacey and Caroline Franklin. Lyn has been on the committee for 3 years, having only joined for one! Caroline joined more recently, but increasing demands upon her time is making it difficult to juggle everything. We thank them both for their good humour, hard work and contribution to the Social Life of the village. Very pleased that they have both volunteered to help at events as needed. Yes you are needed! Starting with the BBQ on Sunday 31st July.

Another date for your calendars is the AGM Fest, 7 pm Thursday May 5th, when all will be revealed by LATCH, Litton WEB GROUP, and the SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Please do come along and show support for all those who give their time and energy to make the village a better place.

Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC

LITTON OLYMPIC 2016 CYCLING TEAM

Inspired by Wiggo and Cav's sensational achievements in the recent Track World Championships, Litton's own cycling team (Nick Lunn, John Mulhall and Will Newell) is now preparing for Ride London-Surrey 100, a 100 mile route based on the route for the London 2012 Olympics. Asked if this was perhaps 4 years too late, a

spokesperson for the team said "this is more of a slow burn than a sprint; the boys just needed a bit more time to reach their peak".

The team are riding to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK a charity funding research, support, and awareness into the disease. Look out for fund-raising events including a Village Cafe or requests for sponsorship.



Please note change of day this time, to: THURSDAY 7 APRIL SUFFRAGETTE 'A HEARTBREAKING AND INSPIRATIONAL FIGHT FOR DIGNITY' CERT. TBA 1.75 HRS.

Maud (Carey Mulligan) heads an excellent cast in an intense drama that tracks the story of the working women of the early feminist movement as they fought for the right to vote and were forced underground to pursue a

FILMS





Having seen peaceful protest achieve nothing, they turned to violence as the only route to change and were willing to lose their jobs, homes, children and their lives in their fight for equality.

Also starring Meryl Streep, Helena Bonham Carter, Brendan Gleeson, Anne-Marie Duff and Ben Whishaw.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton who will show it the previous Friday, 1 April.

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Wed. 4 May - Brooklyn September - Bridge of Spies Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.





PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE SUNDAY APRIL 10TH

The Annual General Meeting (APCM) for St Mary's Puncknowle will take place after the 5pm Evening Prayer Service. It would be good to be able to welcome

as many parishioners as possible to support the Church and it's PCC whose numbers are rapidly declining - and what happens to a Church if there is no PCC?

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH APRIL

Messy Church continues at 10.15am, Puncknowle St Mary's, Refreshments, activities - all age worship

ALL WELCOME



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Many thanks to **Helen** who gave us an interesting workshop on various kinds of resist painting. Everyone enjoyed our workshop with **Stephen Yates** on trees in Winter using acrylics or



watercolour with the aid of masking fluid. We look forward to a trip to **Russell - Coates Museum** on **April 1st**. The **15th** will be in the hall and on the **29th Philippa** will be giving a workshop on people/figures in paintings at the beach.

http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk for more information.

Christine Molony

BOOK CLUB

Comments from the Book Club readers:

WE ARE ALL COMPLETELY BESIDE OURSELVES' - Karen Joy Fowler This is a book that explores a number of themes to do with childhood, learning, parenting, memory, reality and communication; also makes significant comment on scientific and psychology studies. The story is narrated by a girl whose family adopt a chimpanzee as her 'twin' from birth, as scientific experiment, and the effects of this extraordinary relationship as she grows up. The story and the identities of the family members unfold through the narrative which dodges between present day and flashback memories. The author draws on a number of such experiments carried out in the United States during the mid-twentieth century for her information.

The Book Club members were divided almost 50/50 as to whether they enjoyed this book. Those who didn't enjoy it generally didn't like the narrative style, found it difficult to read and slow, and some didn't like the structure which moves between past and present. Those who did like the book were very enthusiastic and found the style and structure interesting and useful to the storyline; enjoyed the twists and turns in the narration; and found the issues explored intriguing.

Jackie Hunt

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



Our next meal will be on **19th April**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland 898492**. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this popular social event and

are over 50 years of age please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.

We are now in desperate need of volunteers especially to assist with the cooking. It is only one Tuesday each month to serve between 25 and 30

members. The club provides a great social opportunity for many who do not always have opportunities to meet up. If you could spare the time to help with this worthwhile activity you would be most welcome. Please contact **David Buckland** and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST - PUNCKNOWLE INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The **Napper Charity Trust** raises a small fund each year to be used for the **benefit of residents of Puncknowle** and awards from it are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

Any person or group (from Puncknowle) can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply in confidence to

The Clerk of Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council (Carolyn Buckland) -Telephone 01308-897726 - email Puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk or contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE. Herewith a notice of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING that will be held in the Church after Service of Holy Communion on **10th April 2016**, at approximately 12.30pm.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NOTICES

Welcome to the Village to **Brian** and **Sally Bowsher** who have just moved in to Swyre Cross, we hope that they will be happy in their new home and have many contented years living in the village.

COFFEE MORNING

The Church is having a Coffee Morning on **St Georges Day**, **April 23**rd in the Church starting at 10.30. We shall be very grateful to receive any cakes, produce, and other small items that we can sell to raise much needed funds for the Church, it is a costly business to keep our Grade 1 listed Church in good repair and any offers of help will be most welcome. It would be nice to see friends from the village and beyond for a chat and a coffee.

SWYRE TRINITY FETE -1 to 4pm - SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016 A note to put in your diary about this year's



village fete. We are beginning to make plans and would welcome support on the day if you have the time. Early planning to allocate help to the various stalls, games and organization. The pattern this year will follow the



successful fete last year and If you have time to get involved please contact Tony Taylor on 01308 898523. We need help with setting up, children's games and activities, bottle tombola, teas, plants, homemade produce, cakes, raffle, bric-a-brac, toys, Foundation books and music.

The funds raised go towards maintenance of Holy Trinity Church and another charity which this year will be the British Heart foundation.

MRS EVELYN TAYLOR

Mrs Evelyn Taylor, aged 85 died on January 24th following an 8-month period of ill health. She was born in Black Notley, near Braintree, Essex and her family moved to Ashford. Middlesex after the war. She and her then husband owned a hairdressing business in Hounslow and later, when widowed she moved to Loders to be near her older brother, Cyril Pearce, in the early 70's. Here she met Roy Taylor a local man who had been working in Nigeria as Construction Manager for Taylor Woodrow and during his leave he was supervising the building of a home he designed on his plot in West Bexington. They married in 1975 and spent some years in Gibraltar where again he was with Taylor Woodrow. He left his company and bought a business in Seaton, still coming back to Bexington on their rare days off and finally retiring to their home in 2000 for some well-earned rest. Roy died in April 2012.

Their home which Roy had designed reflected his taste in beautiful wooden flooring and has a large garden, which until later years they cared for themselves with a great collection of specimen trees such as olives, fig and other more unusual trees. Evelyn was a keen member of the Bride Valley Gardening club until recent years and her massive flower beds of daffodils in her front garden are an annual delight to villagers and passersby alike.

When she was widowed, her brother Cyril came to stay with her and they both enjoyed watching the seasons change and identifying birds that they could spot from her superb lounge windows. She was very close to a few immediate neighbours who had known her well over the past 17 years - and she will be sadly missed. Mrs Taylor had her funeral service at Loders Church on the 11th February where she was interred.

IRENE SEER

It is with great sadness that I report the sudden death in March of Irene, aged 67 - whose family have owned a house in West Bexington for over 40 years. Irene's main home was in Newport, South Wales - her late mother had many connections with Dorset and wanted a home here. Irene loved coming to her home here in Swyre Road with beautiful views of Lyme Bay, where she would spend much time in her large garden, always cutting and pruning or decorating her home and walking her precious dogs - the love of her life. Irene was very close to her younger sister Dawn - and brother in law Peter - and because of Irene's sudden death, her sister is devastated.

Irene was born in Newport and attended the Grammar School there and after initially embarking upon other careers went into Property Development with her late father, she was a very capable business woman indeed. Her funeral has taken place in Newport.

It has been a difficult 4 months here with 3 long term residents of this part of the village passing away.

Norma Millard

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Table top sale Puncknowle Hall All welcome 10-12 Saturday 30th April

Table tennis

We have a table now we just need ideas and people to use it. email me on address below if you are interested in playing or helping manage the use of the table

Please feel free to contact me to book a table, each table will be $\pounds 6$ and a small gift for the raffle and you will keep whatever monies you make. We will have a cake stall and refreshments. So have a sort out over Easter and book a table.

For more details on either of the above please email Jill - jill.neill@live.co.uk

100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners:

2015

October	Peter May £15	Yvonne Buckland	£10		
November	Sue Taylor £15	Eonne Sinclair	£10		
December	Ann Dillon £40	Sid Marshall	£20	Tony Taylor	£10
2016					
January	Sue Parrin £15	Stanley Hancock	£10		

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE bc74@btinternet.com Tel: 01308 897482





ST MARTIN'S CHURCH ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

Floodlights have been sponsored this April by:

Jo in loving memory of Gary Warren,

In memory of Rev. Bob Thorn Vicky and Ernie Thomas for their 40th Wedding Anniversary, and Anthony,

Your support is much appreciated. Thank you to all our sponsors.

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, it costs just £5. For your occasion to be mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please contact me in good time to reach the BVN submission date. Sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch.

Phyl Webster 01308 898657

PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE WEBSITE

We are pleased to be able to welcome our new webmaster, **Nigel Wheeler**, who will be taking over the village's website from this month, and thank him for taking on this important task from **Ernie Thomas** who has done such a great job with the website over a number of years Nigel will be overseeing the move to the new website and also updating the site with information from village organisations. So could we ask that you make sure that the details of your organisation on the current site are correct and let Nigel know of any changes, and of course tell him of events to go onto the calendar. He lives at 5 Quarry Close and his contact details are – webmaster@shiptongorge.org.uk or 'phone 897472 or 07594 050820.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are delighted that a committee has been formed, under the guidance of **Tom Grace**, to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. This is excellent news and we are most grateful to Tom for driving this important initiative forward. There will be representatives from all sectors and interest groups in the village and we hope that everyone will get involved and help the committee make sure that the plan when completed reflects the views of everyone. To find out more and how you can be involved, come along to the Annual Parish Meeting where Tom and members of the new committee will be explaining more about this.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

At last Shipton Gorge is able to get a fibre broadband service. This has only very recently gone live and will give us amazingly quicker speeds than are currently available. To get the service you will need to upgrade to a fibre broadband package with an internet service provider. There is more information on how to upgrade at

<u>https://www.dorsetforyou.com/broadband/how-to-get-it</u> or speak direct to your internet service provider.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place this year on **Wednesday 13th April** in the Village Hall starting at7.30pm. In addition to reports from village organisations, we are pleased that the new Neighbourhood Plan committee will be giving a presentation and explaining the importance of this for Shipton Gorge.

LITTER PICK UP

Normally at this time of the year we arrange to have a **Litter Pick-up** in the village where villagers are invited to meet with us and collect litter and other rubbish from our roads and lanes. This year it will take place on **Saturday 30th April** starting at 10am from outside the New Inn where litter bags, tabards etc will be handed out. With a good turnout of helpers this should take no more than an hour of your time and the village will look the better for your help.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held a week earlier than usual on **Wednesday 4th May**, starting at 7.30pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Boughton

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY SGVS 2016 AGM

Our new Committee for 2016/17 was elected at our AGM on 17th February. The only change was the 'standing down' of **Eileen Heaver** (Secretary) from the Committee due to her recent move out of the Village. The Committee would like to place on record our appreciation for the magnificent job she has done over the past 4 years. **Natalie Sorrell** was elected to fill her position on the Committee. However, we are still in the process of trying to fill the Secretary's post. The full Committee is :

Chairman : Vice Chairman :	Ed Buck, Simon Cleveland
Treasurer:	Terry Diver
Secretary :	ТВА

Along with Sally Parker (Events Organiser), Terry Hunt, Doris Benselin, Colin Chambers, Ruth Nunn, Chris Griffiths-Hardman and Natalie Sorrell.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As reported by a 'late' Flyer in last month's BVN, we are in the process of finalizing arrangements for a 'Big Party' to celebrate the above EVENT. This will be held on **SATURDAY 11th JUNE from 2pm** onwards in the SG Village Hall and adjacent field. Live music, a 'Hog Roast', Licensed Bar and a massive 'Bumper Raffle' with amazing Prizes are all proposed to be there in place on the day - along with other 'goodies' !

Further details will be published in future editions of the BVN.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

The VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday April 20**th. All are welcome to attend, with refreshments beforehand from 7pm.

HIRE CHARGES

As you may know, several improvements have been made to the Village Hall in recent years including the installation of cavity wall insulation and a modern central heating system. As a result the Hall now offers users a cosy environment, especially during the colder winter months. However this move to gas heating, and retirement of the older "pound in the slot" electric heaters, has meant that our annual energy bill has increased, with the risk that future rises in supply costs will lead to the Trust subsidising heating and lighting the hall. This would be problematic given that we hold only limited cash reserves. The Hall Management Committee has therefore agreed that it is only fair to ask that users make a greater contribution to meeting these costs via hall rental charges, with summer rates increasing by £1 per session and winter rates by £3 per session. Or put slightly differently, use of the Hall by a village group or society for a morning or afternoon in winter will now cost £14 per session, with evenings charged at £16. We hope that this still represents good value for users, especially when compared with the hourly rates charged by other venues. **These new** charges will come into effect on 1st April 2016, with full details to follow under the Village Hall section of the Shipton Gorge website.

Richard Hewlett, Chairman/Tony Mallett, Treasurer

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW £20 No 60 Anne & Julian Sharma

£20	NO 60	Anne & Julian Sharman
£10	No 24	Linda Stockwell
£5	No 75	Tracey Lynwood

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NOTICE OF

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEE

PARISH OF ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK WITH CHILCOMBE The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on the 18th day of April 2016 at 7.00 pm.

RESTORATION OF CHURCH TOWER CLOCK

Weathering caused by lichen growth, and years of blown sea salt have taken their toll on the Church clock and the time has been reached when restoration is necessary.

The dial and hands of the clock have been removed to be mended, re-painted and re-gilded, and the workings of the 18th Century Clock are being cleaned and serviced.

This work is being carried out by Jim Thompson a specialist Turret Clock

Engineer from the Hampshire Turret Clocks Ltd.

This work has been made possible thanks to a generous anonymous donation and a legacy from the late Mary Ward who lived in a cottage facing the church for very many years. The Rector and the Church Council are immensely grateful for these and all gifts and legacies which make projects such as this possible.

The clock was made in 1788 and was originally installed at Christ's Hospital, a school in London It was brought to Burton Bradstock in 1902 when the school moved to Horsham in Sussex. It has been keeping the time in the village ever since. A statement recording this move is painted on the inner face of the dial saying that it was placed on Burton Bradstock Church in memory of Queen Victoria.







THE CHURCH OF ENGLANE

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY



The clock strikes on each quarter hour with a "Ting Tang" once at quarter past, twice at half past and three times at quarter to the hour. Originally it also struck four times before striking the hour. This was stopped on the instructions of the Headmaster of Christ's Hospital because the pupils started to leave their classes before the hour marking the end of their studies struck. This pattern of striking remains the same to this day.

The removal of the dial and hands was witnessed by children from the village school. The dial will shortly be returned and re-fixed and the clock will be restarted.

For further information contact: **Peter Broomhead** 01308 897408 <u>peterbroomhead@tiscali.co.uk</u>

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday 15th of April sees our last talk of the season. The title of this talk is "Exploring the Waterways of Northern Europe by Small Boat " and our speaker is Peter Roach.

Peter is a Chartered Civil Engineer who specialised in Maritime Engineering. During his career, he was deeply involved in the design and construction of ports and harbours. and he has significant overseas experience, often in remote locations.

Peter was an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve for several years, and is an avid ocean yachtsman, over the years sailing his own 35ft yacht to most parts of the world.

So make a note in your diary for Friday 15^{th} of April 7.30pm in the Village Hall for a very interesting talk.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

At the March PC meeting **CIIr Mike Evans** was voted **Chairman** for the coming year

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAY AREA AND RECREATION FIELD

The Play Area and Recreation Field are owned and managed by the Parish Council – the area was given to the Parish Council by the Pitt- Rivers Estate in 1958 for the enjoyment and benefit of the local community.

The Parish Council has recently set up a Working Group to consider the future use and management of the Play Area and The Recreation Field. A questionnaire is available to seek the views of the local community and users of the Play Area/Recreation Field. We want to make sure that we consider all options and needs in deciding what equipment/ facilities to invest in and how.

The guestionnaire can be found on the PC website, in the PO and in the Burton Bradstock PC notice board outside the Reading Room; the closing date for responses is 29th April 2016

We look forward to hearing for you

ALLOTMENTS

There are still currently vacancies at the Burton Bradstock Allotments. if you are interested in a plot please contact the Clerk

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 6th April 7.30 pm at the Reading Room. All welcome.

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org.

If you have any gueries on any of the above information you can contact the Council

through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com, or by phone on 07814 016971.

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

"200 CLUB" DRAW MARCH 2016

WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.80	No 80:
2nd	£21.40	No 26:
3rd	£10.70	No 69:

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Mr Archie Mackie Mr Mike Southgate Mrs Catherine Batten

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 one pound for each of the remaining 9 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



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COFFEE STOP MORNINGS

The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p were started to provide a general "meet and chat" venue. They

run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next meeting will be on **Wed 20th April** and will be organized by the Indoor Bowls Club.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is now in place at the hall and regular video presentations are being shown to indicate how the machine works. It is planned to run courses of instruction and if you are interested and have not already put your name down then please let me know.

ADVANCE NOTICE – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 12TH JUNE 2016

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Burton Bradstock will be joining the festivities with a Village Picnic for everyone on the Playing Field on the afternoon of **Sunday 12th June**. There will be different fun activities and entertainment. Further details will be given in next month's BVN.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing another of the 2015 big films –

SUFFRAGETTE – on Friday 1st April. On the Friday 29th April we are showing BROOKLYN this is a moving ,emotionally intelligent and refreshing old fashioned movie telling the story of a young Irish immigrant in 1950's Brooklyn. Lured by the

promise that all America has to offer she leaves Ireland and although quickly swept into romance her new vivacity is disrupted by her past and she is torn between two countries and the lives that exists within.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Burton Bradstock Post office and are ± 5 each. Included in the price is a glass of wine or a soft drink. If available, tickets will also be sold at the door on the night.

Suffragette will also be shown by Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Village Hall on Thursday 7 April and Brooklyn on the Wednesday 4th May

Dates For Your Diary Lady in the Van – Friday 20 May at Burton Bradstock Films only.







SPRING QUIZ WITH "FISH & CHIP" SUPPER.

This popular light hearted quiz prepared and hosted by **Sue & Bryan Brown** will be held on **Sat 16th April** in the Village Hall. There will be a bar, raffle, prizes for winners & losers plus a Fish & Chip supper in the intermission. All are welcome,



teams of 8, small groups or individuals. Tickets went on sale at the Post Office on Sat **26th March**. To book a table, request a vegetarian option or assignment to a team contact the organiser, **Richard Ferré**, contact details in next paragraph.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

The Village Hall Trust is looking for 2 new committee members during the coming year. There is currently a vacancy for someone to **represent and support the Youth of the Village** and later in this year we will be looking for someone to take over the running of the **200 Club**, one of our fund raising activities. The committee meets every 2 months at the Village Hall.

If you are looking for an activity that will both help the Village and get you meeting people, this committee will help with both. Interested people should contact the Chairman, **Richard Ferré**, for more information. Tel 01308 897648 or email <u>richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk</u>.

JR MEMORIAL TABLE SKITTLES TROPHY

On Saturday 5th March, the semi finals and finals of the annual JR (AKA John Reid) memorial skittles trophy were played in the Anchor Inn Burton Bradstock, following two jolly weeks of heats.

Congratulations to **Dave (The Machine) Burt** on winning the singles competition for the second year running, and to **Liz Comley** and **Cliff Jones** for winning the doubles, in a first final for them both. Also an honourable mention to the losing finalists, **Janet Collins** in the singles and **Rose Daniels** and **Paul Gale** for a memorable doubles final that had us all on the edge of our seats until the very last swing of the ball.

Many thanks to all who entered, the monies raised are sponsoring **Claire Coborne** who is running the **London Marathon** in aid of **Children with Cancer**, and of course thanks to **Andrea**, **Paul** and the **staff at the Anchor** for their support, and the delicious buffet on finals night.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE – MONDAY 30 MAY 2016

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday **Monday 30th May** from 2.00 to 4.30 pm. This is the



main fund raising event for the Village Hall and the money raised will help to pay for its on-going maintenance and improvement.

We're planning on there being the usual wide range of stalls, games and raffles with lots for children and adults to enjoy.

In order to make the Fayre a success again we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games, set up and take down, and also donations for the General Raffle, Auction, White Elephant and Book stalls, and the Bottle Tombola.

The Organising Committee may well contact you to ask for your help in running the stalls and games, but please contact the following people if you can help:

- ✤ if you can help with set up (from 9 am on the 30th) and take down (from 4.30 pm): Graham Moody (01308 898548)
- ✤ White Elephant and Books: items in good condition only please. We shall be opening the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 28th May for people to bring items along. If you need help or can't make it on that day, please contact Richard Ferré (01308 897648)
- ✤ Bottle Tombola: your contributions of bottles of wine, beer, cider, soft drinks – and even spirits, gratefully received for this very popular stall: Richard Ferré (01308 897648)
- ✤ For Raffle and Auction donations: Graham Moody (01308 898548)

We'll be publishing more details in the May BVN, but whether you're helping on the day or coming along to enjoy it, make it a date for your diary now.

Graham Moody, Burton Bradstock Village Fayre Organising Committee

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

March in the Library definitely had a children's theme. Everyone has been so generous with their donations of Easter Eggs and I hope you will agree that the new children's table and chairs are an asset to the Library.

The Library extended opening until 6.30pm each Monday has had limited support, so is unlikely to become a regular feature. Please see the notice board for a decision at the end of the month.

IN THE LIBRARY FOR APRIL

DISPLAY OF VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS - 4TH APRIL

In support of the new "Burton Bradstock Trail and Tale" village leaflet there will be a display of photographs showing how the village once was in comparison to today. I would like to thank **Chris Wilkinson** in advance for kindly agreeing to organise and lend us his photographs. The exhibition will be in the Library for 2 weeks.

TALKING SHAKESPEARE - 23RD APRIL

William Shakespeare 1564 -1616. Over 400 years in print, with circa 37 plays and 154 sonnets. An astute observer of human nature may be the reason we still talk about and quote Shakespeare today, often without realising it. There will be a display of memorabilia in the Library to celebrate Shakespeare's anniversary starting 23rd April and continuing into May.

I am sure everyone has a "Shakespeare" memory, GOOD OR BAD! What is yours? Forward your anecdote to the library, contact details below.

POLICE SURGERY

Dave Ash PCSO will be in the Library Tuesday 5th April 11.00am.

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Tuesday & Saturday <u>info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk</u> 3.00pm to 5.00pm 3.00pm to 5.00pm 10.00am to 12.00am

info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk phone 01308 897653



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Our speaker in March, **Mary Benger** of **Burrow Farm Gardens** near Kilmington, told how the gardens have been developed over more than fifty years. Different styles of planting are included in the thirteen acres, with colour throughout the

year. In this peaceful oasis hidden away in East Devon, active visitors can explore the whole site while others will find plenty of interest in the varied gardens closest to the entrance.

April sees both the **Annual General Meeting (12th April)** and the members' **Spring Lunch** on **21st April**, an opportunity to enjoy a social occasion. In May we are looking forward to our coach trip to the Gunwharf in Portsmouth for sight-seeing, shopping, or both.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (For further information contact Secretary, 01308 897648).

EMAIL: bvn@longbredy.org.uk EMAIL: bvn@longbredy.org.uk LAST MONTH....

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB WINNERS

MARCH 2016

£25	No. 61	Michael Bailey
£15	No. 55	Jack Bailey
£5	No.113	Clare & Guy Schwinge

MARCH'S FRUGAL LUNCH BUT GENEROUS DONATIONS

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

LONG BREDY

TEL: 482882

I am writing on behalf of the Stella Hayward Riding for Disabled Group to thank everyone for the wonderful collection at the Frugal Lunch of **three hundred pounds!** It

is an unbelievable amount. We are all very grateful as it will go a very long way to pay the enormous compulsory insurance we have to pay each year in order to carry out riding activities for disabled youngsters and adults.

Jo Milne

Incorporating Carriage Driv





SUMMER EVENT MEETING

As part of the national celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday, Long Bredy is having a Summer Event over the week-end of June 11th and 12th.

There will be general meeting on Wednesday April 6th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall for anyone who is interested in helping with, or contributing to, this village event.

PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning, combined with a plant sale, will take place on Saturday, April 23rd in the Village Hall, starting at 10.30 a.m. Proceeds will go equally to funds for the village hall. St Peter's Church, and the playing field.

So...if you are growing seeds, taking cuttings, or splitting large plants, and have some to spare, they will be gratefully received for sale on the plant stall.

FINGER POSTS

As this edition of the BVN goes to print, some of the finger posts have been re-furbished and look lovely again, especially with the roundels replaced. However, there is much more to their reappearance than meets the eye, as will be revealed in May's BVN.

ST PETER'S VISITORS' BOOK

Sitting in the church browsing through the visitors' book gives an interesting perspective on the role of the church and how it is appreciated by a far wider audience than the regular congregation and residents of Long Bredy.

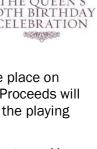
During 2015, there were at least 53 visitors to the church -not including relatives and friends who came for particular services - coming from far and

near. Addresses ranged from Swyre to Sussex; in 2014 there were also visitors from Canberra. The Netherlands and Western Australia.

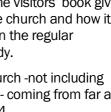
The written comments reveal why these visitors enjoyed and valued their visit to St Peter's. People came to search out family graves, see the church where they were christened or because they have relatives who lived in the village and they wished to re-connect with their past.

Walkers paused here:" What a gem of a discovery on a circular walk" wrote someone. A cyclist stopped and











reflected on the past life of the village, with the school and school-house next to the church. Many visitors commented on the peacefulness and beauty of the setting - the spring flowers lining the lane and churchyard make the natural surroundings even more beautiful at the moment.

People were surprised and appreciative that the church was open, commenting on it being well-kept and also that it had a peal of bells which they were able to listen to and enjoy. One entry recorded a visit made to the church and village to pay respects to Julian Gribble, VC; another group of visitors wrote "Just visiting - we filled the church with our singing and joy."

So, when funds are raised to support the maintenance of the church and there are flower arrangements in the weeks when there are no services, they help to preserve and beautify a building which is enjoyed for a host of reasons both by local visitors and those from far beyond the Bride Valley.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232





We have said farewell over the Easter period to **Tom Stevenson** and **Charlotte Appleby**, who have departed from Foxholes Farm Cottage for pastures new on the other side of Dorchester. We hope we shall continue to see them at village events from time to time, and, assuming Charlotte continues her periodic Marathons, no doubt she will still be

letting us know when sponsorship would be welcome. We wish them both well in their new home.

Otherwise, news is short this month, but there are several events coming up which have already been publicised and can be reviewed in the next edition.



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ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 When they had sung a hymn, they went — the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

- **10** Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- **13** Muslim holy month (7)
- **16** Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

- 24 'Go to the , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

- 1 My for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' bestknown book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

- 4 'Let not the string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- to **6** 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
 - 7 'But Christ is faithful — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
 - 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 - 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 - 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
 - 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
 - **17** 'They gave him — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 - 18 Weren't there three men that we — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 - 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 - 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 - 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

All the classes celebrated their learning in the **class assemblies.** Eggardon's performance of 'The



Highwayman' was very 'atmospheric' with the children reciting the poem for which they had also sketched scenes. Bredy's assembly, around a 'BBC Spellolympics', was very impressive. Chesil and Litton had made and drawn robots, and did a little play together with music and dance, based on a book on robots. All brilliant stuff!

We were fortunate to have **Florence Astley** giving us a **harp recital**. Florence played Handel, Vivaldi and some folk music. The children were enthralled.

On **World Book Day**, the children came to school dressed as their favourite characters from a book. We had characters from fairy tales, fantasies, adventure stories... it took a while to recognise some of the children! Mrs Jukes, our very own children's author and illustrator, read her books to the children.



Chesil and Litton visited the Discover Farming Educational Centre at **Washingpool Farm** near Bridport. The children learned about the linkage between healthy eating, the value of home cooking, fresh food and farm production. Chesil and Litton also had a day of orienteering and mapping delivered by coaches from the **Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre**.



Sarah Churchill, as part of her Forest School training, is providing Forest School activities for Reception and Year 1 children in our Discovery Area every Wednesday morning for six weeks (during term time). Thank you, Sarah. Our Eco and Gardening Clubs have been planting and tidying the Discovery Area. **Sport**: We played the **West Dorset tag rugby competition** and WON!!! Well done, team. We will play the county finals at Bournemouth. GO THORNER'S!

We won our group round in the Kenway Cup too, which was very pleasing. Bredy and Eggardon children had an **archery** session and played competitions against Portesham Primary. Some Eggardon children attended **Sports Leader training** at Redlands Sports Centre in Weymouth. Bredy had two **Tri-Golf** sessions with a professional coach and participated in the Bridport **Dance Festival**.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we race to the end of the Spring term we take stock of all the exciting things that have taken place in what has been a very short term!

To round off the end of our Learning Quest of 'Houses and Homes' the children visited **Montacute House**. They had such an amazing time exploring life in the past where they experienced the

different tasks the workers within the house would have carried out as well as imagining what it would have been like to have been the 'rich' people who lived there.

Also this half term the children celebrated **World Book Day** by coming into school dressed as a book character and taking part in a morning of activities based around books and stories. It was great to see such creativity and the children looked wonderful in their costumes. The staff at the school also joined in with the fun by all dressing as Wally from the 'Where's Wally?' books, which the children thought was hilarious!





There has been a very sporty feel to the half term with the Football team taking part in various matches in the Kenway Cup Tournament and our Tag Rugby team representing the school at the Festival at the Leisure Centre. At both children competitions the displayed great skill and proved to be fantastic team players.

Class 3 had fun at the **Dance Festival** at Freshwater where they performed a routine as animals from Madagascar to the song 'I like to move it', based on the film.

Our eight Year 5 and 6 **Bronze Ambassadors for Sport** travelled to Weymouth to receive their Leadership training. During the day they developed their leadership skills and considered ways to support physical education within the school. Already they are putting their leadership skills to good use and are busy organising the Sport Relief event, lunchtime playground clubs and Sports week for the Summer term.

In the next two weeks of term we will be welcoming the **Safer Schools and Communities Team** into school where they will lead workshops on e-safety for the children. Digital technology opens the door to so many experiences for our children that they would not otherwise be able to engage in, but it is vitally important that we educate them on safe practices so that they are protected from the negative aspects. Continuing on the theme of safety children in Year 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to take part in **'Bikeability**' training so that they develop good road sense when riding their bicycles.

When we return to school after the Easter holidays we will be embarking on another exciting learning quest 'Food and Farming'. We may also be starting the new term as an Academy in partnership with the Minerva Learning Trust, as the proposed conversion date is the 1st April. It has been a long journey from our initial discussions as Heads and Chairs of Governors to get to this final stage. Along the way there has been wonderful collaboration that has resulted in a shared vision that places our children at the heart. We are looking forward to continuing our inspirational learning within the new Multi-Academy Trust and forming stronger bonds with our colleagues to ensure that all our children receive the best education possible.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL



World book day on 3rd March had everyone dressing up as their favourite book character. Maureen turned that around a bit and appeared as "the story teller" she read a story to the children that she had written herself. In the last part of the spring term we carried out activates based around the Gruffalo book- We made Gruffalo crumble and used clay to make our own Gruffalos. Our next focus was on safety of all kinds- internet, road safety, safety in the sun and using equipment safely.

During the last week of term we celebrated Easter. We made Easter craft, sang Easter songs and made Easter cookies. On Thursday 24th we had an "Easter morning" where we had craft, a church service, hot cross buns and an Easter egg hunt in the discovery area.

A huge thank you to **Natalie** for the donation of dressing up clothes, the children have loved them and for the pots and bulbs for mother's day presents.

We return for the summer term on 11th April

We are open Monday to Friday 9-3.30 and have some spaces for the summer term. Have a look at our web site for calendar updates, our photo gallery and all the information about Fledglings that you need

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TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime.



You're welcome to the services held on Friday 8^h April and Friday 13th May.

For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP



We invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of $\pounds 2!$

Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or email <u>claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk</u>).



MESSY CHURCH IN THE BRIDE VALLEY: CHURCH - BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT! Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults involving creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's fun and informal. Messy Church welcomes everyone, regardless of age or stage of faith. We all learn from each other. This way of doing church differently has helped lots of people - especially those who don't go to church - to better understand Jesus. Messy Church in the Bride Valley is an addition to services already offered so if traditional church doesn't suit you, come and try Messy Church.

At present Messy Church meets at 10.15am in Puncknowle Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month (next one is Sunday 17th April), but please check local Notice Boards for details.

We are still learning how Messy Church will best work in the Valley and are constantly reviewing and adapting as we go along. Helpful comments are always appreciated.

We very much need support for this venture. Firstly we need people to pray, and to help publicise Messy Church. We also need people to join the team – helping with refreshments/craft/music/setting up and clearing away, and maybe donations of refreshments or offering a lift to people to enable them to come.

Yvonne Buckland 01308 898492

BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

We are starting the new term with a new leader; Emma has stepped down from this role, a huge thank you Emma from all at Bride valley Youth club. Jaz will now be running the sessions with the help of the usual parent rota.

Dates for April/May

19 April	7-8.30 LATCH
3 May	7-8.30 LATCH

Bride Valley Youth club is open to all the children from the valley aged 8 upwards, for any more information please email Jill – **jill.neill@live.co.uk**

DEANERY EVENTS

TALKING JESUS—SATURDAY 16[™] APRIL 9.30 - 13.00 ST PAUL'S SALISBURY



Rachel Jordan, National Advisor for Mission and Evangelism for the Church of England, will discuss recent research on how those outside the church perceive Jesus, Christians and evangelism. She will then be helping us think about how our own stories of our relationship with God can be effectively used in our day to day interactions with those around us. This course is free and open to all.

Book your place here

www.salisbury.anglican.org/learning/courses/talking-jesus-5618 or email <u>heather.andrew@salisbury.anglican.org</u> for further information.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

May 10th, Anne Claar Thomisson-Rosingh, Tutor at Sarum College will lead a study day on the Book of Ruth.

This will be held in Bridport St Mary's Church from 10am – 4pm. Anne is a wonderful theologian, but so enthusiastic that you can be assured of a day you will never forget [nothing like a Sunday sermon!] Contact Elfrida on 01308 424031 or <u>elfsavigear@btinternet.com</u>

Another Gospel Choir Day – Saturday 21st May@ St John's, West Bay

SIT [Staying in Touch] Understanding Dementia

Acorn Christian Healing Foundation This excellent course is being run again by popular request, on Saturday **4th June,** in Charmouth.

For both the above, contact Elfrida <u>elfsavigear@btinternet.com</u> or o1308 424031.

GOOD BOOKS BRIDPORT

NEW AND REPRINTED BOOKS THIS MONTH:

- ★ Breathing Under Water and Breathing Under Water Companion Journal by Fr Richard Rohr, much admired American Franciscan writer and speaker. In Breathing Under Water, Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the twelve steps to spiritual wholeness can free anyone from addictionfrom an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin. £9.99 each.
- ★ Retreats 2016 contains over 230 retreat centres with programmes and events, £8.80.
- ▲A Spacious Place by Alie Stibbe encourages women to prpare for the challenge of moving into the second half of life. BRF £6.99.
- ✤Corrie Ten Boom's amazing story The Hiding Place her family offered shelter to persecuted Jews during the Nazi occupation of Holland, were arrested and taken to Ravensbruck. £7.99
- ✤ The 5 Love Languages (for spouses) and The 5 Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman.

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Living Tree meets on Fridays between 2pm and 4.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House in South Street, Bridport. It offers friendship, mutual support, creative activities, holistic therapies, diet and lifestyle information for anyone with any kind of cancer.

www.thelivingtree.org.uk or contact Jo O'Farrell on 01308 427851

BRIDE VALLEY WI

"We have had a great start to the new year. Spring has sprung and we have had our annual spring craft night including a blind chocolate tasting.

> On **21st April**, we are keeping everyone in suspense with an evening called '**undercover agent'**. You will have to come along to find out what that involves!

Other planned meetings involve **Egyptian dance**, a **clothes swap fundraiser**, and trips out to **Ashley Chase cheese farm** and **Furleigh Wine Estate**. Watch this space for more details.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month , usually in the Village Hall in Puncknowle, and would welcome any woman living in the valley and beyond to join us. Please come along. The first meeting is free.

If you would like to join our mailing list for more details, please contact Nic Arundel. <u>nicarundel@gmail.com</u>, or check out our Facebook page, **'Bride Valley W.I.**'

FIELD DAYS EXHIBITION AT LATCH SATURDAY 9TH AND SUNDAY 10TH APRIL

We have a very interesting exhibition coming to Litton and Thorner's Community Hall this spring. The exhibition will show work from 6 artists commissioned by **Artsreach**. The artists, **Daniel Bendel**, **Sarah Butterworth**, **Isla Chaney**, **Tessa Farmer**, **Susan Kinley** and **Amanda Wallwork**, have all been asked to create work that reflects the archaeology and geology of the South Dorset Ridgeway. Alongside the commissioned work will be additional work by these artists.

Amanda is well known in the area for her paintings reflecting the ancient landscape; Tessa creates wonderful and interesting work using natural materials such as insects, fossils, bones, taxidermy and earth; Isla is creating sculptural work in cement and ceramic reflecting the land, both in geological and human terms; Susan will be responding to the Portesham Mirror as well as the ancient field boundaries of Bronkham Hill; Sarah is creating a large headdress that illustrates the strata underneath the Ridgeway and the Weymouth Anticline that formed the Ridgeway when the Alps were formed and finally Daniel is creating his own comic of the Ridgeway story.

As part of the project the folk duo **Ninebarrow** have been commissioned to write some contemporary folk songs about the Ridgeway as a soundscape at the exhibition.







BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on Mor

The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on **Monday 18th April** at 7.00pm and will be followed, at 7.30pm, by a talk on **'Hanging Baskets'** by **Jan Willment** from **Island Garden Nursery**, Weymouth. All visitors are welcome to join us at the Village Hall in Puncknowle, entrance £2, annual membership £6.

In May, we move from our usual day and venue as we welcome **Anne Swithinbank** to LATCH on **Wednesday 18th**. She will be telling us about her garden in Devon and answering any questions we may have. Tickets (including a glass of wine or soft drink) members £2, non-members £5

WORKSHOPS:

To accompany this exhibition there are a couple of workshops led by **Dorset** Forest Schools on Sunday 10th April :

★Willow Weaving for families (11.30am – 12.45pm) with where you can create a beautiful ceremonial willow headdress or basket at 11.30am – 12.45pm

▲Leatherwork for families led by Dorset Forest School from 1.30pm – 2.45. where you will produce a traditional leather pouch for holding valuables.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for workshops are £3, $\pounds 2 \text{ u } 18$'s, $\pounds 8 \text{ family } (4)$ and available from **Wendy Firrell** 01308 482532.

NEWS FROM PORTESHAM SURGERY

As announced in the winter newsletter, **Dr Paul Baird** will be retiring at the end of April 2016. He has been with the Practice for 25 years and he will be hugely missed by patients and staff alike. His last working day will be Friday 29th April and his appointments are already filling up, so if you only want to say farewell to him, do drop in on his last day, when we plan to give him just light duties.

As you know we don't operate a list system— all patients are free to see whichever doctor you choose—so if Dr Baird is your usual doctor it's a

good idea to start seeing a new doctor, or try them all out! We have not yet appointed his replacement so over the summer we will be relying as always on our regular team of lovely locums, including Dr Rose, Dr Griffiths and Dr Coffin. From 1st May Dr Fowler will be our Senior Partner, and Dr Beale is taking over Dr Baird's minor surgery and cryotherapy ("the wart clinic") duties.

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JOBS TO DO IN APRIL

Prune early flowering shrubs. Sow half-hardy annuals under glass. Plant out hardy annuals. Deadhead spring bulbs to prevent them wasting energy by producing seed. Buy plug plants of bedding if you can grow them on in frostfree conditions. Ensure all summer flowering bulbs are planted by the end of the month. In the vegetable garden, once the soil has warmed up, make successional sowings of broad beans, beetroot, peas, spring onions and radish; sow dwarf French beans under cloches; sow sweetcorn and courgettes under cover. Continue sowing and planting herbs.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

MOOT STONE

The moot stone marks the easternmost point in the Parish of Long Bredy and is the meeting point of three adjoining parishes- Little Bredy, Portesham and Abbotsbury. It has recently been resurrected after lying prostrate and unobserved for many years



and now stands proudly at the entrance to Gorwell and Topparts where it was erected probably 2000 years ago. It is an important point on the ridgeway, along with the Grey mare dolmen, the Hellstone, the Little Bredy stone circle and numerous tumuli, all indicative of a considerable population in the Bronze Age. The stone is an ancient sarsen, probably retrieved from the Valley of Rocks.

Moot hills and stones probably represent one of the earliest forms of democracy where the elders would meet to discuss any "moot points"! In early medieval Britain proclamations might be read, local business discussed, decisions taken, and court cases might be settled at a moot. Although some moot hills were naturally occurring features or had been created long before as burial mounds, others were purpose built.

Louise Hodgson has this to say about these ancient singular stones dotted around the landscape of Britain in her fascinating book More Secret Places of West Dorset. "They are an important feature of our landscape because they act as a testament to a time when all the aspects of Nature were seen as alive with an energy and spiritual nous that could be quantified. They were, in all likelihood, seen as 'beings', entities that played a part in the identity and spirit of a place."

MESSY CHURCH 10.15am



Family Service 11am Puncknowle St Mary's Sunday 17th April coffee, play, chat ALL WELCOME



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'Stepping Out' is a supported exercise programme designed specifically for people living with or beyond a cancer diagnosis held twice a week at Bridport Leisure Centre. Physical activity has been shown to reduce many of the side effects of cancer treatment, it may lower the risk of other health problems and can improve quality of life. This twelve week, rolling programme enables participants to take part in a series of supervised, gentle exercises tailored to individual abilities, to benefit from health education talks such as management of cancer related fatigue, nutrition, hydration and breathlessness as well as **support from a Weldmar community nurse**. There is also the opportunity to take part in 'try this', taster classes, introducing a variety of activities such as **Nordic Walking**, **Tripudio**, **Yoga**, **Walking Football** and **Meditation** which, it is hoped, will encourage participants to pursue on a regular basis in the future.

I joined the scheme about a year ago following extensive surgery and chemotherapy for cancer which left me both physically and emotionally very weak. For many people, going to the gym at this stage in their lives might be unthinkable. However, I plucked up the courage to go and am so glad I did as in that time, the benefits to my overall health and wellbeing have been enormous. My muscle strength, stamina, core strength, balance and flexibility have all greatly improved. I feel fitter, less anxious and more energised. I am no longer the passive recipient of cancer treatment. Through exercise, I am doing something positive to help myself which has boosted my self confidence and emotional wellbeing. I feel grateful and fortunate to have made so many friends, there is a lot of laughter and chatter and it is all for free! If you would like to find out more, please contact the Stepping Out Project Manager **Jo Perfect** at the Bridport Leisure Centre on 01308 427464 or email her at **j.perfect@bridportleisure.com**

Rita Bechervaise

CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

Following last month's cover from Sr. P della Francesca (as yet to claim his bounty) We are always on the look out for photographs or other artwork to feature on the cover of the BVN. Please forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at bridevalleynews@gmail.com. A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used

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DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Cycle, Ride or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and **your own church** at the same time!

Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!

For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock:	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy;	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney:	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy:	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle:	Mrs. Katharine Jones	898553
Shipton Gorge:	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre:	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS

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APRIL

Our ANNUAL DINNER is on 25th April, 6.30pm for 7pm at the Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club. Members, who require tickets, please telephone Basil Dent or Malcolm Lawrence.

MAY

Social Evening at The Anchor, Burton Bradstock. 7pm for 7.30pm

JUNE

Social Evening at The Anchor, Burton Bradstock. 7pm for 7.30pm

No Meetings in July and August. Autumn Dates to Follow.

Please book your place for any of the above by calling **Basil Dent** 01308 897125 or **Malcolm Lawrence** 01308 898616

Membership of the Legion is not restricted to ex-Service men and women and is open to all. You are welcome to join us by calling either of the telephone numbers above. You are invited to a special evening of Original Songs, Readings and Music to raise funds for Bridport Team Ministry's Cupboard Love programme Performed by The Bride Valley Band with special guest The renowned Sitar Player Ricky Romain at St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport Observed Street Player Action Street Bridport December 2000 Content of the street Street Street Street Street December 2000 Content Street Street



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"My Devon Garden"



with

ANNE SWITHINBANK

at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) Wednesday 18th May 2016, 7.30pm

Members £2, non-members £5 Including a glass of wine or soft drink

Tickets are available from 18th April through: Richard Jones on 482602 (Litton Cheney) Sue Brown on 897421 (Burton Bradstock) and Burton Bradstock Post Office

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 19 2016

Visit to Weymouth Pavilion Theatre to enjoy Les Sands' "90 Glorious Years" tribute to the reign of Queen Elizabeth 11 in music stemming from the period of her life.

Tickets £10.50 (group rate savings) Waiting list available for late bookings.

April 29 2016

All day outing by coach to POWDERHAM GARDEN FESTIVAL. Fare not exceeding £20. Entry £5.50 (normally £7.50) + £2.50 for non-members.

May 26 2016

All day coach outing to the ARMY AIR CORPS MUSEUM, Wiltshire. See where the royal princes trained as helicopter pilots. Further details on application. Book now to avoid disappointment.

May 31 - June 1, 2016: This was the largest naval battle and the only full-

scale clash of battleships of WW1. There will be events nationally to mark the centenary - watch for adverts.

September 27 : Des Baker's 8 day 2-centre tour of France & Belgium. Full itinerary is available. Visits include Amiens' Floating Gardens by boat, Brussels, Leuven, Thiepval British War Memorial, Gaasbeek Castle, Froissy Dompierre Railway Museum and chartered steam hauled narrow gauge railway. Specially arranged to reflect the centenary of the First World War and in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal & Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Des Baker, The Social Fund Chairman 01305 267617 or "aveswood@sky,com"



HOME-START WEST DORSET ANNOUNCE MIDSUMMER BALL AT ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE

Local children's charity Home-Start West Dorset is busy organising its third charity ball – this time to be held on **June 24th 2016** – a Midsummer Ball.

Helen Horsley, Senior Organiser at HSWD, explained: "We have held a Harvest Ball and a Winter Ball; this time we wanted to set a romantic scene with a theme of roses, making the most of the beautiful gardens at Athelhampton House. Fingers are crossed for a warm summer evening so our guests can have drinks on the lawns before we head in for our four course dinner. Athelhampton has once again come up with a really superb menu". Luke's Lux Disco has again generously donated the entertainment for the evening. He did the disco last time and it was really great – the dance floor was full all night."

Last time we sold out five months in advance and so anyone interested in coming to the Midsummer Ball should get tickets as soon as possible."

Tickets for the Midsummer Ball at £49.50 per person and are available from Home-Start West Dorset, Paceycombe House (Suite B), Paceycombe Way, Poundbury, Dorchester DT1 3WB T: 01305 265072 <u>office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk</u>, or phone co-organisers Camilla Thornton on 07713 823212 or Nicola Stickland on 07785 247017

Home-Start West Dorset is a local independent charity which has been set up to give friendship, advice and practical support to families who live in the West Dorset area, including Weymouth and Portland who have at least one child under the age of 5.

CLASSICAL STRING OCTET TO PERFORM IN VILLAGE CHURCH

A rare opportunity to see a performance by a Classical String Octet will occur on the **1**st **May 2016** at the All Saints Church in **Merriott**. This will be the largest gathering of talented musicians visiting the church. The repertoire for the afternoon will include both **Shostakovich Octet** (Prelude and Scherzo) and the **Mendlessohn Octet**, performed by members of the **Fisher Sinfonia**. The octet includes members from the **London Symphony Orchestra**, the **Philharmonia Orchestra**, the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** and the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales**.

The afternoon will start with Refreshments at **2:30pm for a 3:00pm** concert at All Saints Church, Merriott, TA165PS. As with previous concerts profits from the event will go towards the Church Fabric Fund. Tickets for this special event will be £8 and available from Osborne Stores, Merriott, Crewkerne Information Centre or contact 0146076360 to reserve. Under 18's are Free.

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For further details please email the advertising manager at byctcolock.com

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DIARY, APRIL 2016

Fri	19.	.45	Art Club	Outing
Fri	1 19	9.00	Burton Films - "Suffragette"	Village Hall, Burton
Mon	4		Old Village photographs (2 weeks)	Library, Burton
Tue	5 1′	1.00	Police surgery	Library, Burton
Wed	6 19	9.00	Summer Event Meeting	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Wed	6 19	9.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	6 19	9.30	Book Club	PVH
Wed	6 19	9.30	BV Band & Ricky Romain Cupboard Love	St Mary's Bridport
Thu	7 20	0.00	BV Films Suffragette	LATCH
Fri	8 14	4.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Sat	9 1 [°]	1.00	Artsreach Field Days Art Exhibition and	LATCH
Sun	10 1 <i>°</i>	1.00	Willow and Leather Workshops	LATCH
Sun	10 12	2.30	Annual Church Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	10 17	7.00	Annual Church Meeting	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Wed	13 19	9.30	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Thu	14 19	9.00	Annual Church Meeting	St Mary's, Litton
Fri	15 9.	.45	Art Club	PVH
Fri	15 19	9.30	Northern European Waterways P. Roach	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	16 19	9.30	Spring quiz with fish and chip supper	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	17 10	0.15	Messy Church	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Mon	18 19	9.00	Annual Church Meeting	St Mary's Church, Burton
Mon	18 19	9.00	BV Gardening Club A.G.M./Jan Willment	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	19 12	2.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	19 18	8.30	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed			Coffee Stop run by the Bowls Club (til noon)	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	20 19		Village Hall Trust AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Thu	21 19		Bride Valley WI - Undercover Agent	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	23 10		Village Café in aid of Cancer Charities	LATCH
Sat	23 10		St George's Day Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	23 10		Coffee morning and Plant Sale	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Mon	25 18		Bride Valley British Legion Annual Dinner	Bridport & WD Golf Club
Fri	29 19		Burton Films "Brooklyn"	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	30 10		Table Top Sale	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	30 10	0.00	Litter Pick Up	New Inn, Shipton



MAPPERTON GARDENS Plant Fair Sunday 10 April 2016 10.00am – 4.00pm Shared proceeds to

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance



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Burton	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion					
Bradstock	6.30 Evening Prayer	6.30 Evening Prayer		6.30 Evening Prayer					
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer						
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 5.30 Evensong					
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion with Baptism	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion					
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	10.15 Messy Church	11.00 All Age Holy Communion					
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion					
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship						
Littlebredy		11am Holy Communion by ext.		11.00 Holy Communion					