

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



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Bride Valley News – the magazine of the Bride Valley & Chesil Churches and the Bride Valley Communities

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The Bride Valley & Chesil Churches

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock
St Mary: Litton Cheney
St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy
St Peter: Long Bredy
Chilcombe (dedication unknown)
St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre
St Nicholas, Abbotsbury
St Peter's, Portesham
St Peter's, Langton Herring

Rev'd Margaret Preuss-Higham (01305) 873978

To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements in the Bride Valley Churches please contact Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator, on 01308 897260 (email BVchurchesTA@outlook.com) or for the Chesil Churches please contact Rev'd Margaret at the number above, or email revmph@gmail.com

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community, responding to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. If you need help please contact the Churchwardens, Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator (01308 897260) or one of the Lay Pastoral Assistants who are: *Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169, Pauline Woodford (Burton Bradstock only) 01308 898327, Jenny Malyon 01308 898768 or Liz Orza 01308 897451.*

From the Archdeacon

I have been re-reading the Narnia books by CS Lewis and yet again have reflected on how Lewis was able to make the truth of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ vivid and accessible. This is particularly so in the first of the series 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

For those of you who've never read or who have forgotten this book the story, briefly, goes like this. Four children, Peter, Susan, Edmond and Lucy get into the enchanted land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe. Narnia is a land under the enchantment of the White Witch where it is always winter and never Christmas. There they are met by Mr. & Mrs. Beaver, who recognise them as those who could fulfil the prophesy that when two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve sit on the thrones at Cair Paravel, the White Witch's reign would be over. Edmond has already entered Narnia and has been seduced into betraying his brother and sisters to the White Witch by the promise of Turkish Delight. When it's discovered that Edmond has slipped out into the night, the rest of the companions journey to meet up with Aslan, the Lion King of the Woods and his troops. Edmond is rescued, but Aslan dies a willing victim in his place. Later he rises from the dead, battle is joined and the White Witch defeated. The children are duly crowned Kings and Queens at Cair Paravel.

C S Lewis's story is an allegory of the Holy Week narrative. Edmond is a traitor, like Judas Iscariot, slipping out into the night. Aslan, like Jesus dies an innocent victim, but death cannot hold him because of his innocence and he rises from the dead. It is the girls who accompany him as he goes to his death and they meet him first after his resurrection, just as the women stayed at the foot of the cross and were the first to meet the risen Christ. And despite Aslan's defeat of death there is still work to be done in building the new Kingdom. So we too are called to join in God's work of Kingdom building right here in our own communities.

I hope you feel inspired to revisit this classic yourselves. It's a delightful story and an inspired allegory.

A D Penny

(The Venerable Penny Sayer has been Archdeacon of Sherborne since 2018 and supports all the Church of England churches across Dorset.)

Jethro Truscott – New Lay Worship Leader

On 3rd March I, along with four other candidates from the Loders' Benefice, were licensed as Lay Worship Leaders by Penny, the Archdeacon. It was a very joyful service. The church was full, with many from the Loders' Benefice to support their candidates, and I thank those from the Bride Valley who came to celebrate with me.

I had been asked by Margaret, the Portesham Vicar, to consider becoming a Lay Worship Leader after, as Church Warden, I took a Christmas service due to our minister being unable to attend. A course was being held at Loders and I joined part way through. I was made welcome by Chris Grasske the Vicar, and by the four others on the course - three of whom I knew previously. It has been a very constructive and friendly course, mainly done by discussion, and it gives help and direction as to how to lead services. It has been so worthwhile and supportive.

I ask if those for whom I lead services in the near future will be very tolerant of my efforts. I will do my best, and with your help, and God's help, we will move forwards.

There is a great need for the Lay Ministry in the Bride Valley even after a new Rector is appointed, and I would thoroughly recommend anyone to consider trying it. It is a good way to give service to the local churches.

Jethro
(01308 897260)

Church Floodlighting

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: Burton Bradstock: Ian Ibbotson 898484, Shipton Gorge: Phyl Webster 898657, Litton Cheney: Freddie Spicer 482617.

From the Registers

Wedding: Finlay and Nancy at Burton Bradstock 16th March.

Funerals: Mary Turnill (13th March) and Elaine Tame (21st March) at Burton Bradstock.

Burial of Ashes: Barbara Moxom at Swyre 28th February, and Mr and Mrs Butcher at Burton Bradstock 23rd March.

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

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

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £2.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator on 07393 607025 (note new number) between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

This term our value is Love. In class we have celebrated a love of reading through World Book Day, thought about how we can show love to our classmates and also the importance of love as a value in our school. In Collective Worship, we have been learning about Lent and the importance of waiting. We are looking forward to celebrating Holy Week at our Easter Service at the end of this term.

On Thursday 7th March, we took part in World Book Day. What amazing characters the children dressed up as! It was lovely to see so many diverse books, genres and adjectives represented.



We could also see that a lot of effort was put in by all our parents—thank you!

Twelve KS2 children took part in the cross-country relays at the Sir John Colfox Academy. Despite the weather conditions, all our runners showed grit and determination in completing the course which was quite challenging in places. Our Year 3 & 4 team came 8th, our Year 5 & 6 teams came 4th and 15th. Congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to the parents who braved the wind, rain and fog to cheer the children on!



Y6 joined students at St Mary's Bridport to participate in a team-building day run by the Royal Navy. The children used teamwork, communication, knowledge and problem-solving



skills to build a 'communications tower' that had to be freestanding and at least 6 feet tall. Later, they had to design and build emergency flares which were subsequently pumped up and released in the school playground to see how high they would travel. Sonny's flare is still on the school roof!



The Royal Navy Day was part of a Council and Bournemouth University initiative to bring careers education into primary schools called 'Start Small, Dream Big'. We are hoping to have further events in the future.

Adam Gough
Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

The children have been busy again across the school as we approach Easter. Bredy have been rehearsing their dance routine with our dance coach Amy - ready for their annual dance competition at Freshwater and have also been on a trip to Shire Hall in Dorchester as part of their Crime and Punishment topic in history. Alongside this they are also going to WOEC - an outdoor learning centre - where they learn to climb, work as a team and complete several challenges that they would not get to experience in the classroom.

In Chesil and Litton, they have been completing lots of art work - studying the techniques of famous artists and trying to emulate them as well as holding special assembly sessions with the NSPCC to work out how we can all deal with any worries we may have and who to speak to if we have a concern. Our Litton class continue to amaze us with all that they know and have learnt about their dinosaurs - you can see a sample of their work in the photos.



Across the school, we have been celebrating World Book Day with all the children dressing up as their favourite character as well as a school quiz on plots and characters from across the century. Thank you very much also to the TSA who ran a super book swap to go alongside our book fair - all of which raised valuable funds for the school library

and gave the children a chance to review lots of new titles and authors.

Lastly, we look forward to our service in church to begin our Easter celebrations, the children have been practising a range of hymns and we are delighted that so many of them are now part of the school choir and take individual singing lessons with Claire Shaw - our lovely singing teacher - we look forward to starting the Easter weekend altogether with parents and governors in attendance.

Happy Easter!

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

Our Night Sky in April 2024

We will be losing the familiar winter constellations in April, with Orion sinking in the West at about 2100 in the middle of the month. All the planets are too close to Sunrise to be visible in the morning glare.

My less than graceful trip over a recycling bin wheel earlier last month, landing inelegantly on my front on the sloping driveway to the accompaniment of much blood, has rather cramped my style. I will therefore limit my description of exciting space adventures to the two robotic explorers near the Lunar South Pole which are hoping to detect water.

Please excuse any further descriptions until I fully recover for May's Issue.

Bill Turnill

I am sure we all wish Bill a speedy recovery! Ed.



Book Review: Bride Valley Book Group

Snow Country by Sebastian Faulks is the second volume of his trilogy set in Austria. Anton, a journalist from Vienna falls in love with Delphine, an older French woman on the eve of the 1st World War. As the war starts Anton is away on an assignment and by the time he returns, Delphine (now the enemy) has vanished. The other half of the story concerns Lena, child of an alcoholic mother who grows up with little education and not knowing who her father was. These two meet once in unusual circumstances then a second time at a sanatorium, the Schloss Seeblick, for those with psychiatric disorders. This was the subject of *Human Traces*, the first novel in the trilogy written 16 years ago. Lena works there as a cleaner and Anton is writing about the clinic.



This is a gentle and rather elegiac novel. It deals with small human kindnesses and sadness. Members had a mixed response - most of us enjoyed the writing and the parts that dealt with the history of Austria at that time and the developing attitudes to psychoanalysis and Freud's ideas in particular. Some felt that there was a definite male viewpoint throughout and that the ending was rather contrived.

If you are interested in joining the Bride Valley Book Group, please email Liz Pinfield lizpinfield@btinternet.com. We are currently full but will put you on our waiting list.

The Bride Valley WI

The Bride Valley WI's February meeting was attended by Ester who is a beautiful 8-month-old Retriever/German Shepherd cross. She is currently in the care of Geraldine her Puppy Raiser. Geraldine took us through the life of a young puppy in training to be a Guide Dog for the Blind, but she was occasionally interrupted by Ester who was totally relaxed but loudly chewing on a very large bone. The members listened to an interesting talk by Geraldine and showed their thanks with very generous donations.



Our February walk was abandoned due to the non-ceasing rain but we still managed a Sunday morning meet at Made and Found in Abbotsbury where we were treated by Karen, one of our members, to tea, coffee, cake and numerous other sugary delights. Made and Found is a cornucopia of interesting items. Thank you, Karen.

Skittles for fun continues fortnightly, on a Tuesday evening, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start at The White Horse, Litton Cheney. Skittles followed by a light supper, for those who wish to stay. Please let Charlotte know if you are coming.

The Bride Valley WI meet at the Village Hall, Puncknowle every third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Come along and see if it's for you.

Email bridevalleywi@gmail.com



Kyiv Bakery - Ukraine

What a joy to be able to send a cheque for £500 to support the amazing work of the Good Bread Bakery in Kyiv who supply bread without cost to those who cannot afford to pay for it.

Thank you so much to all who generously contributed up and down the Valley. We are grateful to God that the bakery still stands and that they still employ disabled people.

To find out more go to Good Bread from [Good People Bakery Kyiv](https://twitter.com/GoodBreadKyiv)
twitter.com/GoodBreadKyiv

Bride Valley Gardening Club

As I am standing down as Chair in April, Ali Halliday has given me the opportunity to write this month's article. I have enjoyed going back through the records to see what we were up to in my time on the committee. I started as Programme Organiser in 2014 and then took over as Chair in 2019. Pre-Covid we met in Puncknowle Village Hall which was very pleasant but then after the pandemic we felt we needed to give members more space and started meeting in LATCH. Membership at meetings has grown and we could not fit everyone into Puncknowle now. During Covid we produced lockdown newsletters and learned about the history of the Club from Cilla, shared information, advice, recipes, etc. We managed to hold plug plant and photo competitions online. All good fun.



I recall a few memorable times such as our evening with Anne Swithinbank, Jim McDonald's talk on sweet peas which covered everything we could possibly want and Cyril Whitlock giving his last ever talk on Dahlias in 2022. Whether we have large or small gardens, lots of knowledge or want to learn more, I have valued the Club and got to know folk from all the villages in the Valley.

Our (hopefully short) AGM will be at 7.15pm at LATCH on Monday 15th April followed by a talk by Julian Sutton of Desirable Plants in Totnes entitled 'A History of Plants in 12 Shrubs'.

Visitors (£2) are most welcome, with refreshments from 7.00pm. Neil Lucas of Knoll Gardens (celebrating 30 years in business this year) will be giving a celebrity talk on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm at LATCH on 'More Wow and Less Work: Grasses in their Place in the Garden.' Tickets only – members £3 and visitors £5, from Liz Gibbs on 07751942588. Raffle, plants, refreshments, again from 7.00pm.

Enjoy your garden,

Sue Brown

News from Prince of Wales & Portesham Surgeries

Alison Dunbar, who has been Portesham's Practice Manager since 2008, is retiring this Easter. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of the team here at the Portesham and I will miss you all, but I know the surgery will be safe in the hands of our new manager, **Matthew Bell**, who brings plenty of experience from roles at a Somerset GP surgery. He will work across both the Dorchester and Portesham sites alongside Joanne Farnworth, the Business Manager. Both are very accessible to patients so please do ask for them if you need any help.

Volunteers needed! One of my roles has been to deliver repeat prescriptions each week to the White Horse Inn for collection by patients, and sometimes dropping off to any housebound patients, from Litton Cheney and the surrounding area. Once retired I'm hoping to take a good long break, so we are looking for a kind person or team of people to take over this service, which is vital to our less mobile patients or those who struggle to get to the surgery during our opening hours. If you might be able to help, please contact the team at Portesham.reception@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Our health champions are also looking for new volunteers to join the team of patients who run our Wellbeing Garden activities, the Walking Group, and the Buddy System for patients needing short-term support through a difficult time such as bereavement or illness. Please contact Kendal at the same email address if you are interested in finding out more.

If you prefer a less active role, we also need volunteers for our Patient Participation Group which aims to gather ideas and comments from a variety of patients to help us improve our surgery. If you would like to be involved either in person or by email, please email contact@porteshampatients.org.uk or contact the surgery to pass your details on.

Our various outreach programmes are important to both patients and staff at the surgery, and we really value your input. We have all seen many changes at the Surgery over the years, but we are in a really good position now we are working with the Prince of Wales team, which has given us some wonderful new doctors and a sense of security for the future.

Thank you for the incredible support and appreciation shown to all of us here, especially over the last four years.

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

Village Correspondents:

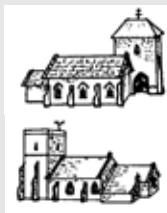
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Village website: <https://puncknowle.net>



Puncknowle Church – Flower Festival on Saturday 4th May

After our very successful flower festival last year for the Coronation, we are holding another this year to welcome the month of May. May is traditionally the month associated with the Virgin Mary – after whom our church is dedicated. It would be great if the village could come together to celebrate.



We will be decorating the church on Saturday 4th May. Please bring any flowers – large or small – on Saturday, or over the weekend. Let us fill the church with flowers again.

Puncknowle 100 Club

Here are the draw results for December:

1st Prize

Marion Hurley

2nd Prize

Denise Luff

Whist Drive – 11th April

Come along and join your local Whist Drive. A great opportunity to meet and make new friends in a friendly atmosphere.

Entrance fee £3. Refreshments provided and there will be a raffle.
Thursday April 11th in Puncknowle Village Hall 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.
For further information contact Jenny on 01308 897863.

Table Tennis anyone?

The Village Hall has two full sized table tennis tables which can be used as part of the cost of hiring of the Hall. A great way to spend some quality time with friends and family on a rainy day. The Hall can be hired for as little as £6 an hour for local residents. For more information about the Hall and bookings, please see <https://puncknowle.net/puncknowle-swyre-village-hall/village-hall-diary-dates/>

What's on at Puncknowle Village Hall in April		
REGULAR EVENTS		
Mondays	10.00am - 11:00am	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Mondays	1:30pm – 4:00pm	Pilates Contact Sarah on 07885 037340 or by email sarah@modified-pilates.co.uk
Wednesdays	10:00am – 12:00noon	Table Tennis Contact Brian on 01308 897987
Wednesdays	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Table Tennis Contact Eonne on 07891 210739
OTHER EVENTS		
Monday 1st	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public. More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Tuesday 2nd	7:30pm – 10:00pm	Parish Council Meeting Open to the Public
Thursday 4th	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Craft Club Contact Brenda on b.oliver@btinternet.com
Tuesday 9th	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Nurture Night – Wellness/Yoga Contact Francesca on 07990 514948

Thursday 11th	7:00pm – 10:30pm	Whist Drive Contact Jenny on 01308 897863
Monday 15th	7:00pm – 9:00pm	History Group: contact Debbie on deborahlegge2@gmail.com
Tuesday 16th	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Luncheon Club Contact David on 01308 898492
Tuesday 16th	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Nurture Night – Wellness/Yoga Contact Francesca on 07990 514948
Wednesday 17th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Open to the Public. More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Thursday 18th	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Bride Valley WI Contact Nic Arundel on 079411 201373 or by email: nicarundel@gmail.com
Friday 26th	10:00am – 12:30pm	Art Club Contact Sally on 01308 897987

3 Villages Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group met on 20th March. We have received advice from our consultant Amy Burnett of Development in Transition and Philip Reese of Dorset Council. The Evidence Working Group met on 4th March and are continuing to compile the evidence base. The Community Engagement Working Group met on 12th March and are making plans for the next community event – please look out for details on posters and Facebook. The website for the NP is in progress and should be going public soon. The next Steering Group meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17th April at Puncknowle Village. All meetings are open and you are welcome to attend. If you are interested in being involved please contact Brian Bowsher on 01308 897987 or email brian@bowshers.plus.com. You can also be kept updated on the Plan by subscribing to our email list (email wbexnp@yahoo.com) and there are regular updates on Facebook.

Swyre Church Garden Angels

We would love some help to tidy the churchyard in Swyre on the morning of 20th April 2024. Everyone is welcome. If you bring your own tools and protective gear, we will provide tea and coffee. Starts at 9.30am but come any time to suit.

Best wishes from us all at Holy Trinity



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

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland,

01308 898492 for more details.

LUNCHES COST £6.00

**April 16th Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and
vegetables**

**May 21st Lasagne with salad and garlic bread
Chocolate pudding with Chocolate Sauce**

Future dates:

June 18

July 16

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

Long Bredy

Village Correspondent: Rebecca Grove
01308 482882 bvn@longbredy.org.uk
Village web-site: www.longbredy.org.uk



Long Bredy 100 Club February Results

£30.00	No. 75	J. Maltby
£15.00	No. 93	G & M. Maltby
£5.00	No. 109	J. Clewlow

‘The Donkeys Trail’ video

If you haven't watched the 'The Donkeys Tail' video, you can easily find it on the Long Bredy Village Facebook page, as well as on the Bride Valley and Chesil Churches Facebook page. For those not on Facebook, the video is also accessible on the 'A Church Near You' website — simply enter St. Peter's Church, Long Bredy. Enjoy Gerald's walk to St. Peter's Church. Heartfelt thanks to all involved in its creation.

Coming up in April...

Coffee Break

The Coffee Break will take place on **Saturday, 13th April 2024** from 10.30am – 12.00 noon in the village hall.

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

Come Along Inn

The Come Along Inn opens its door again on **Friday 19th April 2024** from 5.30pm to 9.00pm in the village hall. A bookable supper awaits if required and a warm welcome to all. For further information please ring 01308 482270 or email: aking44634@aol.com

Recipe Corner

When space permits, we'll be sharing a recipe that you can easily try at home. If there are any recipes you'd like to share with the community, please email them to Rebecca or post it through the door at No. 5 Bedford Terrace.



This month's recipe is...

Roasted Radishes shared by Jackie Cain

Delicious - completely different taste - they become plump and pale pink. I mix with small new potatoes and roast them together.

Instructions

Radishes (topped and tailed). Toss in olive oil with new potatoes, season with salt and pepper. Roast in oven for approximately 45 mins to one hour.

Test with sharp skewer - the potatoes and radishes should let this penetrate easily.

Bon Appetit and thank you for the contribution, Jackie!

Burton Bradstock

Village Correspondent: Pat Grafton
patgrafton43@gmail.com Tel: 01308 898264
Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.



Notice Of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe will be held in the Church on Sunday 21th April 2024 after the 9.30am service. The meeting should start at approximately 10.45am.

You might like to consider service to the church and parish as a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are several vacancies and we would be happy to discuss membership with you at any time before the APCM.

There is also a vacancy for a Churchwarden. For information about this interesting and important role, or to apply, please ring Ian Ibbotson (01308 898484).

Tots' Time

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have seen the Tots' Time Easter Garden and written your comments in the book.

We are really pleased that more tots have been joining us recently, and hope that several babies who now have afternoon naps will be able to return and enjoy the sunny afternoons in the garden behind the church.

We have been icing and decorating cakes for a Matthew's Party and made puppet disciples from pegs as an alternative to spoons or glove puppets. When Ro told the story of Jesus turning water into wine we had fun drinking water 'turned' into pretend wine by adding some blackcurrant cordial; while talking about weddings. The same week Wilf made some convincing playdough 'waffles' using a meat-basher (with adult supervision)! We are grateful for Susan and David's help especially on a week when four of our staff were away, and for all of the team who work so hard whenever they possibly can.

Do come and join us at Tots' Time every Friday in term time from 2.00pm to 3.00pm plus - depending on 'pick up' time.

For more info please contact Audrey at 897227 or Heather at 897780 or Helen Fry at BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30-12.00 noon. Although everyone from the village is welcome, this is particularly suitable for older people and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. Do come and join us.

If you would like more information, please call Pauline. (898327)

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308 897648.

Coffee Mornings

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below. They run from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and all are welcome.

Wed 10th April

St Mary's Church

Wed 15th May

Bride Valley Drivers

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing Jim Broadbent in THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY on Friday 26th April 2024 in the Village Hall.

Harold Fry's life has been very unremarkable up until he receives a letter from an old work colleague who tells him that she is dying of cancer.

Harold writes her a letter, while on the way to post it decides to deliver it in person. Having made this decision on the spur of the moment he starts to walk the length of the country to reach his destination. His wife doesn't know where he is and is sick with worry, but social media has found Harold and it catapults him to headline news.

Tickets are £6 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be bought prior to the evening from Burton Bradstock Farm Shop and Post Office or, if still available, at the door on the night. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Date For Your Diary: Subject to being able to obtain a licence we hope to show WONKA on Friday 24th May as part of the Village Hall Trust events for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.



Spring Quiz

The popular Village Hall Spring Quiz will be on Saturday 27th April. There will be the normal quiz, with prizes for, plus sensibly priced bar, raffle and a jacket potato supper in the break with a variety of filling options to choose from. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets at £11 each will go on sale in the Post Office Wednesday 10th April. There will be teams of 6 per table with limited tables to avoid overcrowding. If organising a team, you are requested to purchase 6 team tickets from the Post Office. There will also be individual tickets at the PO for individuals or couples who want to be put in a team on the night. Alternatively, those people can contact Richard direct (details below). Once tickets are purchased you can book your team table with Richard and log your dietary requirements.

The Christmas Quiz tickets sold out in 90 minutes; you have been warned!

Spring Fayre

The Annual Spring Fayre, proceeds from which go to the Village Hall, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May from 2.00pm to 4.30pm in the Rectory Garden and Hall. Full details will be announced in the May BVN, but if you have any White Elephant items you need to donate early, please call or email Richard Ferre to arrange collection/drop off.

Richard Ferre's contact details: rwferre99@gmail.com or 01308897648.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" March 2024 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.20	No 143:	Audrey Smith
2 nd	£17.10	No 170:	Hilary Page
3 rd	£8.55	No 49:	Roger Ashman

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2024 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Supper Club

The next Supper Club will be on 22nd April. Any enquiries please ring Mags Chue in 07790 811905

Burton Bradstock Village Society

The Village Society Committee would like to give notice of **the 2024 AGM to be held on Friday May 10th, at 7.00pm**, doors open at 6.45pm in the Village Hall. There will be a free glass of wine and light refreshments for attendees.

If you would like to become a member of the Society or join our friendly active committee please phone the Secretary, Roger Ashman on 07971 649020.

April is the month when **subscriptions are due**. We have managed to hold the annual cost per member to £5 for another year. Details of how to pay will be emailed to members or sent to members without email through their letterbox!

The last talk of the season is on Friday 12th April in the Village Hall where we will enjoy the welcome return of Colin Varndell, whose talk is entitled **“Garden Birds and their lives”**. Colin is a Dorset based natural history photographer best known for his evocative images of animals, birds and insects and is winner of many national & international awards.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £1.50 for members and £5 for non-members.

This year's coach outing is on Wednesday 19th June with a trip to Swanage followed by a visit to Compton Acres ornamental gardens in Poole with a free cream tea at a cost of £45 per head.

To register either email rwferre99@gmail.com with your details, enter your name on the board at the next Friday presentation evening or call Richard on 897648.



Burton Bradstock Players Panto 2024

What fun we had and “fun” is what panto is all about. For our audiences during the four sold out performances and for the whole of our production team and cast as we watched and laughed during rehearsals and saw the script slowly come to life. Seeing the children “grow” into their roles and start their journey of becoming young actors, they loved it and so did the audience, huge applause was our reward and well deserved by all involved.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers, musicians, local businesses, village groups, Burton Bradstock Post Office and Nick Good and his team for sound and lighting and to everyone who came out to see the show. What a truly magical place Burton Bradstock is, you did not let us down.

It is therefore safe to say panto is alive and well in Burton Bradstock, so, watch this space, we will be back next year!



If you wish to join our panto 2025 team, whether that’s helping in the background, offer your support or become part of the cast on stage please contact Carole Houghton on 01308 898521 or 07764523182.

Burton Bradstock WI



Once again, the deadline for articles to go in the BVN is before our monthly meeting but I think I can safely say that in March we will have had a talk about Medical Detection dogs and all enjoyed our annual Spring Lunch at Haddon House.

The retiring committee will also have had their usual lunch at the Three Horseshoes to mark the end of their year of office. However, many of the current committee will very likely be re-elected and will hopefully be joined by some new members to bring some fresh ideas to the group.

Our meeting on 9th April at 7.30pm will take the form of our Annual Meeting at which the new President and committee will be elected by the members. To help the proceedings along there will be cheese and wine as well as plenty of time to chat. A good evening for sure.

But now for something so very, very disheartening. Our lovely WI bench in the play area has been vandalised - for the second time! It was placed there to commemorate our Centenary in 2017 and recently had to be repaired due to the back having been deliberately broken on one side. It is with heavy hearts that we have just discovered that not only has the other side been forcibly broken but some of the slats of the back have been removed thus making the seat unusable.

If the person/people responsible only knew the trials and tribulations we went through over the placing of the bench! It was originally destined to go in the bus stop lay-by at the end of Beach Road but this proved to be too expensive due to Dorset Council's charges and regulations. Then there was the wait to have the plaque made because of Covid.

The WI were so pleased to finally be able to place it in the play area where a new bench was needed and it has been a pleasure to see it being used by young and old alike.

How people can do this sort of thing - and in beautiful Burton Bradstock - is beyond belief and needless to say all the WI ladies are extremely upset by this.

If anyone has any information as to how this has happened - or would like to own up - we would be most grateful. So very sad.

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library



Our Children's Easter Holiday Lego Club will be held in the Library on Thursday 4th April from 10.00am until 12.00 noon to which all are invited. This is a free event but we ask that children be accompanied by an adult. Perhaps you will have grandchildren visiting? There is plenty of Lego to share!

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library will take place on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Drinks and nibbles will be served following the business meeting.

Christine Lewis would still like a few extra library cleaners to join the rota please. Yes, I know we keep asking but so far without success. Please give it some thought and if you would like to know more, call her on 01308 897304.



STOP PRESS! Our recent book sale took £152 on the morning – many thanks to all who kindly donated books and those who bought! We look forward to seeing you in the Library – getting a library card if you haven't got one already, taking out books, using the public computers, borrowing jigsaws or becoming a Friend.

Normal library opening times are:

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

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com
www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library
01308 897563

Sue Brown, Chair



Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art Spring Concert

Save the date in your diaries for the Festival Spring Concert which will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 7th June 2024 at 7.00pm. It will be performed by David Juritz, violin, Adrian Bradbury, cello, and Craig Ogden, guitar. See next month's Bride Valley News for the full programme and ticket details. Dates for the main summer Festival of Music and Art are 11th to 16th August.

Jenny Malyon, Chair, Festival Committee

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Defibrillator Training

Due to the popularity of the first training, we will host further training sessions in the use of the Parish's defibrillators (we have three now). The training will take place in Saturday 20th April, in the Village Hall, at 10.00am and 11.30am. To book your space in one of those sessions, please contact clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

Blocked drains

The recent heavy rainfall has reminded us all of the problems the village has with flooding. One small thing we can all do to help is to report blocked drains and gullies to Dorset Council; they will try to address any issues, but they need to be told about them. Reporting a problem is done online, and should only take two minutes - each specific issue needs an individual report - you can't report multiple issues at once - the link is <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-gully-drain-or-flooding-issue>

Parish Council Vacancies and the Election

The local government elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May. This will be for Dorset Council and all the parish councils, if they have enough interest. Being an elected parish council REALLY helps when we are advocating with public agencies like Highways, the police and Dorset Council. If you are interested in standing, please contact Lianne Mealing, the Chair, for a chat. Email l.mealing@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

Nick Lockwood

Littlebredy

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The staff profile on Longlands Farm has taken on a more local look in recent months. Charlotte Stevens of Orchard Cottage is now employed among the team, as is her brother Jack, who also lives locally. Another newcomer is Jack, originally from further afield, and we trust they all appreciate working in such attractive surroundings.

This edition may reach the village before Easter weekend, but may not be distributed by then. If it is, here is a reminder that the only church service here will be the short and simple Litany from the Book of Common Prayer at 10.00am on Good Friday (29th March), probably led by members of the congregation. Easter Day services in the (now enlarged) Benefice are at 6.30am on Hive Beach, 9.00am at Litton Cheney (both including Holy Communion), and the United Benefice Holy Communion at 11.00am at Abbotsbury, which is also the formal farewell for James Webster, who has served as Licenced Lay Minister for many years among us. We wish him and Phyll all contentment in retirement thereafter.

Shipton Gorge

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Welcome to our village diary
Just search for Shipton Gorge
Diary or go directly to
<https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/>

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

**SHIPTON GORGE
VILLAGE DIARY**

St Martin's Church

Floodlight Sponsors for April

*In memory of Robert Stanbrook, son & stepson of Barbara & Dick West
Jane & Tony remembering Ken Mallet
For James Webster's big birthday on 27th
John & Sue Porter for Sarah's birthday
Sally Parker thinking of Steve on his birthday on 30th April
Lesley Windsor in memory of her dad's belated birthday last month*

Gerrard, Jessica & Family

We said goodbye to Jessica and Gerard Robertshaw who have left the village after 20 years. We will miss them after all this time but wish them every happiness for their future. Thank you, Jessica, for sponsoring the lights over the years.

Thank you to all our floodlight sponsors. You are very much appreciated. There is always room for more and for a suggested donation of £5 you can have your occasion mentioned in the BVN. Please contact Phyl Webster on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post-box.

Breakfast Church in the Village Hall 9.30am 14th April

Holy Communion 28th April 11.00am

Village Hall

The Village Hall Trust will be holding its AGM on 28th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming you to this important annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming a trustee (either elected or co-opted) and would like to understand what's involved, please contact Richard Hewlett (897278) or talk to one of the trustees. Positions are available and we would welcome your assistance.

Plans to provide the hall with step-free access and new, fully-accessible toilets are now at an advanced stage. We hope that by the end of March Dorset Council will have received our application for Planning Permission.

March 2024 - 100 Club Draw results

1st 81 £25 Bill Beeton, 2nd 64 £10 Martin Lerner, 3rd 49 £5 Beryl Wood
Congratulations to all winners

Thank you

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Peter, Christine, Richard and the unknown van driver who assisted me and rescued my car when it got stuck on a verge outside the village. I'm fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Hazel Mason

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winner in the March draw was Rob Jacobs. His prize has been delivered. Congratulations Rob.

Saunders Richardson Wood

It has been another relatively quiet time in the wood (apart from the weather). A few more small trees have been planted, including spindle and hawthorn, courtesy of Bridport Tree Planting. However, the ground was far too saturated to plant others. The nettles are starting to make their presence known – but there are many more attractive signs of spring appearing.



We are planning a **Nettle Day on Saturday 13 April** starting at 11.00am through to lunchtime. Recipes will be available to make use of those lovely young shoots, with perhaps some product tasting. We will also be collecting nettles for our first batch of nettle tea fertiliser. For the younger ones or the young at heart, we will be making seed bombs with wildflower seed – ready to spread joy around the village. You are welcome to come along and help, or just have a walk round. The other open wood sessions will be Wednesday 10 & 24 April –



11.00am to 12.00 noon. Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

Regarding work on the gates – we’re having problems finding someone to do it at a reasonable cost, but it is in hand, and we haven’t forgotten it! Unfortunately, the local rabbits have been busy and have reached up and nibbled round several of the trees again. The protection we put round them last year was obviously not robust enough and we have had to do some reinforcements. The hedge on the west side has had a trim to avoid interference with the fruit trees, but this will be last we can do this year due to nesting season. We will just need to do some tidying of the borders, sprinkle some wildflower seed and then it will be time to plan the mowing regime for the spring and summer. We will be doing some low-key maintenance on Wednesday 3 April 11.00am-12 noon. If you would like to help, you are very welcome to come along!

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635 or email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com
Details as usual on our website:

http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

Drop-in Café at the Village Hall, Friday 5th April, 10.00am to 12.30pm

Free refreshments

Teas, coffees (including de-caff), biscuits (including gluten and dairy-free) and fruit squash

Last month’s Drop-in Café kicked off in fine style with plenty of villagers calling in throughout the morning and having a good old chat. April’s event will have a few board games available, along with some children’s toys and colouring books . . . so please bring a child!

The seed swap box, normally found at this time of year in the old telephone box, will be available to all. Take any seeds you want to plant and if you have any packets you won’t use, please leave them for others to enjoy.

There will also be the opportunity to recycle small items that Dorset Council don’t collect, so please bring them along. A few villagers collect the following items and send them off to be recycled:

Pens & writing equipment – Chris Hewlett (they can also be left in the old telephone box)

Stamps – Julie Bartrum-Lang and Mary Boughton

Contact lens cases – Mary Boughton
Ink cartridges – Ann Jones
(Pill blister packs – outlet closed so unfortunately no longer collected)

See you there



The Seed Exchange is OPEN!

The seed exchange is back in action in the Phone Box.

Please take any seeds you like and, if you have any spare, leave them for someone else to use.

Happy growing!

Litton Cheney

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From St. Mary's Church – for April

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on 7th April after the Morning Service. If you think you might like to join the PCC at what will be an interesting time in the life of our church and the Benefice, please do contact us for a chat. *We should be very glad of some younger members!*

Church Warden John Vercoe 01308 480768 or Secretary Wendy Firrell 01308 482532.

Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last meeting in March prior to council elections on 2 May. At the meeting we said a sad farewell to our outgoing Clerk, Maggie Walsh, and welcomed new Clerk Lucy Beasley. As a small token of our appreciation of Maggie's excellent work over seven years as Clerk, she was presented with a Rosacheney bouquet, and has been invited to the

Village Annual Assembly on 14th May so the village as a whole can show their appreciation for her fine efforts.

Bridge over Tranquil Waters

After the amazing success of the Litton Cheney Bench Fund, we do not intend to rest on our laurels or indeed our benches! There is an urgent need for a new bridge over the stream at Chilcombe. Walkers of all types who walk that way will no doubt be very aware of the state of the current bridge.

Dorset Council have offered to match fund us if we can raise £500 towards a sustainable and lasting bridge. The public right of way is virtually impassable at the moment, so your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact:- Quentin Blacke on 07919 905588 if you would like to make a donation or obtain more details.

Full Fibre – Superfast Broadband

For the latest news on our transition to full fibre via Openreach visit the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk

D-Day 80th Anniversary

On 6th June this year we as a Nation will be commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in 1944. Much of the coastal area along our Dorset shores were used in the lead-up to the invasion to ready the allied troops and that very much includes the Bride Valley. We will be commemorating this anniversary in various ways, but if you have a story to tell we would like to hear it. Please contact John Firrell, initially by email jfirrell20@gmail.com, so we can piece together the story of the D-Day Landings, and the part the Bride Valley played in making it happen. Many thanks.

Village Litter Pick

During March, a band of litter pickers in the village picked up their pickers, bags, gloves and hi-vis jackets and headed for the lanes in and around the village to rid us of unwanted and cast aside litter and detritus. The idea was to clean up our highways and byways before it is covered by new vegetation. A mighty Bravo Zulu and grateful thanks for a super job carried out by our civic minded fellow villagers.

May we ask, that should you during your rambles come across litter dropped by some uncaring individual who probably lives elsewhere, that you pick it up

please and deposit it in an appropriate receptacle, thereby saving our wombling volunteers future work.

Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall – for April

Weekly:

Mondays: 3.30pm-4.30pm Big Q Church (Term time only)

Tuesdays: 4.45pm-5.45pm Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

6.00pm – Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783) **NOT 2nd**

Wednesdays: 4.45pm - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 01308 482661)

7.00pm – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Thursdays: 9.15am-11.15am First Steps Toddlers (fortnightly, term time only)

Special:

Thursday 4th – Film Night “**A Haunting in Venice**” starts at 7.30pm

Monday 15th – Gardening Club meeting 7.00pm

Saturday 20th – 9.30am Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950)

Sunday 21st - 10.00am Yoga with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

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 group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

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

The Great Easter Sunday Duck Race

Just a final reminder that this year's Easter Duck Race will take place on **Sunday 31st March**. Ducks will be sold from 10.30am up until the off at 12 midday. You can also buy your ducks from Liz and Andy at the White Horse from 19th to 28th March. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place! BBQ at the pub, weather permitting.



Hope to see you there! *Sam & Ralph Daubeney*

The White Horse

There's a chance that this edition will be in Bride Valley households before **Easter Sunday**, (last day of March) which is the almost world-famous Litton Cheney Duck Race, so for some great fun come on down and support it and the local charities. We also have the amazing Chris Payn playing from 1.00pm and a BBQ (indoor or out, weather dependent).

Where we had such a good time last year with our Sunday summer music schedule, we have decided to extend it this year from Easter to the end of September. So from Easter Sunday through to the end of September we will have live music every Sunday and bank holiday Monday afternoon. Easter Monday 1st April we have Paul Michael, the amazingly versatile opera singer from 4.00pm. Need the rain to stop and the sun to come out, so come down and bust out some good old sundance moves.

Liz is working on a fun, general knowledge quiz for Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm, to keep you occupied while you eat pizza. If it's half as much fun as the last one you'll love it - we did! Follow us on Facebook and check our blackboards for regular updates! See you soon.

Andy and Liz xxx

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Next films at Litton Cheney Village Hall!

Reminder - THURSDAY 4 APRIL - A HAUNTING IN VENICE *'the 'little grey cells' are at it again!'* In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again to uncover the killer. Starring **Kenneth Branagh** and **Michelle Yeoh**.

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Doors Open: 7.00pm. Films start 7.30pm. 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)

A HAUNTING IN VENICE will only be shown in Litton Cheney
THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY will also be shown at Burton Bradstock on Friday 29 March.

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

Wordsearch for St George's Day, 23rd April:

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives to Christianity. Please find 22 words about St George – answers next month!



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

The Rectory, St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren.

I am not the least surprised you have got yourself into trouble; innovation is never to be encouraged. New ideas tend to cause revolutions. The move from incandescent lightbulbs to energy saving ones may ultimately change the Church of England.

Change is something everyone claims to be in favour of - provided it has no measurable effect on their own lives. I remember as a young curate once suggesting that at the Harvest Supper, tables might be enlarged so that eight people could sit together rather than the traditional six, thus helping more people get to know one another. The response would have been similar if I had suggested we travel to London to murder the Prime Minister. I was firmly told that tables for six had been perfectly adequate for parishioners in Queen Victoria's day. For the rest of my curacy, I was regarded as a revolutionary, to be watched carefully.

So, at your last visit to our church, to suggest that our 11am Mattins might be moved to 10.30am, in order to encourage those who wanted to have more of the day free to themselves, certainly lobbed a hand grenade among the post-Service coffee cups. The only person who was mildly in favour was Colonel Wainwright, who quickly realised that it would give him an extra half-hour at the gin and tonics before lunch.

Should you ever feel that people lack imagination, you should watch them in action when they find reasons for resisting an unwelcome suggestion. One said that the time couldn't be moved, since it would then be too early for the local bus - omitting to mention that none of our congregation travel to church by bus and that the service doesn't run on Sundays anyway. Another pointed out that it would confuse those who didn't attend church - not explaining why if they never attended, it mattered what time the Service was. A third, rather touchingly mentioned that it wouldn't give the rector time to enjoy his breakfast after the rigours of the 8am Service. Your suggestion did, however, serve one useful purpose; it brought our congregation together in united opposition. They may not necessarily always know what they are for, but they certainly know what they are against. For that, I thank you.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

The BVN has to be produced to a very strict printer's deadline, and also within a limited number of pages. Please try to meet the monthly submission deadlines, which are normally set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. If you can, please submit articles to your Village Correspondent set to A5 format, with pictures and illustrations set to 'wrap text square' (if using Word).

Our font is Franklin Gothic Book 10.5pt for the main text (14pt for headings) and if you can use these settings the editing job will be easier!

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

Also, we only use one space following full stops!

Please, if possible, use our standard formats for dates, times etc, which are as examples

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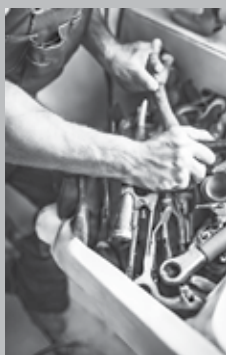
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