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- www.westbexington.org.uk
- www.littlebredy.com
- www.longbredy.org.uk

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

Many of us were saddened to learn of the death of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu at Christmas time, aged 90 years old, it seemed like the end of an era. I also couldn't help thinking to myself how beautifully poignant it was for him to die so near the day we were celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Apart from being a member of the clergy, he was a key figure during the anti-apartheid movement, an advocate for human rights and a "voice of reason and compassion against poverty, racism, xenophobia and corruption, and for human development".

Not afraid of ruffling feathers, Desmond Tutu was an uncomfortable opponent, even criticising Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress at times and reprimanding Zimbabwe's former dictator Robert Mugabe.



Desmond Tutu captured hearts and minds through his infectious smile and quotes.

The former teacher captured the hearts and minds of the public with his infectious smile and jovial personality. He truly was an inspirational Christian man. So full of joy!

I particularly liked this quote about belonging to God's family:

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family." - Desmond Tutu

And here is the statement by Professor Sarojini Nadar, the Director of the Desmond Tutu Research Centre for Religion and Social Justice issued on 26th December 2021:

We are deeply thankful for the life of the Arch that was grounded in context and community.

“A Tribute to our Beloved Arch -

For the ways in which you inspired consciousness about faith in matters of social justice, we give thanks.

For the ongoing motivation of a critical conscience that is undergirded by an embodied spirituality, we are deeply grateful.

For your contemplative socially-just praxis connecting the physical, intellectual, and spiritual within radical communities of love and acceptance, we offer appreciation.

As we commemorate nine decades of your life and witness, we are mindful that the multiple accolades and honours you have accumulated have come at great cost and personal sacrifice.

We can only marvel at your fortitude and resilience but we undertake to work towards a world where the presence of justice will replace tributes to Resilience.

Hold us in your warm ancestral embrace as we build your legacy of integrating scholarly reflection, spiritual contemplation and social action,

And may we do so with your great humility, infectious humour and eternal hope.”

What a legacy to leave us.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

16th December Kenneth Upjohn (Swyre)
21st December Joan Cain (Long Bredy)

Memorial service and Burial of Ashes

10th January Deryn Packenham Walsh (Burton Bradstock)

Cremation

8th December Marion Dewey (Burton Bradstock)
14th January Godfrey Elliot (Puncknowle)
19th January David Dewar (Shipton Gorge)
1st February Trevor Foster (Burton Bradstock)



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST by Dara McAnulty

This book has caused quite a stir within the literary press. Fifteen year old Dara from Northern Ireland is autistic and this book grew out of various nature blogs which recorded his love of and fascination with the natural world. The book is as much about his various family members as it is about the walks and expeditions they undertake. During the twelve months that this diary cover - the family move house - and for Dara and his brother this involves a change of schools - which opens up yet more locations to be explored.

Our response to Dara McAnulty's *Diary of a Young Naturalist* was very mixed with around a 50% divide between great enthusiasm and distinctly less enthusiasm! Most of us did finish it but some found it heavy going. We did talk about autism and its spectrum and how this had enabled the highly intelligent and sensitive Dara to hone his skills as a naturalist and write this book. Some of us found both Dara and the book absolutely inspiring - especially the way in which he used his great joy and powers of observation to focus on his natural environment. Others found the book difficult to engage with and it failed to hold their interest.

Differences in response are quite common - it is rare for there to be unanimous approval for any single book - but opinion was quite sharply divided in this instance. Some of us were intrigued by Dara's father, the only non autistic member of the family - and felt he had a fascinating story to tell. We did agree that the support Dara got from all his family was exceptional. For those of us who admired this book one of the highlights was the way in which Dara tells us the story of his family whilst integrating various narrative strands of Celtic mythology which for him held resonance with the landscapes he explored.

One of our members wrote :-

"This book was a joy to read, as Dara shares his observations and intense experiences of nature and wildlife around him through the seasons. He recounts the difficulties of managing 'normal' life with autism, the sensory overload and the need to filter or phase out, and contain his feelings. 'My brain becomes engulfed by colour and noise and remembering to be organised, always trying to hold in the nervous anxiety.'

In connecting with nature he feels an energy he is attuned to, 'a power that I'm starting to fight back with a restless energy feeding me strength. I don't have a joy filter ... but I don't want to tone down my excitement'. He describes how he is 'not thinking, I'm feeling, observing' while his 'brain camera' records the details so that when he writes it down later he is able to relive the moments, and calls his experiences of nature 'medicine for the mind'.

It is apparent how much his parents, especially his mother, try to help him, not just by moving to a better school and less urban environment, but by organising trips and contacts with other nature lovers and environmental activists. So by the end of the book we see Dara growing stronger and more at ease with himself, able to utilise his gifts. It is also interesting that he makes contact with other people who are autistic such as Greta Thunberg and Chris Packham. "

We all speculated as to what Dara is doing now. How is he coping with the limitations arising from the Covid pandemic? We all hoped he was still on his path to completing A levels and that a university place for his chosen course of study was within his sights.

Biddy Harling and Liz Plnfield.

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 2.00pm to 4.00pm
and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm**



To ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers during the continuing pandemic we are allowing up to four people at a time into the library, and encouraging social distancing.

Customers are be asked to wear face coverings by regulations and are strongly encouraged to hand sanitise. Track and trace details are no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.



In the Library you can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, & return items, obtain photocopies and DVDs.

You can manage your account and order books from the Libraries West Catalogue online from home (or on your phone using the Libraries West App) 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 on- line using your library card.

All information can be found on our website:
www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Thank you for your continuing support. **Tel: 01308 897563**

Our Night Sky in February 2022

By the middle of the month, we will have lost the evening planets that have been delighting us during the past months. However, Mars and Venus will make up for it by becoming morning "stars", rising about 6.30am before the Sunrise overwhelms them. Meanwhile, continue to enjoy the glorious winter skies, with Orion and Sirius dominating the southern sky.

I wonder how many of you were able to watch the epic launch of the James Webb space craft (JW) on Christmas Day - surely the best present the launch team could have had! By now, we should know whether the complex procedures for unfolding the sun shades and the hexagonal mirror segments have been successful. If anything goes wrong, all the scientists can hope for is that tweaks from Earth are successful in sorting out any problems, because if they are not, there is no hope of putting things right by sending a manned mission to repair it as happened with its predecessor, the Hubble Space Telescope which has performed so brilliantly over the past years.

So why send another telescope up, you might ask? And why send it so far away that it cannot be repaired or upgraded after 10 years, because that is when its Helium coolant will run out? The JW is simply the latest generation of space telescopes which will explore the infra red part of the spectrum, which will allow astronomers to penetrate the dust clouds that hide what happened 13.5 billion years ago, right back to the very birth of the stars and galaxies, which emerged following the "Big Bang", which itself emerged from a pinprick in space at the beginning of our time.

Delving into the distant past is not the only task that JW will be able to attempt. Its instrumentation will allow it to study the elements that make up the atmospheres of Exo-planets, and might be able to answer the question of whether they are a significant indication of possible life forms. Not such a silly task, since when you think that we have evolved as intelligent creatures in a mere fraction of a second, cosmically speaking, why should life not have evolved over the billions of years since the Big Bang. I am sure people will argue the 'fors' and 'againsts' until final proof emerges!

I will keep you informed of how the JW is performing over the coming months, all being Well!

Bill Turnill



Bride Valley Gardening Club



It is hoped that the Bride Valley Gardening Club will start its new season on the evening of **Monday March 21st** with a talk on **'The Art of Dishevelment'** from **Charles Chesshire**.

To be able to maintain social distance we will hold our first few meetings at **LATCH** but will keep our venue under review according to the Covid regulations. **Please check the BVN for updates.**

Jobs to do in February (weather permitting!)

Prune shrub roses before they burst into growth.

Cut back ivy, Virginia creeper and overgrown hedges before birds start nesting.

Clematis that flowers after June can be pruned hard, taking all stems back to healthy buds just above the base.

Trim winter heathers and winter-flowering jasmine once they have finished flowering.

Tidy up over-wintering fuchsias by removing dead stems at the base and trim back to healthy buds.

Put a 5cm layer of mulch on pots and borders to suppress weed growth and conserve moisture.

Continue planting new flowering shrubs.

Sow hardy annuals under cover to plant out in spring.

Continue preparing seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches.

Sow broad beans, Brussels sprouts and lettuces under cover.

Sprout early potatoes in warmth and light to produce strong shoots.

Continue to feed and provide fresh water for the birds; regularly clean feeders and bird tables/baths.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473





Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



The spring term has started with the children and staff returning from their Christmas break energised and excited! We have welcomed some new families to our school community and our preschool is now full for some sessions which is fantastic.

In our first week back, the children enjoyed creating some artwork focused on our school values and children's rights. Wagtails and Little Chicks looked at **Love** and **Friendship**, Robins created artwork all about **Hope** and **Happiness**, Kingfishers studied **Courage** and **Respect** and Owls focused on the rights of the child. The displays are very creative and are available to see on our school website.

Classes also voted in our new school council which will meet with me on a regular basis. Pupil voice is such an important part of school life, and I am really looking forward to our meetings. Our new year group representatives are:

- EYFS – Flora & Ralphie
- Y1 – Reggie & Amelia
- Y2 – Erin & Henri
- Y3 - Elsie & Lewis
- Y4 - Frankie & Archie
- Y5 – Josh & Daisy
- Y6 – Billy & Lily

We have started a new set of topics this half term with EYFS looking at traditional fairy stories in their topic 'Once upon a time', KS1 focusing on 'Childhood', Year 3 and 4 studying 'Mighty Metals' and Year 5 and 6 looking at the famous scientist Charles Darwin in their topic 'Darwin's delights'. I am looking forward to sharing some of their work with you next month.

Our weekly trips to the leisure centre have started again. Owls class will be having cricket coaching from the Chance to Shine project at Bridport Leisure Centre and Kingfishers have started their swimming lessons at Freshwater. This is a good opportunity for children to have specialist instruction and have access to facilities that are not available at school. KS1 and Years 3 and 4 are also enjoying cricket sessions with Chance to Shine on a Wednesday at school and EYFS are learning some traditional country dancing in their PE lessons.

Please keep up to date with us on Facebook and our school website:

www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

Adam Gough
Headteacher



1: Wagtails have had a visit from some fairies who want to tell them all about some fairy stories!



2: Our KS1 class, Robins, are really enjoying their weekly cricket coaching sessions with Chance to Shine.

3: Kingfisher Class have had a busy start to the term! They created their own Kandinsky-inspired art and have started making balloon-powered cars to compare different forces and speed.



4: Owl class have created watercolours of butterflies as an introduction to their work on Charles Darwin.





Thorners CE VA School



It has been lovely to start the term with our traditional Church service. As well as the usual walk through the village, whereby the older children take the younger children along the stream up to Church, it was lovely to have the bells rung by the pupils of Eggardon after such a long time away. It was made especially delightful this term as we held a Christingle service with the children. The vicar explained to the children the symbolism and the history of Christingle as well as making one for them all to see. Two of the older pupils read Bible passages from Isaiah and Matthew and the hymns focussed on Jesus as the light of the world. Upon our return to school, every child made their own Christingle to take home and we discussed what each element meant as part of the overall design. It was lovely to see so many governors in church and we are very grateful for everyone's endless effort to keep special moments and events like this running throughout this academic year.

Looking ahead, we are beginning to plan our Jubilee Celebration events whilst the children are at school so that they can help put together a display of key events and developments from every decade of the Queen's reign. We are also looking into the creation of some special bunting - with each segment made by each child from the school as a keepsake. We were pleased to meet with the village to see how both the local celebrations across the week-end and the school events a week earlier can be brought together to enable the children to best celebrate this remarkable anniversary.

At present, we have been fortunate to see all the children return after the Christmas holidays and that our attendance is high. Of course this may change over time, but we are grateful that at the moment school is beginning to return to something much closer to the old normal of a few years ago - we do hope the warmer months ahead will only aid this.

Lastly, this week has seen the start of our series of Village Parent Walks, in which mums, dads, grandparents, younger siblings and dogs can meet after the school drop off and go for a walk around the village. Huge thanks to Julie Keefe from our pre-school for her work on this and for organising the opening walks. It is hoped that this now becomes a regular feature of parents' weeks and enables them to meet other families across the school. We appreciate that as more and more restrictions are lifted in the coming months we must do all we can to make the most of our chances to get out and socialise and of course encourage both the children and wider school community to enjoy the wonderful scenery on our doorstep.

Mike Sitch Headmaster



Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge is a real mix across the generations where we can all come together and discuss the bible, God's word to us, in a relaxed and informal service which starts, as the name suggests, with breakfast and includes hymns/songs, prayers, crafts, and an opportunity to get to know each other better. It's a new venture, in its 5th month, and the progress has been really encouraging.

We are especially grateful to those who work to make this possible by helping to provide the breakfast and lead the other activities. The next breakfast church session will take place on Sunday 13th February at 9.30 am. Why not come and join in?

Helen Fry
Bride Valley Benefice Administrator
Contact telephone: 01308 897260



Bride Valley WI



January's walk saw a number of members plus four-legged friends ramble around Abbotsbury.

Our monthly meeting in January introduced 17 members to Line Dancing!!! A very energetic evening led by Jane whose enthusiasm kept us dancing for an hour and a half. Surprising how easy it is to get right and left muddled up!!!! A great work-out to start the New Year. Well done ladies.

Our February meeting will be an opportunity to learn some useful First Aid Techniques including some defibulator training.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.

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LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Most of the Christmas occasions in the village passed off as they should have done, with reasonable congregations for both the candlelit Carol Service and the Holy Communion on Christmas Day – many thanks to The Revd. Jacqueline Shaw for coming from outside the Benefice to preside at the latter. And thank you too to all those who took part in decorating the Church so beautifully for both services. It looked terrific, so congratulations to all concerned.



The Boxing Day duck race from the waterfall to the walled garden caused the usual excitement – nearly as much, in fact, as the unfortunate typo beforehand, by which a highly respectable member of the village sent a widely circulated



message to the organisers intending to ask for two ducks, but in fact requesting something else entirely when a finger must have slipped one to the right on her keyboard. Work it out... (And no - it is not known if her wish was granted or not.)



Unusual residents in the village after Christmas were an attractive pair of white egrets alongside the lake and river for a few days.

Singletons have briefly been spotted here previously from time to time, but not a pair before. Does anyone know if they might be likely to nest and increase the local population in future?



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Know your Parish Church

The life of a village tends to evolve around its church, and it is invariably the first place that people visit when they wish to find out more about the village, or perhaps a family connection. Churches need people to run them, in addition to clergy, maintain them and ensure they remain available for members of the public to visit them. Try your hand at the questions below and see if your perception as to how churches continue to exist is correct. No prizes – just amusement and knowledge. Answers on the last page of Litton Cheney's section. More in March.

1. St Mary's Church is listed Grade 1, because it is deemed to be of exceptional national, architectural or historic importance. So who is responsible for its upkeep and paying the cost thereof?

Central Government
The Church of England
The Village
English Heritage

2. What is the **weekly** cost of keeping St Mary's "open for business"?

- A. £412
- B. £105
- C. £263

CHRISTMAS FLOODLIGHTS

It was good to see the church floodlit over Christmas and the New Year and St Mary's is most grateful for sponsorship from Liz Strange, Helen Jones, Hugh and Mary Lantos, Lesley Salvetti, Elizabeth Kingston, Diana Spicer, Ariadne Blyth, Sally and Philip Dyke, John and Wendy Firrell, Pete and Beverly Dennis, Sally Stone, Liz Gibbs, Andrea and Paul Jackman and Lyn Lacey. If you want the floodlights, maybe in memory of someone or for any other occasion, at any time during the year, not just at Christmas, please contact Freddie Spicer (482617 or fandspicer@gmail.com).

A Litton Thank You

On Thursday and Friday nights (December 16th & 17th), twenty or so carol singers wassailed around Litton Cheney. Both evenings were mild and still, with the sound of carols carrying throughout the village.

Many thanks to those who came along and sang so well under the guidance of Paul Cheater. A BIG thanks to those who gave so generously and the money raised, almost £300, has been donated to Julia's House.

A fulsome letter of thanks has now been received from them.

Thanks also to Bev, Fiona and Jennie who plied us with mulled wine, sausages and mince pies on Thursday evening. It would also seem entirely appropriate to have a round of applause for those who decorated the village Christmas tree, having first refreshed the decorations. A triumph – you know who you are!

Ron Davidson

Parish Council

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on March 8th, 7.30 pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. In the meantime you can keep up with village happenings and events by visiting the village website or The Litton Cheney Observer FB page.

At its meeting in January the parish council reduced the parish precept by £500 to £9,900, down from £10,400. At a time when most finances are moving in an upwards direction, it was with some relief that Litton has been able on this occasion to buck the trend.

Platinum Jubilee – What's happening in your village

Litton's Platinum Jubilee Community Group held their third meeting at the beginning of January to further thoughts and plans for The Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June. A programme of events is now beginning to firm up and members of the group have taken on various tasks intending to turn words into action.

We are creating regular Jubilee newsletters to keep you up to date. The village website will also be awash with information as we near the Jubilee Weekend (2nd June to 5th June – Thursday to Sunday). If you would like to be actively involved please contact Wendy Firrell (482532 or wtlitton@gmail.com)

What's Up

Saturday 4th June – The Duck Race is back! - 12 Noon - followed by fun, frolics and BBQ at The White Horse lasting throughout the day. Andy & Liz are on the case.

Sunday 5th June – Village Picnic Lunch, music by the Bridport Big Band, games, grand draw and much much more.

In the lead-up to the Jubilee Weekend there will be exhibitions organised by Thorner's school, maypole dancing, history trails, commemorative tree planting and Jubilee themed decorating of the village. We do hope you will join in and celebrate this unique occasion.

Stop Press – Scarecrow Builders Required

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations we would like to set up a Royal themed Scarecrow Trail. No previous experience necessary but if there are any nationally or locally renowned scarecrow builders we would love to pick your brains! If you are interested in taking part please contact Liz Gibbs (liz_gibbs@hotmail.com 07751942588) or Sally Stone (sallystone63@gmail.com 07804773573)



Events at LATCH – for February

Weekly



Mondays: 15.30 The Big Q – term time only
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)
Wednesdays: 16.45 – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)
18.30 – 21.30 Ballroom Dancing - Gemma Fulbrook:
dancedorchester@outlook.com
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Specials

Thursday 3rd: Film Night: “**The Father**”. Doors open 19.00. Film starts 19.30.

Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th: 12.30 – 18.00 Ballroom Dancing with Gemma Fulbrook (see above)

Sunday 27th : 10.30 – 12.30 Yoga with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Coming up: Thursday 3rd March: Film Night “**Official Secrets**”

Village Cafés: A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any local group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

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

SMB....what does that mean to YOU?

Server Message Block, Super Mario Brothers, or Seven Mile Beach? Given up?

It's **SHORT MAT BOWLS** and relates to a keen and friendly group who meet every **Tuesday afternoon, 4.45 pm at LATCH**. Experience the skillful thrill of hearing the click of wood on wood, or the triumphant sound when a bowl is delivered at full speed to scatter a grouping of your opponents bowls! Want further information? Call Ron Davidson 482661

The White Horse Awaits You!

All at The White Horse are glad to be open, looking forward to Spring and some warmer weather and hoping that everyone has a much easier 2022!

Watch the Facebook page for regular updates.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.



Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.

Reminder - Thursday 3 February - THE FATHER 'one of the great cinematic experiences of the decade'



Anthony (Anthony Hopkins) is 80, mischievous, living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter, Anne (Olivia Colman), encouragingly introduces. Help is becoming a necessity for Anne; she can't make daily visits anymore and Anthony's grip on reality is unravelling. The film warmly embraces real life, through loving reflection upon the vibrant human condition; heart-breaking and uncompromisingly poignant - a movie that nestles in the truth of our own lives.

Anthony Hopkins won Best Actor in the Academy awards for his performance.

Cert.12 1.5 hrs **Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

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

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton Bradstock (who will show it the previous Friday).

NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 March - OFFICIAL SECRETS 'an excellent and revelatory film'



Thursday 3 March - OFFICIAL SECRETS
'an excellent and revelatory film'

She risked everything to stop an unjust war. Her government called her a traitor. Based on world-shaking true events, Official Secrets tells the gripping story of Katharine Gun, a British intelligence specialist whose job involves routine handling of classified information.

One day in 2003, in the lead up to the Iraq War, Gun receives a memo from the NSA with a shocking directive: the United States is enlisting Britain's help in collecting compromising information on United Nations Security Council members in order to blackmail them into voting in favour of an invasion of Iraq.

Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into an illegal war, Gun makes the gut-wrenching decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press. So begins an explosive chain of events that will ignite an international firestorm, expose a vast political conspiracy, and put Gun and her family directly in harm's way. Starring Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes.

Starring Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes.
Cert.12 1.3/4 hrs

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

Toddler Group – First Steps Playgroup Update

Happy New Year to you all!...

Further to much discussion, playgroup will be closed until the Spring...

We made every effort to reopen the doors back in September but unfortunately with Covid times interrupting, we have been very quiet on the weeks we were open. Therefore, we are taking a break and hope to welcome you back in the spring time.... watch this space!

Answers to the Church Quiz – Q1: The Village, Q2: £412

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club

December 2001 draw

£30.00	No. 71	R. Maltby
£15.00	No. 19	L. Barbour
£ 5.00	No. 6	C. Wilmot-Sitwell

Drawn on 30/12/2021 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Ruth, Dave.

Coffee Break

The next Coffee Break will be on **Saturday, February 8th** in the **Village Hall**, from **10.30 until 12.00**. There will be a meeting afterwards at 12.00 to discuss further arrangements for the village Jubilee activities.



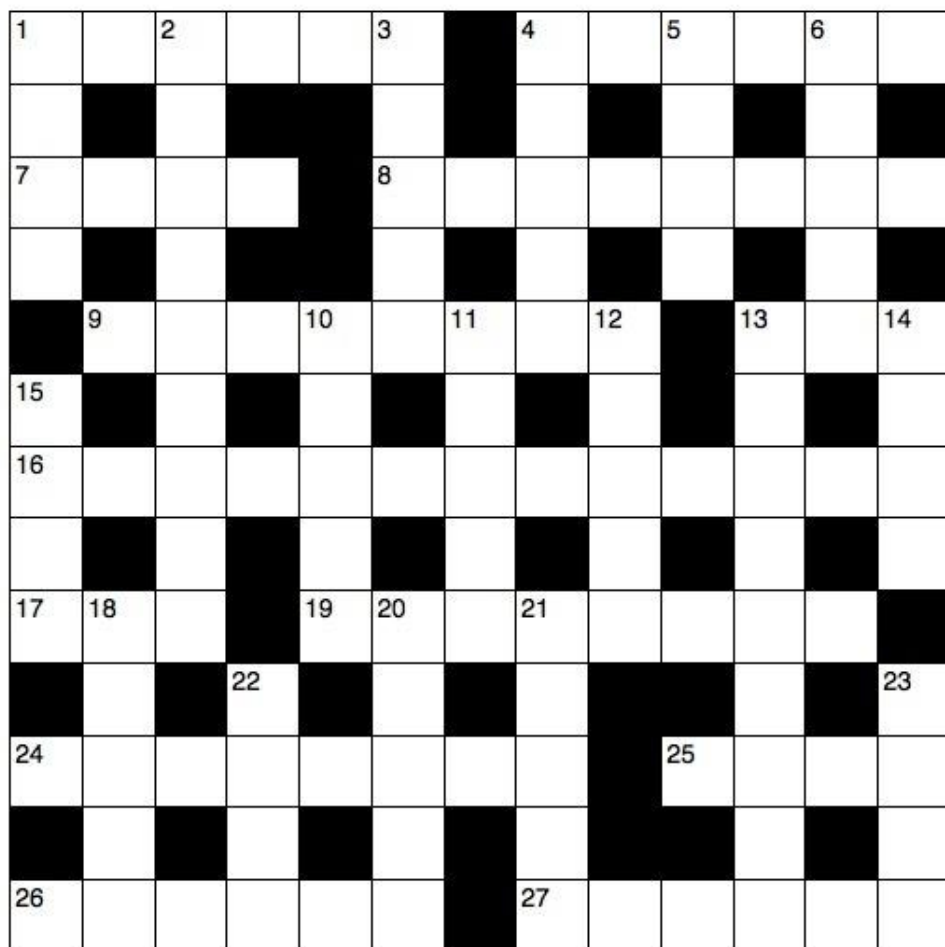
Coffee breaks are always on the second Saturday in the month and offer an opportunity to see neighbours and friends, have a chat and catch up on village news.



In winter, our open fire burns brightly and there is always a tempting selection of cakes and savouries to eat in or buy to take away.

If you haven't visited us, pop in for a warm welcome. All we ask for is a donation to cover expenses.

CROSSWORD



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Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
 - 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
 - 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
 - 4 Belief (5)
 - 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
 - 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
 - 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
 - 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
 - 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
 - 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
 - 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
 - 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
 - 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
 - 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
 - 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
 - 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
 - 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
 - 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)
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Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Medium

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SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

Christmas 2021 at St Martin's is now a distant but fond memory. Thank you to the flower team for decorating the church so imaginatively. Your efforts were much appreciated by all who attended the traditional carol service and those at the wonderful recital given by Ollie and Anya.

We must give special thanks to Ollie and Anya and to David Bass who accompanied them on the piano and page turner/ poet Kate. Unlike last year, we were able to invite a larger audience. Both occasions were very special and we really hope we can welcome Ollie & Anya again this year.

St Martin's Floodlight Sponsors for February:

Granary Cottage

Roy and Stephen Symes in memory of their dad (Percy) who would have been 100 years old on 22nd February.

Roy Symes for his birthday

Jo Kearley, in memory of her Aunt, Nicky (Kathleen) Saunders-Richardson's birthday on 14th February

Jean Ayers in memory of her mum Anne

Paul Thomas for the Dorset heroes who fell in both World Wars.

Kate Kent for Erin Kent's 4th birthday on 23rd.

Kate Chomaki

Diane James

Chanelle for Lucy on St Valentine's Day

Susan and Glenn in memory of Michael, a wonderful son who lit up our lives.

Thank you all for your generous donations and to those who responded to my appeal on the Shipton Gorge Facebook page. St Martin's is very grateful to you all for your generosity.

If anyone would like to light up the church for a special occasion in March or the months ahead, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated)

Breakfast Church

Breakfast Church will take place again at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 13th February. All ages are invited to this informal service in the Village Hall.

St Martin's APC Meeting in Church Wednesday 23rd February at 10.00 a.m.

This year will see the PCC very depleted and desperately in need of new members. If you are in a position to help, please come along or speak with any church member, past or present or the Reverend Jane.

St Martin's Pet Service



By popular demand from the pets, we are holding a service especially for them and their well-behaved owners on 20th February at 3.00 p.m.

All makes of pet are invited and humans without pets are invited too!

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to [https://
shiptongorgediary.co.uk/](https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/)

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

Shipton Gorge Village Hall

Please note that hire charges for use of the village hall have been reinstated. Details can be found on the village website.

If you wish to hire the hall please contact Graham Garner on 897375 or g.garner111@btinternet.com

January 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st £25 No 55 Jan Shaw
2nd £10 No 39 Lesley Garner
3rd £5 No 29 Ernie and Vicky Thomas

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club - the winners in the January draw were Sue and Tony Lock. They were obviously feeling virtuous (New Year's resolution?) and preferred to have the Hamper with local foodie delights rather than the alcohol option.



Saunders Richardson Wood – on 5th January Dorset Horse Logging



came in to help with the removal of various trees which needed to be felled. We were very lucky with the weather on the day and they managed a full day's work in the wood. Toby Hoad brought Celine and Ety – two beautiful (and strong) Comtois horses – to help Roly and the team.

This was amazing to watch and obviously far more suited (and less destructive) for the woodland than any machinery. For info, their website is www.dorsethorselogging.co.uk.

We now need to get the new trees / saplings sourced and planted! Therefore, we are planning on having some more work parties in February - Sunday 6th, Monday 7th and Sunday 27th – aiming to run between 10am and 1pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help – please come along. Due to insurance restrictions, this is a members' only event, but membership is FREE, is open to ALL Shipton Gorge residents, and we can sign you up on the day.

If you would like to sponsor one of the new trees, or you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website:

http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2022

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the mild weather in our Playing Field over the Christmas and New Year, but just a reminder to everyone to please clear up any litter and put it in the bin before you leave!

The “Bringing Gigabit to Shipton” meeting was held on 12th January and reported separately, but the Parish Council would like to thank Tony Mallet, who is spearheading this project, for all the work he has done, and continues to do on this.

Also thanks to Louis van Zyl who came to the meeting to give us information on similar projects throughout the Bride Valley.

Spring is definitely on the way as we are already thinking about setting the date for our Annual Spring Clean of the village which normally takes place in April. We normally collect litter from all roads and verges in the parish, clear around fingerposts and road signs, clean the bus stop, road signs and anything else we see! If there are any areas that you think need particular attention then do let us know.

Dorset Waste Partnership is running their “Don’t Be A Tosser” campaign at the moment. We are eternally grateful to Gerry Pyke who walks all our lanes regularly collecting all the litter left on the roadside. So this seems a good time to remind everyone not to throw rubbish out of their cars when driving through the village – it only means someone else has to clear it up!

Our next Parish Council meeting will be in March and the Annual Parish Assembly in April – dates to follow next month.

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

Bringing Gigabit to Shipton

Thank you to everybody who came to the meeting on 12th January, and to Louis van Zyl for explaining a government scheme that could cover the cost of getting next-generation Gigabit broadband into homes and businesses in the village.

With the pace of technological innovation growing each year, and with increasing reliance on internet based services for communication, entertainment, education and home working, Gigabit offers us the chance to future proof our lives.

We will shortly be submitting a community application to Openreach but still need more support if this is to develop fully. Please contact Tony Mallet on 898701 or email him gigashipton@gmail.com



• See <https://tinyurl.com/GigaSG> to enlist !!!

Please see the village website if you’d like to see the information presented at the meeting, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/GigaSG> to learn more or express an interest.

Come and weave a mad March hare.



Join me in a day’s workshop at the village hall making your own woven willow hare sculpture. The workshop will be led by the local willow weaving artist Jo Sadler. I’ve worked with her before and can promise no experience needed! It’s on Friday 4th March 9.30am-4.30pm, the cost is £75pp with all materials included (but bring your own

lunch). Places are limited to 9. Please contact Chris Hewlett Greenways2007@yahoo.co.uk or tel 01308897278



**Artsreach presents
Kevin, King of Egypt
Saturday 5th March 2022,
7:30pm, Shipton Gorge Village Hall DT6 4LZ**



The story of an unlikely friendship between an escaped mental health patient and a lost six-year old. Kevin Haggerty is not pleased about his diagnosis, even less pleased about being on a section of the Mental Health Act, and distinctly upset about being told he is not the reincarnation of the pharaoh Ramses II.

On his way to Egypt, via the Tesco Express, he stumbles across the nemesis to all his plans:

Millie – a child who seems to have been mislaid. Together they embark on a journey that will change both their lives forever.

Rob has won over twenty awards for his solo shows and has performed with Harold Pinter, Sue Townsend, Jo Brand, Sarah Millican and Frankie Boyle. He also goes on to mental health units to help in-patients create their own comedy and poetry.

“Stunningly funny and compassionate.” Hereford Times

Tickets £10, £5 (u18s) – suitable 16+ (show contains strong language and adult themes)

Tickets online at www.artsreach.co.uk / by phone 01308 897407

Cash bar



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully will join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

Holy Trinity Swyre

'A huge thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Communion Service so memorable. The church was beautifully decorated; and the harp, trombone and organ music was glorious!

Special thanks to Sue who led the service; and to all of you who came and filled our little church'.

Julian Group is a small and friendly group that meets regularly at Holy Trinity, Swyre, to practise Christian contemplative prayer and meditation together.

Come as a visitor or a regular attendee. Refreshments are served.

Dates for 2022

18 February
15 July
18 Nov

18 March
19 Aug

20 May
16 Sep

17 Jun
21 Oct

all at 10am

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE,
LONGBREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

We are now welcoming the over 55's from Long Bredy and Little Bredy and look forward to hearing from you if you would like to join us.
Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

Next lunch - 15th February 2022 - Cost £6.00

Menu

**Steak & Kidney casserole with puff pastry,
vegetables, mashed potato and gravy
Treacle Tart with ice cream
cheese and biscuits, tea/ coffee**

Further Dates for 2022

**15th March
19th April
17th May
21st June
19th July
20th September
18th October
15th November
13th December**

Next Lunch—15th March

**Chicken in White wine, cream and leek sauce, vegetables and
new potatoes Fruit Crumble and custard/cream**

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.

CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Sudoku Easy Solution

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Sudoku Medium Solution

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BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Christmas Collections

Combined collections at the Burton Bradstock Christingle Service, the Carol Service and the round the village Carol singing raised a total of **£732.67** for the **Children's Society**.

Cash Collections at the Christmas Eve Crib Service, Christmas Day Family Communion and the Boxing Day United Valley Service raised **£256.00** for the **Lantern Trust** – a Weymouth based charity helping vulnerable and marginalised people including those that are homeless.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

The Village Hall is fully open for all activities. The only Covid requirement is that masks are to be worn at all times unless your activity makes it impractical, eg eating, drinking or exercising.

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



BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS



On **TUESDAY 1 March 2022 OFFICIAL SECRETS** will be the next film in the Village Hall. The story goes back to 2003 in the lead up to the Iraq War. A British Intelligence specialist turns whistle blower and leaks the contents of a memo she has received about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN into sanctioning the Iraq invasion. This is a must watch film if you would like to witness the reality behind war crime intentionally created

by world superpowers. Keira Knightly excels as Katharine Gunn, the whistle blower, in the retelling of a daunting act of courage.
Doors open at 7.00 pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be purchased beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or at the door on the night, if available.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 3 March 2022

Dates For Your Diary: Friday 25 March 2022 - Film Night - Film tba in March
BVN

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings are now being run by the various Village groups.
The next 2 dates are shown below, both run from 10:00am to 12:00noon.
The format will be similar to recent ones, numbers will be controlled (10 tables of 4) and will follow current Government guidance.

Wed 16th Feb run by the Village Society.

Wed 16th March run by the School.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

January 2022 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£37.00	No 76:	Mr Roger Ashman
2nd	£18.50	No 37:	Mr John Bowden
3rd	£9.25	No 174:	Mrs Sue Noad

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February 2022 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £11 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

PRESENT

Murder by Mattress

An Audience-participation

Murder Mystery by Lesley Gunn

in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

At 7.30pm on THURS 24TH, FRI 25TH

AND SAT 26TH FEBRUARY

**Tickets (£10 including a light supper) will
be available from Burton Bradstock Post**

Office from Wednesday 2nd February

**A maximum of 8 tables of 6 participants will
be available each night.**

**Once you have obtained your ticket please
telephone 01308 898707 if you have a table of
6 or to register any dietary requirements**

**There will be a bar selling wine and soft
drinks**

Artsreach is back in Burton Bradstock

We are delighted to let you know that Artsreach is back in the village, and we have two very different performances lined up for February and March. The first is a childrens puppet theatre, ideal for the half-term, and the second a unique opportunity to experience a classic silent film with live music.

Please book early, on-line if possible, to avoid disappointment as numbers will be strictly limited. All performances will be subject to any COVID-19 regulations in force at the time.

Artsreach

30
YEARS OF
ENTERTAINING
RURAL COMMUNITIES

Artsreach in Burton Bradstock
Village Hall
Special Children's Show for Half Term
For Children 2 - 8 and their families

Monday 21st February at 3.00pm

THEATRE FIDERI FIDERA 'Oskar's Amazing Adventures'

Fun-loving puppy Oskar leaves his snow-bound little house on top of the mountain to try to find a friendly animal to play with. But where are all the animals? And why does Oskar have to wait till spring to play his favourite game again? Award-winning Theatre Fideri Fidera's original play for young children uses a rich mix of storytelling, puppetry and music to tell the tale of a puppy's search for friendship in the wilderness of the Alps.



An original, heart-warming and entertaining play for young children and their families, full of good humour, adventure, music and song from this acclaimed Anglo-Swiss company.

Ticket prices: Children £5, Adults £6, Family ticket £20. If possible please purchase your tickets online at <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on> or phone (01308) 897421.

***Nosferatu* ...shown and accompanied by MINIMA**

This is the Classic Silent film from 1922 with live musical accompaniment. The film was produced by Prana Film and is an adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel Dracula. It was first shown in March 1922 and therefore celebrates its centenary this month. This is a rare opportunity to see the classic film but also to experience a live musical score played by Minima. They are a Bristol-based four-piece group who specialise in playing original live soundtracks to silent films, with instrumentation including cello, double bass, baritone guitar, acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, autoharp, dulcimer, synthesizer, glockenspiel and drum kit. Their sound is unique and no backing tracks or pre-recorded materials are used in their performances.



For further details see their website at <http://www.minimamusic.co.uk>

Adult tickets £10, under-18s £65, family ticket £25. If possible please purchase your tickets online at <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on> or phone (01308) 897421.

If you enjoy Artsreach and would like to help our team of volunteers maintain this service for the Village please give us a ring on 897421, we will be pleased to hear from you!

Burton Bradstock Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

The Bowls club meets every Monday evening in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. New members are very welcome and if you are interested in joining please email John Lewis on jal84910@gmail.com for more details, or call (01308) 897304.



Well we got off to good start to the New Year at our first meeting in January when local musician, Alan Hooley came and gave a talk entitled “Let’s Make Music”.

Alan first became a keen guitarist when he was given an old, worn-out guitar at the age of fifteen – and he was hooked!! He told members about his life and love of playing music and thoroughly entertained everyone by demonstrating and singing along to several of his favourite instruments (including one he had made himself), ably assisted by Alan Pankhurst who lives in the village. These two play regularly, with yet another Alan, at The Anchor pub in the village, so you never know they might have a bigger audience next time with a few WI members swinging along! The evening was much enjoyed by all, with members doing a fair bit of foot-tapping and even joining in with some well known “golden oldie” tunes. Funny how you can always still remember the words!! Thank you Alan (and Alan) for a most enjoyable afternoon.

The other part of our meeting was to vote for which of five Resolutions we wanted to put forward for further action by the National Federation. There was an overwhelming response to “Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders”, which urges the government to focus on early intervention and community-based solutions. It will be interesting to know how other WI’s have voted and which of the resolutions will get the final vote.

Our “Busy Bees” group will be meeting on 10th and 24th of this month and the other groups will restart when we see fit, taking the present circumstances into consideration.

Our next WI meeting is on 8th February when we shall be “whisked off” to the Galápagos Islands by Mark Spences. At a time when travel abroad is probably still not a good idea, it will be so nice to sit and see something of a foreign land – perchance to dream and think of better times ahead!

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting

We apologise for having to cancel the January meeting but are planning the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm. We are hoping to have the resources to hold this meeting in the Reading Room with public access via Zoom. Please see our website the week before for final arrangements.

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

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

Planning Notices

As Planning notices are no longer sent to neighbouring properties from Dorset Council, we would like to inform you that when applications are sent to the Clerk, we will put the letter with a link to planning on our website. A notification will be put on our Facebook page and displayed on the board by the library.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council is developing a Community Emergency Response Plan and is seeking input and support from the community.

It will enhance our community's resilience - what do we mean by that and why is it important?

Community Resilience is defined by Cabinet Office as "Communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services". Emergencies happen. Your local emergency responders will always have to prioritise those in greatest needs during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. There will be times when you may be affected by an emergency, but your life is not in immediate danger.

During this time, individuals and communities may need to rely on their own resources to ensure they are able to cope with the consequences of the emergency. Many communities already spontaneously help one another in times of need, but previous experience has shown that those who have spent time planning and preparing for this are better able to cope and recover more quickly.

If you would like to know more and maybe participate in developing our plan as part of a small working group, please join us via Zoom 7:30 pm on the 2nd of February. The link will be displayed on the home page of Burton Bradstock Parish Council Website.

Preserve the dark Sky

Help us enjoy these dark nights by being aware of your use of outside lights. Spend some time gazing at the stars.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Speakers Programme.

Our next talk is on Friday, 18th February, entitled "Golden Age of Travel". Speaker: Paul Atterbury. Paul is a writer, lecturer, curator, historian and broadcaster, best known for his thirty years of appearances on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow, with an eclectic and wide ranging interest in the art, architecture, design and history of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

Due to ever increasing speaker costs, and, for the time being at least, reduced numbers, we have reluctantly decided to increase the charge for the talks to £1.50 for members, and £5.00 for non members, these increases will apply from the April talk onwards.

Membership.

Talking of April, this is when our new year starts, and when annual subscriptions become due. The membership fee is **NOT** increasing, and remains at the bargain price of **£5.00**.

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our wonderful society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

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.

Flower and Produce Show 2022

Next year's ever popular Flower and Produce show will take place on **Saturday 16th July**.

A little advanced information (don't tell anyone!), the subjects for the Photography competition are, "Harbour Scenes" and "Country Life", and the subject for the Limerick competition is "Royalty".

If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on the above number.

Smile Lines

Say it with flowers

A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."

Those who want to get married

A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?"

Immediately, nine single ladies, six single men, three widows, and four widowers walked up the aisle.

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES FEBRUARY 2022



	1st Sunday 6th February 4th Sunday before Lent	2nd Sunday 13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	3rd Sunday 20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	4th Sunday 27th February Sunday next before Lent
Burton Bradstock	8am Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church	3.00 Pet Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
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

Weekly telephone service recorded by a member of the team: 01308293062