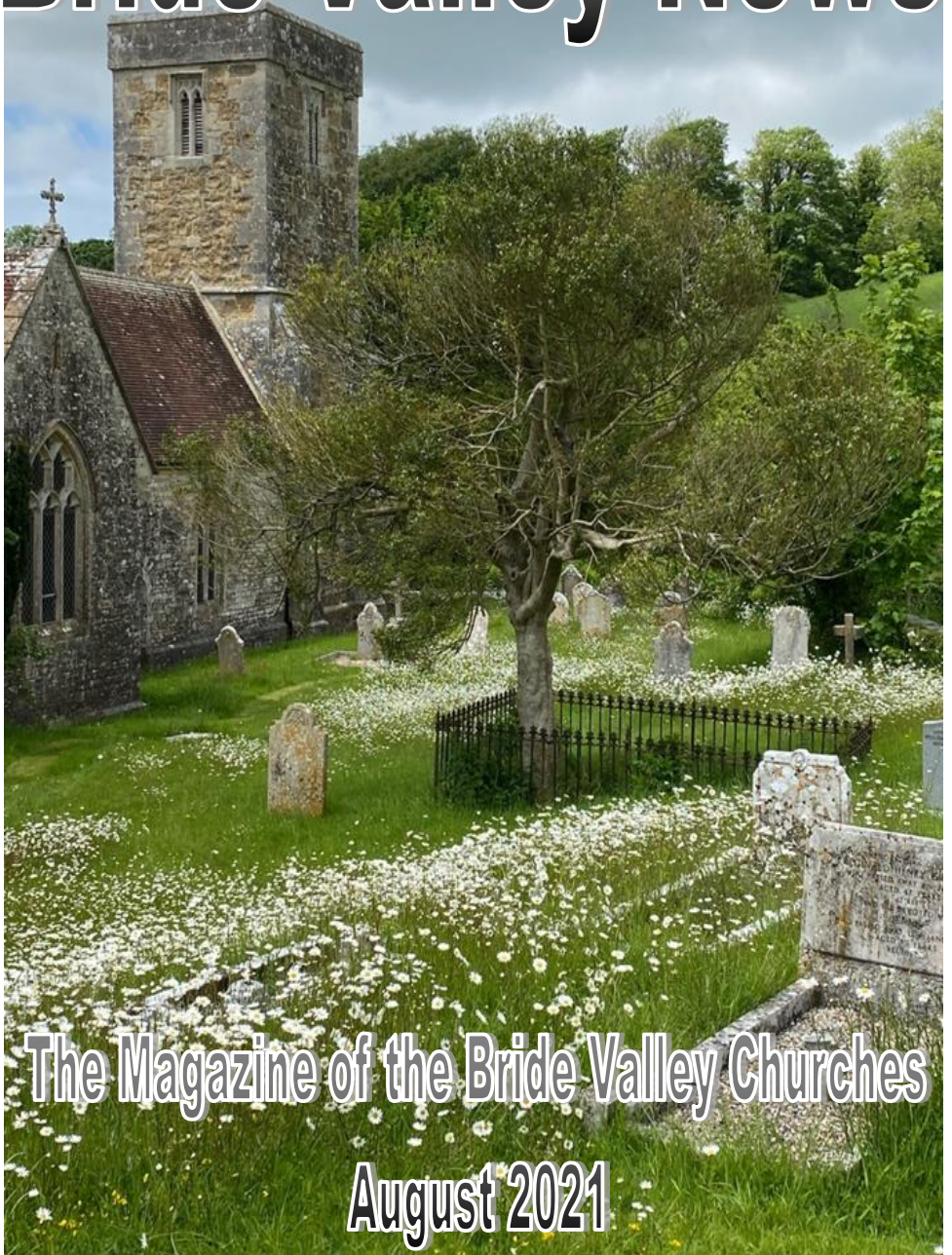


# Bride Valley News



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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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## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley  
on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

### **When God seems far away.**

Sometimes life is difficult and often during the difficult moments, when life is particularly tough, it can feel as if God has forgotten us and we are struggling on our own. None of us are immune to that feeling, but I believe that God never leaves us, he is always there, present with us and especially when things are tough, when the heat is switched up high, if you like. I came across this story recently which reassured me and I hope it has the same effect on you. For those really feeling like you are walking through the flames at the moment:

*“There was once a group studying the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. As they were studying chapter three, they came across verse three, which says: **“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.”** This verse puzzled them, and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.*

*“That week this woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn’t mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.*

*“The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot – then she thought again about the verse, that he sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.*

*“The man answered “Yes”, and explained that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be damaged.*

*“The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, “How do you know when the silver is fully refined?”*

*“He smiled at her and answered, “Oh, that’s easy. When I see my image in it.”*

*"If today you are feeling the heat of this world's fire, just remember that God our Father...has His eyes on you."* (Author unknown)

Not only that, he really does want what's best for you.

With every blessing,  
Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

### FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding	Leonie Lawrence and Fred Bowring - Litton Cheney
Funeral	John Moore - Puncknowle
Baptism	Eloise Bennett - Swyre

### A message about producing the Bride Valley News

Whether you live in the Bride Valley or are just visiting you'll find plenty to do and see in the area, and you will get a flavour for that, and of our community from within these pages.

The Bride Valley News (BVN) is one of the keyways that we keep in touch and communicate as a valley community. Sponsored by the Bride Valley Churches, it is delivered to every home in the valley and carries, not only news of our local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. From the editor to the front door all are volunteers.

Would you consider supporting the production of this valuable means of communication and news? Just £6 per household would ensure we are available throughout the summer months and help us to keep going.

We are very grateful to those who have already contributed and have already received £250 in individual donations. Thankyou.

If you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:

**Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'**  
**Sort code 30-91-21**  
**Account number 00074071**  
.....and quote BVN!

**Or if you prefer you can send a cheque made payable to the above Account to the Rector at the Rectory, Burton Bradstock.**

Thank you for reading this.

# **Burton Bradstock Community Library**

## *Serving the Bride Valley*

The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR

**The Library is OPEN on Monday & Saturday afternoons 2.30pm to 3.30pm and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm**



*As Government restrictions have ended our prime goal during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic remains to ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers. We will now be allowing up to four people at a time into the library, while still encouraging social distancing. Customers will still be asked to wear face coverings and to hand sanitise, however track and trace details will no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.*



You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, & return items, obtain photocopies and DVDs, reserve books & DVDs on Libraries West Catalogue from home (or on the move using the Libraries West App) to collect locally, and we will notify you when they become available).



Free Wi-Fi may be accessed outside the library, and we now have one public PC available on a 'first come, first served basis'.



E-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-comics & e-newspapers, are free to read online using your library card.

All information can be found on our website: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk).

Thank you for your continuing support.

Tel: 01308 897563

# Artsreach returns to the Bride Valley



Circus Around & About presents a circus double bill featuring Ripe(Tilly Lee-Kronick) and Pirate Taxi(Pirates of the Carabina)

This is an outdoor performance at LATCH (Litton and Thorner's Community Hall) on Thursday 26th August, commencing at 6.30pm.

We are delighted to announce that the **Artsreach promoters in BURTON BRADSTOCK, LITTON CHENEY and SHIPTON GORGE** have joined forces to get an evening of entertainment in the open air from the Artsreach summer programme. You will experience extraordinary physical skill, humour and storytelling in this new double bill of jaw-dropping circus for all the family—whatever their age!

**Tilly Lee-Kronick** is an outstanding aerialist who performs static trapeze. Her solo show **Ripe** fizzes with fun and fresh ideas. Through humour, music and circus skills, she will unpeel your assumptions about the effortless grace of aerial acrobatics.

**Pirates of the Carabina** are award-winning circus artists, acrobats and musicians. Their brand-new show **Pirate Taxi** tells their own tale of running away to the circus, with humour, original music and an ingenious set. Join the adventure and watch an extraordinary aerial performance.

**Booking is only online at: <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on>**

Tickets are £10 (standard), £5 (under 18s) and £25 (family ...2 adults + 2 under-18s)

For general enquiries about the venue and arrangements (including parking) please ring (01308) 482661.





# Bride Valley Gardening Club



## Bride Valley Gardening Club

This year's **Flower and Garden Produce Show** takes place in **LATCH** on **August 14<sup>th</sup>** at **2.00pm** (Free entry). All are welcome, the exhibits are judged by the visiting public; tea, scones and home-made cakes will also be available.

We are planning to hold our first post-lockdown meeting at the hall in Puncknowle on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Mike Burkes, from the Gold Club, will be speaking on 'Gardening for Climate Change'.

### **Jobs to do in August**

Keep deadheading spent blooms to prolong the flowering season of your border and pot grown plants.

Remove the seedpods from sweetpeas.

Pot up any self-sown seedlings to grow on and plant out next spring.

Collect seed ready to sow in the autumn or keep until the spring.

Prioritise watering, looking for those plants that dry out and wilt quickly in the sun.

Take cuttings from tender perennials e.g. fuchsias and pelargoniums.

Harvest chillies as soon as they are ripe.

Plant out new strawberries.

Harvest onions, drying them well ready for storage.

Harvest herbs and preserve them by drying or freezing.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*





## **Bride Valley Gardening Club**



### **FLOWER and GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW**

**Tea - Coffee - Cakes - Scones**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**2.00 pm at**

**Litton Cheney Village Hall**

***Free Entry***

***This is your chance to be the judge and vote for your favourite exhibits, so come & join in the fun!***

#### **Superfast Broadband – The Lull before the Storm?**

Little has changed since the last communique but come September's BVN we would hope to provide you with a large dollop of good news.

#### **Wine Tasting Par Extraordinaire – A Must Attend “I Was There!” Event**

In celebration of the life of our own globally recognised wine guru Steven Spurrier, we will be holding a commemorative wine tasting event at LATCH on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It will be organised along the lines of the famous “Judgment of Paris” when, in 1976, as a result of a blind tasting carried out by recognised international wine luminaries and organised by Steven, the world of wine came to the shocking conclusion that fine wine did indeed exist beyond the confines of France and indeed Europe.

More details on what will be the “**Judgment of the Bride Valley**” plus how to reserve your judging place is available on 01308 482532 or 482313 and [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) .

Understandably, management of the event will be dependent on any restrictions in place at the time.



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Although "Walking the Nile" would not have been the first choice for several members to read, most of us enjoyed it - even if we thought that the 4000 mile walk was something of a vanity project.

The author, ex- paratrooper Levinson Wood, claimed that apart from following in the footsteps of previous Nile explorers, he was also promoting tourism in Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Egypt, and raising money for various charities. However, we didnt think that the nature of the trek through virgin rainforest, war-torn Sudan and police-controlled Egypt would promote much tourism.

The book gave good insights into the immensely complex problems pervading so much of Africa and the etiquette needed to travel through many tribal areas. It also made clear the real dangers of walking in intense heat and the vital importance of having trusted and knowledgeable local guides as well as the benefit of a military background.

Although written in 2014, we felt that economic, social and health situations weren't much improved today, even before the Covid pandemic. However, it was written with pace, some humour, and gave a real sense of travelling through very varied terrains and cultures.

It also posed a real moral question of whether a tragedy en route should have ended the project.

Many of us were frustrated by the lack of good maps ..and would have liked a balance sheet for the expedition! However, it was worth reading and some of us will read other books by this author.



## Our Night Sky in August 2021

Venus will be setting in the west at about 2100 at the middle of the month, while Saturn and Jupiter will be visible fairly low in the south throughout the night.

Zhurong, the Chinese Lander arrived on the surface of Mars [on 15 May](#) after being released by the Tianwen-1 orbiter. One of the videos captured the rapid deceleration of the lander encasing the rover before it settles on the surface of Mars. It shows a parachute being deployed and released, followed by a view of the ground as the lander approaches the surface.

One week later, on 22 May, Zhurong rolled off a ramp on the landing platform, and a microphone picked up the hum of electric motors and the creak of wheels rolling down the metal ramp. According to the CNSA, the rover has so far travelled at least 236 metres on Mars, which is a considerable distance for a nation's first mission.

NASA's inaugural Mars rover, Sojourner, which landed in 1997, only traversed some 100 metres over its lifespan.

The sounds from Zhurong are intriguing because Perseverance also has a microphone, and the researchers are trying to correlate audio it detects with data from the rover's weather station to study wind patterns; that was not part of Perseverance's goals at the mission outset, but these sort of serendipitous scientific investigations will also be possible with the Chinese rover.

It might be possible to use microphone data from both rovers to compare the wind patterns in two regions of Mars – Zhurong is in the Utopia Planitia region of Mars' northern hemisphere, whereas Perseverance is several hundred kilometres away in [Jezero crater](#).

Furthermore, the Chinese team might find the microphone useful for troubleshooting engineering problems that emerge with the rover, as NASA engineers also hope to do in the event of a problem.

I hope to update you on the achievements of both Rovers in the future.

*Bill Turnill*



## News from Portesham Surgery

COVID vaccinations: currently 82% of our patients have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and 72% have had both doses. 100% of our residential and healthcare workers have received both doses and 97% of those aged over 70 and those under 65 with underlying health conditions have also received two doses. In the younger age groups around 78% of those aged 18 to 39 have received one dose and 10% of the 18 -29 year olds have already had their second dose.

This should mean that our patients are well protected, but remember that between 5 and 10% of those who have had both vaccinations could still contract the virus, possibly systemically (without symptoms). Note also that the main symptoms amongst the vaccinated are now very similar to a summer cold or hay-fever ie runny nose, sore throat and headaches, so if you have any symptoms please do a PCR test (ring 119 or go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) to book it). You and your household will need to isolate whilst awaiting the results but the current turnaround is less than 24 hours.

It is especially important that we all do our best to spot symptoms, get a test and isolate if the result is positive. Once vaccinated you are far less likely to feel seriously ill or end up needing hospital treatment, but increasing numbers mean it is likely that businesses and essential services will be affected, and you could still pass it to someone who is unvaccinated or vulnerable. Although West Dorset's COVID figures are currently lower than elsewhere in Dorset unfortunately the Chickerell and Chesil Bank area – covering most of our patch – has comparable figures to Bournemouth, around 437 cases per 100,000 and almost double that of West Dorset as a whole. So please continue with your precautions – social distancing, masks, hand-hygiene, especially when visiting the surgery which is a high-risk area for all of us.



On a lighter note, we have a family of one adult and four baby hedgehogs living in our garden. Our staff and local volunteers are helping us to look after them in this hot weather. Please look out for them as you park, and if you see any wandering, feel free to return them to the garden!

Stay safe (and cool!) - Portesham Surgery

## THANKYOU

Over 20 years ago I arrived in the village of Burton Bradstock. At that time I was advised to join Portesham surgery, which I did, and I have never regretted the drive there. During these difficult times the door has always been open, OK a few requests or rules only to be expected. The staff and Doctors, fantastic, a Dr rang me at 6.30pm once, very good.

I had a 'blip' a few months back, I had blood tests, paramedics, a day visit to Dorchester for the lollypop, taken there and back within 2-3 weeks. Excellent. This week a doctor, face to face appointment within 3 days. The surgery must be one of the best in all GB. Please carry on the good work, as I am getting older, and therefore more of a 'nuisance'.

*Barbara James*

## **Bridport Health Walks**

Bridport Health Walks are very pleased to welcome walkers back to these popular and friendly short walks in the town and is free to use.

We meet at 10.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Borough Gardens which is situated off Gundry Lane (off South Street). The entrance to the Gardens is next to the Bridport Local History Centre. Walks are for around 30 minutes on level ground.

There are also shorter walks where walkers are encouraged to go at their own pace. These are especially tailored for those wanting to get back into walking without feeling the pressure to 'keep up'.

There will be volunteer walk leaders to ensure everyone gets back safely and has an enjoyable time.

If it is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to fill in a short form.

This is a very sociable group and you will be made very welcome to join us for a chat and coffee after the walk.

No need to book, just turn up.

For more information please contact [sarah.davies@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.davies@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)  
01305 252222



**HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP THIS SUMMER AT BRIDPORT MUSEUM**  
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THIS SUMMER AT BRIDPORT MUSEUM, AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET HANDS-ON WITH HISTORY.

The Historic Guided Walks are back during the school holidays by popular demand, with volunteer guides leading walks and sharing some of their fascinating insights into the town's unique past. The walks will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays, weather permitting. They leave from the Museum at 10am, and last around an hour. All are easy level walking, and cost £5 per adult. Under 21s are free, with no need to pre-book.

Ropemaking is staying 'rogue' this Summer! The ropemakers will be twisting their magic every Friday outside the Museum between 10.30am-12pm when the weather is good. Indoor ropemaking demonstrations will also be happening at various times during the week.

An annual pass to the Museum is £5 for adults, with under 21s free. This includes admission to 'The Right Stuff' exhibition: an interactive exploration gathering ideas about what objects the Museum should keep, now and in the future.

The Museum is keeping it's Covid-safety measures in place until further notice, including the requirement for everyone to wear masks. More information can be found on their website.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'Whether you're on holiday, visiting with friends, or staycationing, there's no better time to immerse yourself in our town's amazing heritage: Delving into Bridport's heritage: the buildings, the people and the stories: there is always something new to discover about our town. Even better: get in touch to find out more about joining our friendly volunteer team!'*

More information: [www.bridportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk) or follow the Museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @bridportmuseum.

At last we have been able to meet in person!! For our July meeting group of 18 members had a relaxing evening on the beach complete with a supper of fish and chips and lots of catching up. Some energetic members had a swim and others took to the water just for a paddle.



The evening was a great success, the weather was beautiful, company great and it was so good to meet up again in person. We stayed until the sun went down hoping that this was a taste of things to come!!!

Our next meeting in August will be a garden party and now that the rules have eased we can all meet up again safely.

Our committee have organised a full programme of varied activities to take us through until Spring so we all look forward to those, both outdoor activities and indoors at the hall in Puncknowle. We meet there on the 3rd Thursday of the month and if you would like to join us for a taster session do get in touch.

**If you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email**  
[Bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

### BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.

Your local Cricket Club is the **Bride Vale Cricket Club**, which plays almost entirely non-league friendly fixtures on Sundays against local and touring oppositions. The very picturesque (as you'd expect) ground is right at the east end of the valley, in Littlebredy, and new players, volunteer groundsmen, umpires, supporters, spectators and/or wellwishers are of course always welcome. For a 2021 Fixtures List, or to express interest in any other way, please e-mail: [pw@bridehead.com](mailto:pw@bridehead.com).

This coming month there are **home matches** (obviously weather dependent) programmed on **August 1st and 29th**, beginning at 2.00



## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



The weather has been wonderful for this last week of school and the children have had a jam-packed end to term. The whole school has been treated to a drumming demonstration by our teacher Ryan Hasley and then every child had a taster lesson with Ryan to see if they would like to continue this in the autumn. Thank you to Ryan for his endless enthusiasm and encouragement.

Years 3 and 4 had a walk through the village and visited Ourganics to look at all the wonderful planting and to discuss key issues such as diversity and sustainability. The weather was perfect and many thanks to Mrs Cox for organising this trip in her last week! The children continue with their daily swimming and on Friday KS2 were given lessons by local swim coaches to improve their confidence and receive dedicated stroke coaching. Thanks to Dan and Amy from Freshwater for all their guidance and help.

The weather was perfect for our 'bubbled' Sports Day and it was great to see all the children compete so enthusiastically despite the heat and cheer each other on in all the races. Thank you to all the teachers who had to do so much to make this event work throughout the day. Special mention should go to our pre-school staff for enabling the little ones to race in so many different events and for encouraging all of them to take part!

The yr 5 and 6 had a trip to Swanage to the Outdoor Education Centre for a high-ropes climbing session and kayaking afternoon which was a lovely way for them to finish the year. Thank you also to the TSA and the Yr 6 parents for organising such a good last day for all the leavers - thoroughly deserved after such a disrupted last year at primary school.

We hope everyone has a restful summer and enjoys some good weather and a well-deserved break after such a difficult year and we look forward to welcoming back the children in September.

Mike Sitch  
Headmaster





## Burton Bradstock CE School



As I write this report for the BVN towards the end of July, the school is a hustle and bustle of activity as we prepare for the end of the academic year. Schools are incredibly busy places at the best of times but towards the end of the year this is multiplied as staff and pupils celebrate the end of a successful year whilst simultaneously planning for the one to come!

We have been so lucky this year, in comparison to last year, to be able to participate in school trips which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Being able to get out and about in the local area and have fun has been just what the children (and staff) have needed after the restrictions of lockdown.

Although it was too late to organise residential, which we have traditionally done every year for pupils from Year 2-6, we had a fantastic sleepover at the school for our oldest pupils. It was the first time that this has taken place and was a wonderful experience. A walk to the beach, seeing a badger, watching a film whilst munching on popcorn, lying in the playground gazing at the stars as bats fly overhead and a midnight feast were some of the highlights!

### **Still to come are our goodbyes.**

This time each year we see our Year 6 pupils spread their wings as they prepare to leave and start on the next phase of their education.

This can be an unsettled time for our pupils – for our leavers as they come to the end of their time with us, but also for the pupils in the other year groups as they say goodbye to their Year 6 friends.

Ofsted described us as a ‘family’, and this is very apparent at this time of year. We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for the future. They are a wonderful group of students and I am sure that they will continue to grow and flourish as they continue on their individual journeys to Colfox, Colyton and Kingston Maurward.

**It is also my time to say goodbye** as I leave the school at the end of this term. It is hard to believe that it has been almost 12 years since I took up the post – it seems like only yesterday! During this time, I have been blessed to meet so many wonderful people. There are too many for me to thank individually but I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the following:

**Burton Bradstock Community and St Mary's Church** – The village is not only the most picturesque in Dorset but it also has a vibrant and proactive community. The children's lives have been enhanced through the support of volunteers and the events and facilities in the village – the Coffee Stop, Flower and Produce Show, library, the parish council, the BVN and allotment association to name a few.

We are also extremely grateful to the local businesses who have supported us through kind donations and running fundraising events, and also individuals who have contributed to our 100-club and attended our events. Few schools are as lucky as us to have the Church so close and I have been grateful for the guidance and support of the Rectors and church wardens which has contributed to the close relationship between the Church and the school.

**The school Governors** – The role of a school Governor is such a crucial one in the life of a school; finding the balance between being 'operational' and 'strategic'. Fortunately, this hasn't been a problem for the amazing Governors, past and present, who have gone above and beyond in their support of the school. I will be forever grateful for the time and commitment they have given over the years. I have been lucky to have worked with amazing Chairs and Vice-Chairs, who were on hand to offer guidance, support and advice – not to mention being there through the Ofsted and SIAMS inspections! I have valued their expertise, but also their kindness and friendship.

**The Minerva Learning Trust** – Taking the decision, along with the Governing Body, to become part of a Trust has been a rewarding experience. I would like to thank the Trustees for the work that they do behind the scenes and my headteacher colleagues and both Executive Principals for their support. It is often said that being a Headteacher is a lonely job, so having the camaraderie of the Leadership Team within the Trust has been amazing. This has been particularly true for the last, difficult 16 months during the pandemic.

**The staff of the school** – Although the staff are small in number, there is no limit on the amount of time, commitment and effort that they give in order to make the school as successful as it is. Ofsted described the school as having a ‘family atmosphere’ where children are valued as unique individuals. That is because of the care and love that the staff have for the children. I am so grateful to the staff who have shared my vision and supported me in my role. I not only have hardworking colleagues but also lifetime friends.

**The parents/carers** – My thanks go to each and every parent/carer who have had children at the school. Standing at the gate each morning, come rain or shine, I have enjoyed the laughter and chats as children are dropped off at school. The support the school has received either through kind words or grateful thanks, especially through more difficult times, has been hugely appreciated. The numerous events that the Friends of the School have organised have been wonderful opportunities for the whole school to come together and have fun whilst raising some well needed funds in the process.

**Our children** – Well, what can I say? I have saved the best until last. ‘Well-behaved...considerate... polite...friendly...good-natured...inquisitive... curious’ are some of the adjectives that Ofsted used to describe our pupils during the last inspection.

To the thousands of children that I have taught I say thank you – thank you for the laughter, thank you for the hugs, thank you for your resilience, thank you for the games we have played, thank you for the huge amount of pride that I feel when I think of you, thank you for the memories. I shall miss you all immensely.

Claire Staple  
Headteacher

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# LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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## St Michael and All Angels

Some will have seen (or heard) our temporary visitors to the village lately, in the form of 50 or so members of the Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps (CUOTC), who were camping and involved in a TOPL (Training on Private Land) military exercise here around the end of June. This was organised by their Executive Officer, Major Rohan Bate, who was brought up in the village and whose mother Anne lives at Middle Lodge. By all accounts it was valuable training for all concerned, and the delights of the locality were much appreciated. We can doubtless all sleep safer in our beds now, as a result.

We have learned of another genuine "end of an era" recently, with the death in Dorchester of Arthur Marshallsay, aged 90, the last pre-War long time Littlebredy resident. His father came to the estate as gamekeeper in 1938, and Arthur was the youngest (and longest living) of the four children of the family. Bigwood Lodge housed them for over 70 years, though latterly just Arthur and his brother Frank, also both gamekeepers in their turn and lifelong bachelors. Both moved away to separate residential homes after Frank had a spell in hospital a few years ago, and he subsequently pre-deceased Arthur. For obvious reasons, Arthur has had fewer visitors from among his old friends and neighbours recently than he would have liked, but he stayed fit till nearly the end, and we are told is much missed by his fellow residents in Grassington House as well as people here who fondly remember "the boys". May he rest in peace.

There will be some newcomers, or movers within the village, to welcome and record next month, we hope, but in the meanwhile there are two forthcoming events to mention:-

Assuming Coronavirus restrictions allow, the first "live" "fifth Sunday in the month" Benefice United Service is planned for St. Marys, Burton Bradstock at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 29th August. This will be a good opportunity for familiar churchgoers and newcomers locally to meet together and afterwards share a picnic by the lake, weather also permitting of course.

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride event in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 11th September. There are a few regular participants in the village, but if anyone else would like to share an enjoyable – and not necessarily too energetic – day, please feel free to contact Tim Laycock on 482443. Maybe between us we can organise a collective village activity, or more than one. Half of all sponsorship raised here comes back to the Church, a good incentive for fundraising – please think about it...

## LONG BREDY

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## St Peter's Church

### The Daisy Tea

Thank you to those who came and enjoyed a tea amid the beautiful wild flowers in the churchyard; it was the first time we have held a tea in these surroundings when the daisies are at their most beautiful but we hope to repeat this in future.

Donations made totalled £75.00; thank you for these contributions.

The front cover picture of this issue of *Bride Valley News* was taken by Jackie at the Daisy Tea in Long Bredy churchyard.

### Long Bredy 100 CLUB

#### June 2021 Draw

£30.00	No. 57	R. Horsley
£15.00	No. 3	D & R Cullingford
£ 5.00	No.69	S. Dyer

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

Our usual pattern of services continues as we await further guidance about singing, social distancing and mask-wearing in church. We sincerely hope that things will be more normal by the time you read this!

**A new initiative for families - Messy Church** - will be starting in September at **LATCH** on Monday afternoons straight after school – details to follow from the Rector.

And something to look forward to after all the restrictions - we are delighted to be hosting the **debut concert by Hugh Warrington's string quartet** in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 4th September at 3.00 p.m.** Hugh and friends will be performing a short programme (55 minutes), followed by refreshments. Admission will be free, but donations will be welcome in aid of St Mary's church..

**Harvest Festival** will be held on **Sunday 3rd October** – further details next month.

### Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride 2021

This year's event will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The object being to raise money for the care of the county's historic churches by walking or riding (bike or horse) visiting as many churches as you can and enlisting sponsorship in the process. Last year Litton Cheney did exceptionally well raising £1915.04 which was the fourth highest out of 181 participating parishes – let's try and better that for this year! Half the money raised comes back to the village for the upkeep of our church.

Please contact Freddie Spicer for details for taking part (482617 or [fandspicer@gmail.com](mailto:fandspicer@gmail.com)). If not walking or riding please sponsor someone who is.

## Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. Current indications are that it will be a face-to-face meeting in the meeting room of LATCH. Why not pop by and listen to what is being discussed and there is a democratic spot when you can have your say should you wish to do so.



## Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



### Events – for August

The hall is fully open and numbers attending events are no longer restricted, though we still ask for common sense and caution to be used regarding mask-wearing, sanitising and social distancing.

**Wednesdays 16.00** – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)  
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** : 10.00 – Art class in Meeting Room (annvgray@hotmail.com)  
[Final class of series]

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**: Garden Club Show - open to public in the afternoon.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30 - 12.30 Restorative Yoga & Yoga Nidra with Nadiya Wynn (nadiya@restorativebeing.co.uk) Mobile: 07800 712998

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**: 18.00 Circus Round & About Artsreach Show – see detailed announcement in Valley Notes. It's a family affair.

Car park maintenance is planned from **31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September** so parking will be restricted on those days.

**First Steps Toddler Group** will be starting up again from **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September** in the early afternoon.  
For details contact Claire Moore 07796 694052.

**Messy Church** will be starting in September on Monday afternoons straight after school – details to follow from Revd Jane Williams (bvrector@outlook.com)

**And looking ahead to 23rd October** - “The Judgment of the Bride Valley” grand wine-tasting evening – see separate announcement in Valley Notes and below. Book your place early 01308 482532

Hall Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com

### **Wine Tasting Par Extraordinaire – A Must Attend “I Was There!” Event**

In celebration of the life of our own globally recognised wine guru Steven Spurrier, we will be holding a commemorative wine tasting event at **LATCH** on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**.

It will be organised along the lines of the famous “Judgment of Paris” when, in 1976, as a result of a blind tasting carried out by recognised international wine luminaries and organised by Steven, the world of wine came to the shocking conclusion that fine wine did indeed exist beyond the confines of France and indeed Europe.

More details on what will be the “**Judgment of the Bride Valley**” plus how to reserve your judging place is available on 01308 482532 or 482313.

Understandably, management of the event will be dependent on any restrictions in place at the time.

### **Superfast Broadband – The Lull before the Storm?**

Little has changed since the last communique but come September’s BVN we would hope to provide you with a large dollop of good news.

### **Relaxation of Covid Restrictions – for your consideration**

It is tempting to suggest that everything will return to as it was before 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 but of course it cannot. This is now a period of adjusting to the new “norm”, consideration of others whose new “norm” may vary from our own perception and the application of large dollops of common sense and social responsibility.

There is still a need please to look out for your neighbour and play your part in your community. There were positive elements that have come out of the last eighteen months which suggests we really do care about others – let’s hope those positives persist as we head into the unforeseeable future.





**The White Horse –  
A Full Welcome Awaits –  
Just bring yourselves!**

As we move into the realms of greater freedom (yay!), we still feel very strongly that we have a huge responsibility to our customers, staff and ourselves, so have taken some steps towards "normality" but not all.

You can now come to the bar to order your drinks in your own time; no table service in the garden, but we are continuing with the one-way system and asking you to wear a mask whilst approaching the bar.



Don't forget that Monday night is pizza and ice-cream night, Fridays are Fish and Chips and we are offering a lovely roast on Sunday lunchtimes. Normal pub menu is being served around that.



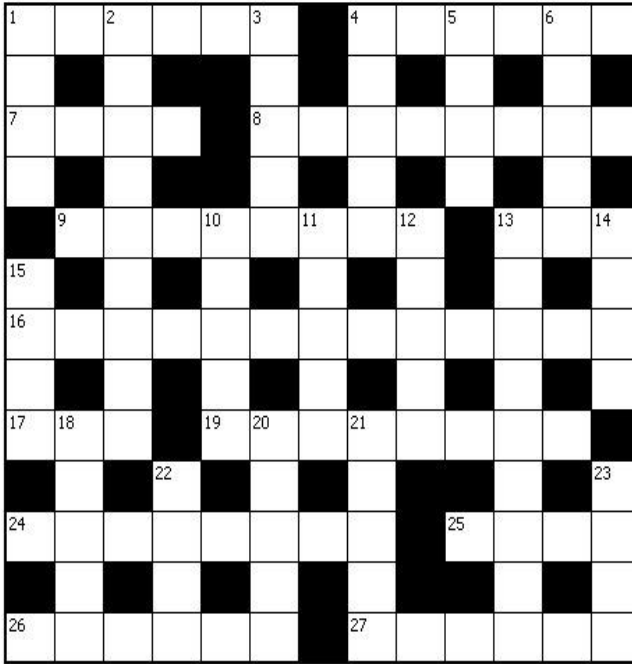
We are planning to be open all day during August and have music afternoons on Sundays, so are looking forward to a great summer.

Andy & Liz

Hope to see you soon



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**CROSSWORD CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away —, because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my —, I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employ (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

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# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Floodlights Sponsors for August are:

**Ann & Stephen for their daughter Maddy's birthday**

**Ann Jones for their granddaughter Martha's birthday on 17<sup>th</sup>**

**David & Rosemary for their wedding anniversary**

**Jackie & Gerry**

**John & Diane Bredemear**

**Letisia & Richard Mason**

People do say how much they enjoy seeing the church illuminated so I must admit, I wasn't completely surprised when folks answered my appeal for sponsorship for the next few months and we are very grateful. The folks in Shipton are so very generous. I was chatting with a friend by the post box when a car stopped and the driver handed me money through his window (I felt had to explain to my friend!) – Big thank you to him. He wishes to be anonymous!

On another occasion, I was walking through the churchyard and met a couple who were holidaying in the village, sitting on the bench, admiring the view across the fields. They said the landscape had become a special place for them, away from the stress of London and they wished to light up the church. Thank you Letisia and Richard. Thank you too to those who have pushed envelopes through my letter box and for others who gave anonymously.

It won't be too long before the nights are drawing in so should you wish to sponsor the floodlights for the darker months ahead, please ring Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage letter box.

A suggested donation of £5 per entry is much appreciated. This can be for a special occasion, a memory or just for yourself.

## Village Fete – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

The church is manning the cake stall on this occasion and Linda Buck (898278) and Sheena Hall (897776) would be very pleased to hear from you if you can provide a cake for them to sell.

**SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY**



## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

### SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SHOW AND FETE

The Village Show and Fete will take place between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on **7<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall and paddock**. Would entrants please bring their exhibits for display to the village hall between 9.00 am and 11.00 am. Judging will commence at 11.15 am.

Our children's entertainer, Strawberry Jam, will begin promptly at 2.00 pm so please get your children there in plenty of time.

We urgently need bottles, jars or tins for the tombola – donations please to Graham Garner (17, Rockway - 01308 897357). Anyone wishing to run a stall to sell produce or craftwork please contact Sally Parker on 01308 897168.

**If you have a trophy from the last show would you please return it to Sally Parker as soon as possible so it is ready for presentation this year.**

## **SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL**

The **Parish Assembly** will now take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be an informal get together where we can discuss any matters of importance to you and the village. There are also four items that the parish council would like your views on. These are -

- a Debrief on how the village coped with Covid and anything we could have done or done better?
- b Provision of allotments. Progress to date and consultation with residents
- c Progress of Village Appraisal
- d To see if there is interest in parishioners forming a Climate Change committee in the parish.

Refreshments will be provided so please do come along – we look forward to seeing you!

**The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)** is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The Parish Council supports this and would like ideas from you as to where we can plant trees in the village to mark this occasion.

For the **Platinum Jubilee** itself, in June 2022, there will be beacons lit throughout the country and villagers have asked if we could get involved in this by organising a beacon on the top of Shipton Hill. If this is something you could help with, please let us know so that we can start to organise this for next June.

### **Ultra Fast Fibre Broadband**

While the overwhelming majority of properties in Shipton reported in the Village Appraisal survey that they find their broadband speed is good or adequate, there are a minority who reported it as being poor or very poor.

So the good news is that Shipton has now become eligible for grants towards upgrading to Ultra Fast Broadband and there are grant vouchers per household available for BT Openreach to claim towards the cost of installing this. There may be some cost to individual properties but if enough people put their name forward for this then the economy of scale should mean that the grants should cover the cost of installation. If this is something that you would like to support then please contact the parish clerk to register your interest. We would also welcome hearing from anyone with an interest in helping the village achieve this and who is willing to act as the village

co-ordinator on this project. Other neighbouring villages have already moved forward on this, including Burton Bradstock and Puncknowle & Swyre and we would like Shipton residents to benefit as well.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 898189 or [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk)  
[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish Council 15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)

### **SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE**

Our charity has been going now for 15 years and we continue to look after the Orchard and the Saunders-Richardson Wood. However, three of our trustees have moved from the village in the last year or so and this has made it very difficult for us to continue to hold community and fund raising events or to do the work that is necessary on the land.



If you are a member of Shipton Gorge Heritage would you consider whether you might become a trustee? We have around three meetings per year so it is not a big commitment, but we do desperately need new people to come on board and help us continue our work. If you are not yet a member, please do join ! It is free to join and open to anyone in the village. Members receive regular email updates and newsletters, can take part in our Wood Walks and may if they wish help with maintenance and events, although this is not necessary. We have nearly 70 members but would welcome more !

Congratulations to Ashley Harrow, the first winner of our monthly Gin Club draw for July. The bottle of Dorset Conker Gin was very welcome we hear!

Once again we have a lot of mole hills in the Orchard, and this makes grass mowing very difficult, as well as being a potential hazard for walkers. We are looking into getting a more permanent solution to this ongoing problem and will keep villagers informed.

We will be having a stall at the Village Fete on 7<sup>th</sup> August and also have some events scheduled for later in the year, all listed on our pages on the village website [http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton Gorge Heritage 16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx) and in the Shipton Diary [www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk](http://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk)

### **July 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	No 130	Ashley Harrow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	No 103	Pat Cox
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	No 2	Pat Tucker

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

**Graham Garner**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Shipton Gorge Village Hall**  
**DT6 4NZ**

**90 ball games, cash prizes**

**Tea, coffee, licensed bar**  
**Raffle**

**Doors 7.00 p.m., eyes down 7.30 p.m.**

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Entry limited to 60 players max.  
£6 for six books (£1 for one)  
£2 for six house specials (50p for one)

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# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

**OPEN** – after many weeks of closure St Mary's is now open every day during daylight hours. So do feel free to visit this beautiful little church which with its Saxon arch which is the oldest in the valley.

### PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND CHILCOMBE

#### LUNCH CLUB

#### PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm

We have resumed the Lunch Club in July, and continue to follow any current COVID rules. We have a few vacancies and would welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

CREAM TEA - 17 August – 2pm—MEMBERS ONLY—2.0pm Village Hall

2 finger sandwiches/mini sausage roll/cake, scone with jam and cream with tea

Next lunch – 21st September 2021

#### Menu

Roast Lamb shoulder,  
mint sauce roast  
potatoes

Apple crumble and  
custard

+ cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee

**LUNCH 19th October 1pm (Fish Pie)**

**LUNCH 16th November 2021 1pm Beef Bourguignon**



## **'Holy Trinity Church Swyre.**

A huge 'Thank You' to all our dear friends of Holy Trinity Church for your generous response to our appeal for funds. Hopefully we can now look forward to the future with more confidence.

In the village we extend a warm welcome to all our new residents.

The Krosnar family,  
The Northover family,  
Andrew and Andrea,  
Richard and Helen,  
Cath Westaby.

We hope that you will all spend many happy years in our community of Swyre village.'

## **Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall**

“So” I hear you all say, “there can’t possibly be anything else to do on the hall!!”

Unfortunately as with all old buildings this is not the case; the annex roof is in desperate need of replacing. We have various grant applications that can be applied for but this will probably not cover it all, one way that you can help is by joining our 100 club. Details below

### **100 Club**

Thank you to all the members of the 100 club for the past year. It is now time to renew memberships or start one if you haven’t done so before.

Current members will receive a renewal email, if you would like to join as a new member please email me [jill.neill@live.co.uk](mailto:jill.neill@live.co.uk) or call 897479

**Thank You**

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## St Mary's

### St Mary's Church Michaelmas Fete

Planning is well under way for the autumn Michaelmas Fete, to be held on Saturday 25 September 2021 in aid of the St Mary's Church Fabric Fund. While it won't have quite as many "bells and whistles" as the usual August event, the Fete Team is aiming for a smaller, fun event that local residents in the village and further afield in the Bride Valley will enjoy.

So far, we hope to have:

- Pre-loved books
- Cakes and preserves
- Bric-a-brac
- Children's games
- Bottle Tombola
- Plants and Produce
- Live music
- Teas and refreshments in the Village Hall

We are also hoping to have a fine selection of locally-made crafts for sale. There are a small number of tables available where Bride Valley residents will be able to sell their own hand-made wares. Each table will cost the sum of 21 guineas to book, to suit the Michaelmas theme. (That's £21 in new money!)

As well as being a great attraction, this support will help enormously in replenishing the Church Fabric Fund coffers, which have suffered from the lack of proceeds from the Fete for the last two years.

What is the Fabric Fund for?

Previous Fetes helped provide a new toilet and kitchenette in the church. Another important part is the Welcome Project, to create space and facilities for all kinds of gatherings and activities. This will include levelling the floor in the South Aisle to make an open, safe and accessible area when pews there have been removed. We will then have a flexible place to gather for refreshments (like the teas we have begun to hold in the churchyard), for meetings, an area for the children to play - and much more!

Here are the details for your diary:

St Mary's Church Michaelmas Fete

Saturday 25 September 2021

In the Rectory Gardens and the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock. 2pm to 4.30pm

Admission £1. Under-12s free.

*For more information contact 01308 898664*

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

We have finally had the explicit controls on Hall usage removed by Government and replaced with "Guidance". Our approach is to ensure users of the hall heed current Government advice relating to Covid. Meanwhile we maintain the sanitising and cleaning stations in the Hall for all to use. If a user of the Hall chooses to insist on mask wearing or proof of vaccination for their activity, that is their decision to make and enforce.

The activities of old are either already operating or expecting to do so sometime soon, with just a couple of exceptions. Please check with the organiser if you are not sure about your activity.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.

### **Film nights**

The Trust is exploring the option to restart film shows in Oct 2021. However, the supply chain is severely disrupted at the moment so it may be complicated. Keep looking in the BVN for updated information.

## Coffee Mornings

There is no Coffee Morning scheduled in August.

The next 2 events will be on

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sep

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Both will be organised by the Hall Trust Coffee Team.

Richard Ferre

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

### July 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.80	No 81:	Mrs Irene Piper
2nd	£18.40	No 32:	Mrs Allana Tongue
3rd	£9.20	No 132:	Mrs Wendy Hart

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the August 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £5 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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## Burton Bradstock Village Society

### Flower and Produce Show

The major news from July, is of course the return of our popular Flower and Produce show. Unfortunately this happens after the deadline for the BVN entries, so a full report will appear in the September edition.

### Speakers Programme

Our 2021/22 Programme kicks off on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September with “The Etches Collection”, Prehistoric Adventures from Under the Sea, speaker Steve Etches.

All paid up members should have now received their Programme, which also acts as their membership card, now one per member instead of one per household. If you have not received your Programmes, please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our wonderful society, by contacting Roger on the above number.

### **This is who we are:**

The Burton Bradstock Village Society was formed in May 1973 and is open to all parish residents.

"The aim of the society shall be to protect and further the interests of the residents and the amenities of the Parish of Burton Bradstock (in conjunction with other organisations as appropriate)."

### **Typical Activities include:**

- ◆ Monthly talks on a wide range of topics for the benefit and enjoyment of parishioners. These talks are held in the Village Hall from September to May each year.
- ◆ A major event is the Annual Flower and Produce Show held in July. Entry to the competition is open to all parish residents, and the show is open to all.
- ◆ Annual outing to place of interest.
- ◆ Representing the view of the Membership on local issues of importance.
- ◆ The Village Society has a financial interest in the Post Office having made a substantial loan towards its purchase. As such we have responsibility for some aspects of this vital asset to the Village.
- ◆ Any profit made by the Society is invested back in the Village.

### **Membership and Entrance Fees:**

- ◆ £5.00 per member per annum.
- ◆ Entrance fee to talks, including tea/coffee and biscuits is £1 for members and £4 for non-members.

## Burton Bradstock Short Mat Bowls Club

Burton Bradstock Bowls club are planning to restart in September. New members will be most welcome to join us on Monday nights, when we bowl from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, subject to any current covid restrictions.



If you are interested in joining us please email John Lewis on [jal84910@gmail.com](mailto:jal84910@gmail.com) for more details or call (01308) 897304.

## Burton Bradstock Social Supper Group

We are so pleased to be able to announce that the Supper Club will next meet on

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**6.30PM FOR 7.00PM**  
**At the BRIDPORT AND WEST GOLF CLUB**

Our Supper Evenings are returning to the original format as they were before the Lockdowns, with members dining together on one night each month.

Government Advice will be followed.

Please put the date in your diary and we will telephone you nearer the time with Menu choices.

Enquiries to: Hazel Dalglish 01308 897894 or Mags Chue 01308 897543

Well, our best laid plans were thwarted once again due to the end of Lockdown having to be, quite rightly, postponed. We were looking forward to our first meeting back on 13<sup>th</sup> July only to find that rules were not going to be lifted until the 19<sup>th</sup>!

However, so as not to feel disappointed, we quickly moved the date of our meeting to the following week with the hope that this would at last be able to go ahead on 20<sup>th</sup> July – not too much longer to wait, we agreed. As I write this report our fingers are well and truly crossed as Covid cases are now beginning to rise again and we appreciate even more how important it is to proceed with caution.

Had our meeting gone ahead as planned on 13<sup>th</sup> I would have been able to include the names and some photos of the winning entries for our Art, Craft, Knitting and Photographic competitions. Unfortunately this report has to be in before our planned meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> so you will have to wait until next time to hear the results!!

I am pleased to be able to report, though, that as well as the long-awaited Recipe books we have been able to draw another project to its conclusion, namely the plaque for our Centenary bench!

As with the Recipe books, the placing of the bench took longer to bring to fruition than we thought due to decisions over where it could be placed and the associated costings of installing it. After much discussion, its final resting place has been in the beautifully revamped play area and I must say that I have noticed lately just how much it is being used, which is good to see. We now have a smart bronze plaque waiting to be fixed onto it and then our mission will be complete.

Assuming things will be back to near normal by September we shall be looking forward to listening to our first speaker for over 18 months. We hope to be welcoming Gordon Lewis on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm for his talk entitled “Ferrets for Fun” complete with living examples!!

What better way to start the new season of “Being Back”!!  
Do come and join us!

*Janet Pearson*  
01308 898346



# Burton Bradstock Parish Council

## Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Council are here to support our Parishioners. We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters.

**To contact the Council please email the Clerk:**

[theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

**Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA**

## Next Meeting

During the current period virtual meetings have been stopped and Covid restrictions have not let us meet in public. The Council agreed to a scheme of delegation in May which has enabled it to function at a level to cover basic management. Parish meetings take a break in August so there will not be a meeting till September.

## Reading Room for Hire

The Reading Room is now available for hire once again with a risk assessment covering Covid safety to provide continued reassurance. It costs £7 for a morning or afternoon or evening session. Booking forms and Risk assessments etc are available to see on Burton Bradstock's Parish Council Website or contact the Clerk on the above addresses.

## Gigabit Applications in Burton Bradstock

Just a reminder that if you are interested in Ultra-Fast Broadband in Burton Bradstock there is an application underway for you to sign up to. Please see Burton Bradstock Parish Council Website on the home page under News and Press releases for the link or email [louis2again@gmail.com](mailto:louis2again@gmail.com) for more information.

## Our Lovely Play Park

The Parish Council are indebted yet again to our marvellous volunteers who revamped the few older pieces of equipment in the park to make them look as good as new, as well as doing a few other maintenance items too. This requires planning, collaboration and in this case painting skills, but we have a park to be proud



# The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

## Thank You

Our Librarian Anne Hurrell has passed on the following review, which has been posted on the 'Google Business' pages:

"Excellent service throughout the virus months with being able to order books, get called when they were in and simply dropping off afterwards. Now closer to fully opening - thank you everyone there who made this possible."

The Trustees are pleased that the work of our volunteers has been appreciated, and we thank everyone for their continued support of the Library.

## Children's Summer Reading Challenge

As in the past, we are participating in the national Summer Reading Challenge 2021, called Wild World Heroes! Developed with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes is a celebration of reading for pleasure that will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

In addition to registering in the Library children will also be able to take part in Wild World Heroes at home through the online Challenge platform at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>. Wild World Heroes is brought to life with bespoke artwork from award-winning author and illustrator Heath McKenzie.

Full details are available in the Library but here is what to do:



The poster features the title 'WILD WORLD HEROES' in a stylized font at the top left. Below the title is a black and white photograph of a child sitting on a log in a forest, reading a book. To the right of the photo is a list of five bullet points: 'Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!', 'Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster', 'Choose books to read over the holidays', 'Collect stickers for each book you read', and 'Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!'. At the bottom left is the Arts Council England logo, and at the bottom right is the Summer Reading Challenge logo.

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- Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



## Professor Tom Brereton on Whales and Dolphins in Lyme Bay

The talk takes place at the Marine Theatre Lyme Regis on Tuesday 3 August at 7pm and is the third in the series 'Help our Planet'.

Tom is a well known sight in West Bay observing bird migration. He is steeped in knowledge of the wild life of the area and has a breadth of experience in ecology and conservation. He is an ideal person to lead our considerations about how we can help to sustain the coastal ecology of Lyme Bay.

Do join us for a fascinating evening.  
**Tickets can be bought via the Theatre website.**

### **More about Tom Brereton**

Tom has had a lifelong passion for all forms of natural history, and a varied career in wildlife research and nature conservation spanning the last 15 years. After graduating in Environmental Science, Tom spent several years working for the RSPB on a number of birds, botanical and invertebrate survey and research projects.

Following an MSc in Conservation at UCL he worked as an independent ecological consultant specialising in botanical surveys. Tom returned to academia in 1993, to complete a PhD on the ecology and conservation of the Grizzled Skipper butterfly.

He then worked for Butterfly Conservation, as a monitoring and species ecologist, Tom is a visiting Professor at Exeter University and active in local botanical, insect and bird surveys.

He pursues his interest in seabirds and cetaceans as the Director of MARINElife), a charity that is dedicated to the conservation of marine wildlife through research and educational activities.

For more information contact Barry Bates - [badbates@btinternet.com](mailto:badbates@btinternet.com)

# CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES AUGUST 2021



	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1 August Trinity 8</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 August Trinity 9</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 August Trinity 10</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 22 August Trinity 11</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 29 August Trinity 12</b>
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Outdoor Songs of Praise  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	11.00 United Valley Service
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	5.30 Evensong	
Swyre	6.30 Songs of Praise	6.30 Songs of Praise	6.30 Songs of Praise	6.30 Songs of Praise	6.30 Songs of Praise
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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		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	