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WEEKDAY SERVICES, JANUARY 2017

Thursday	5	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Monday	9	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	10	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	12	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by extension
Monday	16	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	19	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Monday	23	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	24	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	26	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	26	19.00	Reflect & Study with Holy Communion at Puncknowle
Monday	30	9.00	Long Bredy

GOOD BOOKS

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St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

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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.

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Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.

MONTHLY THOUGHT

YVONNE BUCKLAND LLM

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

As I write this we are still in the season of Advent, a hopeful and anticipatory season. This is particularly so for our Rector Stephen, as he and his wife Frances, are setting off to Budapest to see a physician who has a reputation for helping in the alleviation of symptoms of diseases such as motor neurone disease which Stephen has been diagnosed with. We pray that this visit may give them some peace and hope for the future.

As you read this all the anticipation of Christmas will be over, the food eaten, the gifts opened, and the decorations will soon be taken down. There will be things to look back on – cards and letters from those people we only hear from once a year – maybe time spent with family or friends over the festive season – maybe some special seasonal event that we enjoyed – and hopefully the sense of 'goodwill among men (and women)' that was shared.

But what now, when the leftovers have been eaten, the decorations taken down and the extra rubbish collected? What about those 'New Year resolutions'? Has Christmas left a lasting legacy – a positive one? What did we experience at Christmastime?

We saw the baby lying in the manger and sang the well-loved carols; we wished our friends and neighbours happiness, peace and joy. And now it's all over. So what was is all about?

That baby was God's gift to each one of us, whoever we are, God doesn't have favourites, he loves us all. And God's gift to us is not just for Christmas, but for all times. If we accept that gift, we will know the love and peace and joy in our lives that come from receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

My prayer for 2017 is that it will be a year when hatred is turned to love; sadness to joy; and despair to hope.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

4 December 2016 Toby Arthur Clifford Coulson St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Funerals

16 December 2016 **Dorothy Iris Barlow** Burial of Ashes at Puncknowle

BENEFICE NEWS

MESSY CHURCH NEWS

Our December service featured a nativity with an innkeeper who didn't like to be busy and two brand new characters. Here's a flavour:

Mr Logical: Oh how sickly sweet! And how completely unbelievable! As if God - if he does

exist - would invest all that effort in a few worthless shepherds. Surely he would have had this message taken to the most important people.

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Ms Spiritual: Actually, it was quite deliberate that the shepherds got chosen to hear the news first - because they were unimportant. It was God's way of saying that Jesus came for everyone, no matter what their circumstances.

Great fun was had by everyone and we had a lovely party afterwards

Our January service will focus on the story of the kings and the gifts they brought. What was so special about these gifts, and who were these people anyway? All are welcome to join us on **January 8th 10.30 am** in Puncknowle Village Hall. If you were given a very special gift for Christmas, please bring it with you. The paved area outside the hall has already been earmarked for the Porsche that somebody is hoping to receive......but there will be plenty of room inside to display presents.



VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **Christmas Production** was fantastic, with the children on their



usual top form. This year we opted for a panto, Dick Whittington, which somehow included a Nativity! The children enjoyed their **Christmas school meal.**

A huge number of our children (I believe about 30) joined those from other Bridport schools to sing carols for **Christmas Cheer** at Bucky Doo Square. They were absolutely brilliant and sang without any accompanying music! A big thank you to the children, and to parents, for coming along.



The School Council raised £89.84 for Children in Need. Well done and thank you, children. This year we supported Heart Response, a charity supporting widows and orphans in Romania. The charity collected gifts to make Christmas parcels.

The school **Ethos Council** put together a play, based on Jesus feeding the five thousand, to demonstrate the half term's value 'Generosity'. In assembly we discussed what generosity means to the children. They talked about the charities we support and how they give in various ways.



Several children participated in the **cross-country run** at Colmer's Hill. This is a very hard run and the children did their very best. Eggardon enjoyed their outdoor education day at **Carey Camp**. Chesil had a great time at Colfox for their **multiskills festival**. They were pleased to meet several ex-Thorner's pupils who were helping with the activities. We won the Bridport area **netball** tournament; we played 5 games and won them all – well done, team.

Wessex FM gave reflective road safety badges to all the children.

The children enjoy reading...



...and seeing a double rainbow!



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

GOVERNOR VACANCY AT THORNER'S SCHOOL, LITTON CHENEY

One of our governors is stepping down so there will be a vacancy on our Governing Board next term. Being a school governor can be immensely satisfying and is an excellent way of getting an insight into the working of the school and how we provide for our children. If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more about what being a governor involves please contact Helen Jones 01308 482802 or skephouse@btinternet.com.

Helen Jones, Chair of Governors

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

As I write this report on the 12th December the school is alive with Christmas activity, despite the number of coughs and colds that are doing the rounds! The children have just finished the first rehearsal of the performance, which this year is 'Seven Lessons and Carols'. They are now set for their two performances and are looking forward to showing everyone what talented children we have at the school. It is then full steam ahead for the Carols around the Tree on Friday. As well as the performances the children will also be enjoying Christmas Lunch, a whole school trip to the pantomime in Poole which was a Christmas gift from Santa (with financial support from the Friends of the School) and showing off their Christmas jumpers in support of the Text Santa Christmas Jumper Appeal!



Prior to this final week the children have sung at the **Christmas Cheer** event in Bridport and have also decorated a tree at the **Christmas Tree Festival** in the United Church. We chose the theme of Winter Trees in a silver colour scheme. The children wrote what they are thankful for on the back of their tree and their thoughts were very poignant. Over the

Christmas period the school have been fundraising for the Ocean Ward, which is the paediatric cardiac ward in Southampton Hospital, and all money donated from the different events will be sent to this worthy cause.

A few thanks...

Thank you to **Mrs Woodford** and her brilliant helpers for the **Christingle service** and party. The school, parents and children are extremely grateful for the amount of time and effort everyone put in to make this a lot of fun for the children.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday. It was wonderfully busy with lots of different stalls and games for everyone to enjoy and it was lovely to see so many past pupils return to support the school. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents and friends who make these events possible and the amount raised (**almost £1000**) will help to provide exciting opportunities for the children.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over the last year – there are so many that there wouldn't be enough room in the BVN! We really appreciate all that you do in support of the school and our children. As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the costumes packed away and the decorations taken down for another year. We will be looking forward to a successful 2017 and all that a new year brings, including our new Learning Quest entitled 'How It Works'.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy and healthy 2017!

Claire Staple Headteacher

DECEMBER GREETINGS PAGE

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who generously supported *The Bride Valley News* and *Angel Tree* by sending greetings in the December issue of the BVN; I am delighted to tell you that the total collected was £1000 which will be shared between the two.

Susan Paul



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare a couple of hours each fortnight? **The Bridport Gateway Club** is part of a network of clubs run nationally by volunteers for people with a learning

disability. We need some more help with running our club nights. We meet on a Wednesday fortnightly at the Bridport W.I. Hall from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. There is a varied programme usually involving music. You could encourage members to dance, take part in handicrafts, or help with tea & refreshments. If you can't help regularly then that's fine! We always need volunteers for holiday cover.

Please contact **Harry** on 01308 421225 or **Diane** on 01308 423864 for further information or please leave your name and number at the West Dorset Mencap shop, 54 East Street, Bridport.

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 to be held on **Friday s 13th January and 10th February**.

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

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We are a fun, friendly, village group run by Mums for babies, toddlers and children (up to 4) together with their parents, grandparents or carers. We have a lovely selection of toys, we always run a craft or sensory activity and we love a good singsong. Snacks are provided for the little ones (please feel free to bring a piece of fruit or veg to share), cuppa and biscuits for grown ups! £2 first child, £1 siblings/friends. Every Wednesday (term time) 9:45am-11:15am in the LATCH Litton Cheney Village Hall. Contact Nicola Miller 01308 482734 jamieandnicola@gmail.com or Clare Turnbull 07748783442 clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com for more info.

AGE UK DORCHESTER

...would like the Benefit of your Advice!

Age UK Dorchester has need of experienced welfare benefits volunteers to join its Welfare Benefits Team Love later life to provide information and advice regarding welfare

benefits to older people in the **Bridport** area, by way of home visits. Welfare Benefits Volunteers interview clients, identify entitlement to benefits, assist with completion of benefit claim forms e.g. Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit and PIP; act on clients' behalf, help with letter writing, undertake diagnosis, and provide information with options.

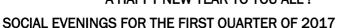
If you:

- Like to identify problems and solutions in meeting the needs of older people
- Have some spare time to give
- Enjoy volunteering
- Are an experienced welfare benefits practitioner

Please contact Janice Webb on 01305 269444, welben@ageukdorchester.org.uk Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW www.ageukdorchester.org.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



Monday 16th JANUARY 2017 Monday 27th FEBRUARY 2017 Monday 27th MARCH 2017

All meetings 7pm for 7.30pm at The Anchor, Burton Bradstock

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

Membership of the Legion is not restricted to ex-Service Men and Women and is open to all. You are welcome to become a Member of the RBL by calling either of the telephone numbers above.

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning raised £918.78. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The Church Collections made on 13 November contributed £248.33 to the Poppy Appeal.

Veterans Hearing Fund provides support to those who acquired hearing loss during Service where there is a wellbeing need that cannot be met through statutory services (e.g. the NHS). Anyone who requires such help should call the Legion Contact Centre on Tel. 0808 802 8080 (free) or email medicalfunds@britishlegion.org.uk.

The **Dorset County RBL Conference** will be held at Bovington on **8 January**. On **Thursday 19 January** there will be a **Skittles Match** with a light supper starting at 7 p.m. at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury. Members are requested to inform the writer of their intention to partake, so that catering arrangements are appropriate.

We meet at the Ron Doble Room on **26 January** for the Branch and Social Fund **Committee Meetings** at 7.30 p.m.

We sit down to a private dinner (informal) at **The Sugar Loaf Café**, Easton, Portland at 7 p.m. on **Thursday 23 February**. [Members will receive the full menu choice and other details in the next Branch Newsletter]. Guests are welcome to join us for a £3 booking fee. We will share transport.

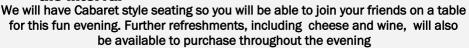
Our Branch **Annual Lunch** will take place on **23 March, 2017** at the Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype.

Des Baker Chairman "The Social Fund" (01305 267617)

CAST OUT THOSE WINTER BLUES AT THE CHARITY VARIETY SHOW BEING HELD ON SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Our evening at the LATCH will include:

- A complimentary glass of wine on arrival
- Seven first class Acts
- A 'Bake Off' Judging in the interval
- Complimentary Tea or Coffee during the interval



- Adult Tickets £10.00, which includes a complimentary glass of wine or juice on arrival and a complimentary tea or coffee in the interval
- School age Children Tickets are £2.00 with also a complimentary juice on arrival

For your tickets and also further information please e-mail <u>patricia.gates@btinternet.com</u> or Ali Halliday on <u>balletboots@live.com</u> or telephone Patricia Gates on 01308 482742

This enjoyable entertainment is to raise funds for the MacMillan Cancer Support, the Bride Valley Churches and the Litton Children's Playground project





Snowdrop Sundays!

Mapperton Gardens 5 & 12 February 2017 11.00am – 4.00pm

11.00am – 4.00pm
Entrance £4.50, children free
Teas. Coffees & cakes (no lunches)



Shared proceeds to Perennial & The National Gardens Scheme

Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport

Hospital for any who have been bereaved.

Feel free to drop in any time between 10,00am and 12,00

Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3rd Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact Diana Wright 01308 456 967

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BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

A Happy New Year to all our filmgoers, and many thanks to all those of you that attended in 2016. We have some exciting ideas for 2017 – Eye in the Sky, Bridget Jones' Baby and A United Kingdom for a start! Please watch out

for details on posters and the website though as final choices will be made after checking that they are not going to be screened on TV over the Christmas period and that licences are available.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

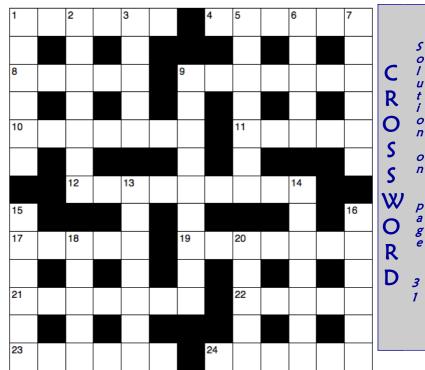
Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are continuing to share the licences for films with Burton Bradstock(who will show it the previous Friday).

Next film dates: Wed. 25 January, Wed. 1 March, Wed. 5 April (and possibly Wed. 3 May).

Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

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- 1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsberg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9 'Do not what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around" (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19 'Like babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
- 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
- 22 Girl's name (5)
- 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
- 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)

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- 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5 'Jesus answered. "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone." (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6 'Peace I with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- **14** Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16 '— Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20 'Unless a grain of falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

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LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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First we must wish everyone living in or connected with Littlebredy in any way a prosperous, happy and fulfilling New Year. Let us hope 2017 is an excellent year for all.

Thanks to the kindness of David Peretz, Chairman of Longbredy Parish Council (we aren't big enough to have one of our own), we have been copied in on a proposal recently

submitted to West Dorset District Council by British Telecom, who want to "remove" 76 public payphones in the WDDC area, including the one at the foot of White Hill. BT set a 90 day consultation period ending on the 23rd January, but WDDC has asked for individual parishes' comments by the 15th December, which has already passed.

There may be someone in the village who feels strongly that our phone box (erected in place of a traditional red one in the late 1980s) should be saved, but the case will be weakened by the fact that not a single call is recorded by BT as having been made from it in the last twelve months. [So not even campers on the cricket ground are apparently using it to ring home any more, despite the lack of mobile signal in the bottom of the valley.] It would seem therefore that objections to its removal would be futile, but Sir Philip has a copy of the relevant paperwork, and will gladly share it with anyone wanting to know more. His suspicion is that the phone box is doomed whatever we say or do – but in practice that may be no great loss. Anyone who thinks differently, please get in touch (by ringing 482232, not 482287, which is the public payphone's number, and is unlikely to be answered).

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

TEL: 482882

EMAIL: bvn@longbredy.org.uk





PRE-CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING.

Sale of refreshments, a raffle, Christmas gifts and the cakes/ preserves stall raised £311.00.

After expenses, funds for the Village Hall, Playing Field and St Peter's Church will each receive £100.00.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event. As well as

raising money, it was another pleasant opportunity to enjoy chatting with friends and enjoying a good log fire.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2016

£25	No. 42	Victoria Cain
£15	No. 36	Ann Melton
£5	No. 109	June Clewlow

THE DORSET 100 - LONG DISTANCE WALKERS' ASSOCIATION

What a lovely surprise!

In the summer, the village hall was used on two occasions as a base by the above organisation. Sara Winter, as the Booking Secretary for the hall has recently received the following letter.

"We have now completed our final accounts for the 2016 "Dorset 100" walk and have some residual funds left, after all the bills have been paid. Some of our predicted expenditure came in slightly under budget, and some of our income was greater than expected. The money raised to organize this walk was a special budget (separate from our group account) The LDWA are a 'not for profit' institution . The committee has therefore resolved to make donations to certain organizations that supported the event. This includes some of the village halls that we used. Smaller, older and more remotely situated village halls usually seem to need funds for repair, maintenance and equipment, and we would be very

need funds for repair, maintenance and equipment, and we would be very glad to support them. Without village halls, we would not be able to organize events like this. I enclose a cheque for £300.00, which we hope your hall committee will accept. There are no unusual conditions on how it is used. It is essentially a one off donation."

Thank you very much to the Dorset organisers of the 2016 walk for such a generous donation for the village hall fund; it is very much appreciated, especially as a member of the group also donated a fridge to the hall in the summer.

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

If resolving to be fitter is in mind, joining the Long Distance Walkers' Association may be one way forward. You don't have to walk a 100 miles over 48 hours, although you may eventually be inspired to do so. The first

person home this year had completed 10 hundred mile events, and finished this year's walk in 28 hours 42 minutes. That's an average of between three and four miles an hour......for over 28 hours!

Walks, which are planned 3 years in advance, are very thoroughly prepared and carefully monitored. Prior to the main event, the route is tested by those who will act as marshals for the main event. Apart from good walking equipment, participants must have, and carry with them, an entry card, which can be withdrawn if the organisers feel that the walker is at risk at any time during the event. A maximum of 2 hours rest is allowed at a checkpoint.

Participants gradually build up to the full 100 mile walk: it isn't possible to enter without proving you are a competent walker over long distances. Completing a 25 mile qualifier will enable you to enter a 50 mile walk. Completing this will then qualify you to enter the 100 mile walk.

If anyone is inspired to meet one of these challenges.....brilliant. Let us know how tough (or not) it is!

The 2017 walk will be held in Yorkshire, 2018 is in Kent.

TEA AND CHAT

After Christmas, this will be held on Tuesdays. The first meeting is on **Tuesday**, **January 10th** at Bridelands, Long Bredy.

As someone commented at our December meeting, it is not so much a cup of tea and chat as a lovely traditional afternoon tea by the fire with chat and a chance to talk to people whom you may not otherwise meet up with.



The door is open with a warm welcome between 3.00 and 5.00 pm. Stay for the whole afternoon or just pop in for a while.

PARISH COUNCIL

As always, the minutes of, and agenda for, meetings are on the village notice board. Future meetings are in January and March; see the board for exact dates and times. Find out what is happening which may affect our village.

POPPY COLLECTION

Long Bredy and Kingston Russell raised £258.70 for the poppy collection. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this generous amount.

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES 2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY

john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482392





ST. MARY'S CHURCH

There will not be a service at St. Mary's on **New Year's Day** - the only service in the Valley will be a said Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock at 11.00 a.m. Nor will

there be a service here on **Sunday 29th January** as there will be a United Valley Service at Puncknowle at 11.00 a.m. that day.

BIG CLEAN

The working party will be different this month as we shall be holding our **Annual Big Clean** on **Thursday 12th** from 9.30 a.m. It's a great opportunity to work off some of the over-indulgence of the last few weeks and keep our Church looking beautiful! Many hands make light work, and it's more fun with lots of people, so please do come along and help. Refreshments provided.

We hope you are enjoying hearing the bells ringing and the clock striking the hours once again. It's good to have them back! If you are interested in learning to ring the bells, or would like to find out more about how it's done, please contact **Wendy** (482532).

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10th January**, 7.30 pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Local residents are actively encouraged to attend.

Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes all residents and visitors to the Bride Valley a very Happy New Year!

CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES – CONSULTATION

DCC are consulting on a proposal to stop free concessionary travel before 9.30 a.m. This will affect the 9.30 a.m. 210 bus service from Litton Cheney to Bridport meaning those who perhaps do not have access to other means of transport and currently are entitled to free travel will have to pay if they travel before 9.30 a.m. On the plus side it does mean the 210 service will not be cut as was a possiblity in an earlier consultation. If you would like to comment on this consultation go to www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation to have your say. Closing date for comments – Friday 13th January 2017.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Keep up to date on the work of the Steering Group by visiting the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk and clicking on the "Neighbourhood Plan" icon. Public meetings will be held periodically to keep local residents abreast of progress and these will also be advertised on the village website.

CAROL SINGING – THANK YOU

Thank you to all the village residents who listened and gave to a worthy cause (Julia's House) when the village carol singers came a-calling in December. Our thanks also to those who offered sustenance and a glass of good cheer on both nights. At the time of going to press the amount collected is not known and will be promulgated at a later date.

Ron Davidson - LCSC 482661.

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

Mondays Beavers and Cubs (9th onwards)
Tuesdays Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.

Wednesdays First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15

Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.

Thursdays Scouts (12th onwards)

Fridays: Mobile Shop in car park 8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m

Yoga 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m

Tuesday 10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room,

Saturday 21st: Big Farmhouse Breakfast run by Thorner's School Association

Wednesday 25th: Film Night: "Eye in the Sky" Starts 8.00 p.m. [Provisional Film—may change—see Valley Notes page 12]

COMING UP: Friday 3rd February 7.30 p.m. Artsreach presents "Harbour Voices" Shanty Singers from Lyme Regis. Bookings: 01308 482532. Adult £8, U18 £6 Should be a great evening!

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Saturday February 25th 2017— Charity Variety Show - see Valley Notes page 12 for further details

Village Cafés: If you would like to run a Village Café to raise funds for your organisation or project, please contact Wendy (482532) as soon as possible. The following dates are available: 18th February, 20th May, 15th July and 16th September.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS

SID MARSHALL 3 Green Barton, Swyre sidmarshall@msn.com tel: 897318

ELIZABETH SLATER 1 Litton Close, Puncknowle liz@ruddle.org.uk tel 897751



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

The workshops that we have with Stephen Yates are always enjoyable. This time it was on the subject of reflections and shadows using watercolours. Festivities for the party



month began with mince pies at 'The Crown'. This theme will continue when when there will be coffee and cake at the AGM at 'Patria' on 6th Jan. The 20th will see us back at the hall. http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk Christine Molony



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE. Sing-a-Long

Sue kindly provided the venue in the Bull for what we hope will become an annual Christmas event. A selection of Christmas songs and carols were chosen and everyone young and old sang to the music provided by David Jones.

A collection raised £90.00 half of which will be used to help maintain the Church building and half to the Angel Tree Charity the purpose of this Charity was outlined in the November issue of the BVN.

Many thanks to those people who organised the event and to those who came to sing.

PCC Holy Trinity Swyre

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.

Our next meal will be on 17th January. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone David Buckland on 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 having a talk from Collective Legal Solutions to give advice about

issues relating to tax, care, and inheritance issues. If anyone would like to join us for this, even if you do not come to the meal you would be most welcome. The talk should start about 1.30 to 1.45 PM.

Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. We are especially in great need of people to cook for us as our numbers of helpers has decreased. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture, or want to know more, please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

SHIPTON GORGE

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





ST MARTIN'S CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection, led by Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas, we remembered those who died in two World Wars and later conflicts – especially all who lost their lives in the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago. The congregation heard about three composers of music and poetry whose lives were touched by the Great

War. Ralph Vaughan Williams lost his hearing as a result of shellfire but nevertheless continued to compose wonderful music. Ivor Gurney wrote poetry whilst serving on the Western front, including a tribute to a close friend which spoke of his grief at his loss. His life was blighted by depression brought on by his experiences in the war. George Butterworth was a talented composer and his moving orchestral composition *The Banks of Green Willow*, based on a traditional English folk song, was played to the congregation. He was killed on the Somme by a sniper after leading his men in a successful attack.

The Act of Remembrance was led by Hilary and Richard Cunningham, who also conducted a ceremony in the churchyard when members of the

congregation planted poppy crosses in memory of loved ones at the Commonwealth War Grave of Private John William Gale of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who died in the First World War.



CHRISTMAS TREE

Many thanks to the generous donor who provided St Martin's with a beautiful tree which enhanced our services and was enjoyed by all.

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Thanks to our generous sponsors, St Martin's Church brightly welcomes the New Year, lighting up Shipton Gorge for all to see. The lights this January month are shining especially for:

Diane & John Bredemear,
Gary Warren's birthday,
Gerry & Jackie Pyke,
Joshua Kent,
Richard & Hillary for their wedding anniversary,
Karen Jones of Fir Tree Cottage,
Maureen Morgan for David,
Betty Shepherd,
Jo Boughton-White's 40th birthday,
Mary Boughton's 70th and Pam Bates 90th.
Edi (Jane's mum) 90th birthday

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, sponsorship is just £5. You can contact me, **Phyl Webster**, on 01308 898657. Should you want your occasion mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please let me know in good time for the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

PARISH COUNCIL

Do you know that you can view minutes of all parish council meetings on the village website at www.shiptongorge.org.uk where you will also find details of parish council activities and lots of information about the village and what all the village organisations are planning for the coming year. Why not make it a new year's resolution to check it out?



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th January** at 7.30pm in the village hall and this is the meeting where our budget for next year is finalised and agreed. All meetings are open to the public and you will be most welcome to come along.

Mary Boughton (Chairman)

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS 2017 AGM – WED 18th JANUARY @ 7.00pm SG VILLAGE HALL Once again, our 2017 AGM will be held on the above date, a month earlier than in past years. We will again be looking for new members with 'new ideas' to progress our Committee forward. Any Villager who is interested, can contact the Chairman Ed Buck (01308898278) prior to the meeting date for further info!

SGVS XMAS TREE OUTSIDE THE NEW INN

Thanks to **John Kent** and **Bob Ayers** for the 'Spirit level' erection of the SGVS Tree and to **Chris Griffiths-Hardman** and **Terry Diver** for the 'stunning' arrangement of the lighting.

As per usual, we will be forwarding a contribution for the electricity supply to our new Tenants of THE NEW INN – **Jason and Simone Freeman**.

XMAS SHOPPING TRIP to EXETER on THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER And our thanks again to all those 32 Shoppers who supported our Annual Shopping trip on the above date as magnificently organized by the 'one and only' Sally Parker!

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Winning numbers for October:

No 113 Mags Griffith Hardman £20

No 13 Guy Chatworth £10

No 86 Jill Curtis £5

Winning numbers for November:

No 34 Hilary Cunningham £20

No 52 Joyce Rosamond £10

No 29 Ernie and Vicky Thomas £5

Winning numbers for December:

No 82 Betty Shepherd £50

No 50 Tye Love £20

No 79 Jane King £10

No 60 Anne & Julian Sharman £10

No 66 John Bredemear £10

Congratulations to all the winners & good luck for the New Year

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: IAN WIGGLESWORTH 9, NORTHOVER CLOSE, BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4RX iwigglesworth@uwclub.net, Tel: 01308 897083



BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL FLOOD PREVENTION

A timely reminder that our sandbag store is situated at **Manor Farm,** where **Peter Tompkins** kindly provides undercover storage. However, if your property is at risk from flooding you

should consider keeping a number of sandbags on site so that they can be put in place quickly at the first sign that flooding is possible, this might be difficult to achieve if they have to be transported from Manor Farm in an emergency. Volunteer help would then be available to position them if you are unable to do so.

If you would like to collect sandbags from the store, or have them delivered to your home, please contact **Keith Delves** (897358 or keith@delvesuk.plus.com) so that arrangements can be made. It should be pointed out, however, that sandbags should be stored in a dry place, i.e. a garden shed or garage, as they are much heavier and less effective when wet.

There are lightweight alternatives to sandbags available to purchase which also take up considerably less storage space, Keith would be happy to give more information and advice on these if you give him a call.

Many thanks to the volunteers and residents who cleared leaves from the drains during the heavy rain in November, without their prompt action flooding in the centre of the village would have been a distinct possibility. If there is anyone who would be prepared to be added to the list of volunteers available to help in any emergency affecting the village please get in touch.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4th January 2017 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome! The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting on the village notice boards and the PC website www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council via the Parish Clerk or the Cllr contact details can be found on the website above.

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- 2 07814 016971

<u>burtonbradstsock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</u> (note change of email address)



DARE DEVIL RIDES TO JARAMA

We welcome back to Burton Bradstock **Townsend Productions,** who bring us an exciting new play which tells the story of **Clem Beckett**, a famous 1920s-30s Speedway Rider who fought against fascism in the Spanish Civil War.

It is Spain 1936, and Speedway star and daring Wall of Death motorcycle rider Clem "Dare Devil" Beckett felt his place was with Spanish people defending freedom and democracy against Franco's rising fascist armies. With writer and poet Christopher Caudwell (played by Neil Gore, who wrote the play), they volunteered to drive ambulances to Spain, stayed to join the International Brigade and ultimately died in combat. The play includes a variety of appropriate music, specially arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick, ranging from traditional numbers like 'The Manchester Rambler' to original songs in the style of George Formby.



The performance is at Burton Bradstock Village Hall starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th February 2017. Tickets are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office (adults £9, under 18s £7, family £28). You can also order from the Box Office on (01308) 897421 or by emailing us at burtonartsreach@gmail.com to reserve your seats.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

A Happy New Year to everyone!

Our first speaker for the new year is on **Friday 13th January** at 7-30pm and is **Frances Hatch** and the title of her talk is "Drawn to Antarctica ;an Artists View " As you can see from the title Frances certainly travels far and wide for her work, but equally works along the remarkable landscape within reach of the Village since moving into the Rectory here two years ago.

The Burton Bradstock Online Committee is currently modernising the Village Website and would welcome new members to join them.

As well as managing the many aspects of the website, which had over 2 million "hits" last year, the Committee is updating the huge history archive

and arranging ongoing computer and mobile phone training Anyone interested please contact **Ken Pett**, email ken.pett@btinternet.com

This year's Flower and Produce Show will be held on Saturday July 15th The subjects for the photographic competition will be "ROOFS" and "PETS" so hopefully lots of entries this year.

In the "Jams and Preserves" categories the Judge has stressed that plain lids must be used or entries will be disqualified. If in difficulty lids can be obtained from Val Ferre.

Finally all cakes and or breads must be presented on a plate or board and covered in clingfilm.

Good luck everyone.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

"200 CLUB" Draw WDDC License no: SL0080 Congratulations to the winners:

1st £85.60 No 173: Mr Richard Lomax 2nd £42.80 No 185: Ms Liz Mackay 3rd £21.40 No 65: Mrs Veda Bull

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the next year's (2017) draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £12 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COFFEE STOP MORNINGS.

The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are run monthly to provide a general "meet and chat" venue for Villagers and visitors alike. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 2 meeting dates are listed below.

Date. Organiser
Wed 18th Jan Village Hall Trust.
Wed 22nd Feb Village Society

Thanks for help and support.

Over the Christmas period the Hall trust organized two events, the Christmas Market and Coffee Morning and the Christmas Quiz. Both were extremely well attended and hopefully enjoyable.



Many thanks to both those who gave their support by attending and those who helped organize the events, which together raised in the order of £1400 towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Burton Bradstock Films

Our next film night will be on **Friday 20 January 2017** – the title will be announced at the beginning of January to avoid duplication with the 100+ films shown across the television channels over the holiday period. Further details will then appear on posters around the village and as usual tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office prior to the film evening.

Bride Valley Films will be showing the same film on Wednesday 25 January 2015

AGM.

The AGM of the Village Hall Trust will be held in the Hall on **Wed 11**th **January** starting at 8:15pm. There will be short presentations on finances, bookings, last year's activities and next year's plans with questions at the end. Afterwards there will be a free glass of wine and nibbles. The hall is the cornerstone of many Village activities so please come along and make your views and wants known. (Please do not come early, the

CAN ANYONE HELP PLEASE? Erik the Red by Donald Ridler

Brownies do not finish until 8pm).

I have been trying to obtain the above mentioned book but have failed through all avenues, including the library. I wonder therefore if anyone can help and would be prepared to lend it to me. It will not go out of the village and any help would be gratefully received. Please telephone me if you are able to help. **Rod Jones** tel: 897684



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

The History of Music Hall goes back a long way. **David Andrews** talked about its stars and its music at the WI November meeting, showing sheet music covers and pictures of the stars, and leading some of the songs on the guitar. He revived many memories.



The Wi's Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning raised over £500, and cheered up a dismal November day for those who came to enjoy an "Early" mince pie and to browse the stalls.

Later in the month, a coach party travelled to the first day of the Bath Christmas Market: lots of stalls to look at, and everywhere the smell of mulled wine, spice and Christmas trees. On the way home, the organisers provided some little treats to revive the weary shoppers.

A Christmas Lunch, the Carol Service at Portesham and the December meeting are still in the offing at the time of writing.

2017 will see the Centenary of Burton Bradstock WI, and at the meeting on **10**th **January**, **Susan Moores** will speak about some of its history over the past hundred years: "The WI – Making History".

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 897648).

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

The lucky winner of this year's original painting entitled "Christmas Moon" is **Maureen Miller**.

I would like to thank **James Webster** for once again donating a lovely water colour to for the Library Christmas Card and to raise funds on behalf of the Friends.

This month will see the 4th anniversary of the formal handover of our community library. It is thanks to the dedication of all our volunteers that the merger into LibrariesWest, with the benefits it brings to our members went so smoothly. If you



would like to become a volunteer or are interested in taking an active part in the running of the Library by becoming a trustee for the Friends please contact me on 01308 898049.

The Library is free to join and your Library card gives you access to all LibrariesWest Libraries. Books may be ordered on-line, borrowed and returned anywhere within the consortium including Burton Bradstock. Our library continues to offer WiFi, photocopying and laminating, a jigsaw lending library, DVD's (all donated), maps, local information, newspapers and magazines.

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00am

Contact information: Telephone: 01308 897563;

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT

MURDER AT THE NEW VICARAGE

A MURDER MYSTERY BY CLAIRE JONES

Enjoy a two course light supper, watch a short play and then test your detective skills by working out who did it!

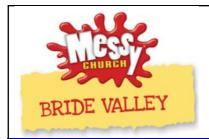
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH, THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH, FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

7.30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM) TICKETS £10 (£7 UNDER 16s)

Tickets include a light supper and are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office or by phone on 01308 898707





MESSY CHURCH 10.30am Puncknowle Village Hall Sunday 8th January 10.30am

coffee, play, chat #notjust4kids

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LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. 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



DIARY, JANUARY 2017

Wed	4	19.15	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	4	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	4	19.30	Arts Reach - "Dare devil rides in Jurama"	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	5	09.30	Churchyard Annual Big Clean	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Fri	6	10.00	Art Club	Patria
Sun	8	10.30	Messy Church	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	10	15.00	Tea & Chat	Bridelands, Long Bredy
Tue	10	19.30	Litton Cheney PC Meeting	Meeting Room, LATCH
Wed	11	19.30	Shipton Gorge PC Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Wed	11	20.15	Village Hall Trust A.G.M.	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	13	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Fri	13	19.30	Vill. Soc. "Drawn to Antarctica" Frances Hatch	Village Hall, Burton
Mon	16	19.00	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	The Anchor, Burton
Tue	17	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	18	10.00	Coffee Stop - Village Hall Trust	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	18	19.00	SGVS AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	20	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	20	19.30	Burton Films - to be anounced -see posters	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	21	10.00	Big Farmhouse Breakfast	LATCH
Wed	25	19.30	Burton Players " Murder at the New Vicarage"	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	25	20.00	BV Films TBA	LATCH
Thu	26	19.30	Burton Players " Murder at the New Vicarage"	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	27	19.30	Burton Players " Murder at the New Vicarage"	Village Hall, Burton



Tea and Chat
Bridelands, Long Bredy on
Tuesday 10th January
3.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.
All are welcome

	1 st Sunday 1 January Naming of Jesus	2 nd Sunday 8 January Epiphany Sunday	3 rd Sunday 15 January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	4 th Sunday 22 January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	5th Sunday 29 January Candlemas
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Holy Communion (said)	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	No service	9.30 Moming Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	
Swyre	No service	6.00 Epiphany Songs of Praise	11.00 Moming Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	No service	10.30 Messy Church in Puncknowle Hall	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion with baptism	11.00 United Valley Service
Litton Cheney	No service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	No service		9.30 Morning Worship		

11.00 Holy Communion by ext

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JANUARY 2017

11.00 Holy Communion

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