

Bride Valley **News**

A photograph of a snowy path lined with trees, serving as the background for the magazine cover. The path is covered in a thick layer of snow, and the trees are also heavily laden with snow, creating a serene winter scene. The path leads into the distance, flanked by rows of trees.

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches
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VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

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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please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

WEEKDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2016

Monday	1	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	2	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	4	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	4	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Friday	5	9.00	Swyre
Monday	8	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	9	9.00	Puncknowle
Wednesday	10	See rear cover for Ash Wednesday Services	
Thursday	11	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	11	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	11	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Monday	15	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	18	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	18	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	22	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	23	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	25	9.00	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	25	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	25	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Friday	26	9.00	Swyre
Monday	29	9.00	Long Bredy

A note of gratitude must go to those who help make the 'Open the Book' scheme such a vital means of young people being able to encounter Bible-based storytelling in the Valley's two schools. 'Open the Book' is now an international concern, linked with the Bible Society and reaching hundreds of thousands of children worldwide. This year a pilot project is being started in Ghana. Across the world there are currently 2,200 'Open the Book' storytelling teams, involving 12,500 storytellers. The formula is quite straightforward: volunteers follow a basic pattern that goes through the Hebrew Bible/New Testament in chronological order, bringing to life simple re-tellings of the great Bible stories, using basic and creative props and offering pupils some participation. In both of the Schools in the Valley these sessions, in the context of assemblies, have brought the Bible to life in a vivid and effective way. The beauty of it is that the stories are given a chance to resonate without being patronising or over-edited. The chronological order of the telling permits pupils to gain a grasp of the lives and histories of the main Biblical characters – also, the pupils grow in confidence whenever they are invited to join in the 'acting' roles alongside the adults. During February (8th - 14th) the Bible Society are encouraging the keeping of an 'Open the Book' Awareness Week – in the course of that week it would be really good for groups and individuals in the Benefice to give thanks in prayer for all the good work done by the teams who visit Burton Bradstock School and Thorner's School and who keep alive the tradition of Bible-based storytelling for a new generation.



Stephen Batty

FROM THE EDITOR

CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We are always on the look out for photographs or other artwork to feature on the cover of the BVN. Generally we are looking for local topical and/or seasonal themes. If you would like the opportunity for broader exposure of your creativity please forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at bridevalleynews@gmail.com. **A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used**

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who have helped to contribute to the total of **£996.09** for 2015. **Home boxes** have raised £689.44 by a large number of people donating their loose change during the year. This money will be used to protect and help vulnerable children in this country who often have no one else to turn to. The Society works with local authorities and runs centres and projects as well as lobbying Parliament over laws about runaways and missing children, sexual exploitation of children and family debt traps.

The **Christingle Service** was a joyful time where, in the lighting of the candles, we celebrated that Jesus came to be the Light of the world. Children explained about the symbols of the Christingle and took part in readings, prayers and singing and the St. Mary's Handbell Ringers captivated us with their enchanting sound.



The service was followed by the usual party in the Village Hall with food, games, a DVD, a visit from the 'chickens' who joined in the Birdy Dance and Father Christmas with his story and bags of presents. Thank you to all who helped with this event. The collection from the Christingle and the children's candle boxes amounted to **£96.56**.

Thank you also to those who, by singing or donating, contributed to the sum of **£210.09** during our **Carol Singing** around the village. Our thanks to **Jaap** and **Hannah** for providing mulled wine and very tasty nibbles during our last, somewhat hoarse, carol in the Three Horseshoes.

In 2016 we are hoping that more people will have a box for those heavy coppers in their change and thus collectively will make a difference to vulnerable children in this country.

Pauline Woodford (898327).

ST MARY'S CHURCH CHARITY FUND RAISING 2016

Shrove Tuesday 9 February 10.30 till 12.30 pm Pancake Fiesta
Heather and Ryder Rogers 25 Bindbarrow

Friday 26 February 3.00 till 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea
Elaine and Peter Colbert, 16 Annings Lane

Wednesday 16 March 10.30 till 12 noon Coffee Morning - Liz Orza

Friday 1 April 9.30 till 11.00am Bacon Butties for Breakfast Anne & Mike Read

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Darren Batten is the **Chairman for the February and March meetings.**

The **Leisure/Recreation** working group have met and looked at the repairs needed to the play area, and are applying for grants to do essential repairs to the slides but before we do any further work on the play area we would like your views on what you would like. We aim to hold consultations with all those who use the area and those who would like more out of the recreation facility. To find out more contact the **Clerk** or **Mike Evans**

The **Corncrake Group** will be planting trees donated by the Woodland Trust in January and are looking to complete the tree planting work with the purchase of 6 standard native broadleaves to be located in prominent positions. Individuals or village organisations interested in sponsoring specimen trees should contact the **Clerk.**

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

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 3rd February** 7.30 pm at the Reading Room. All welcome.

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

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com or by phone on 07814 016971.

VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré
(01308 897648)



“200 CLUB” DRAW

WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.00	No 101:	Mrs Jean Ayers
2nd	£21.00	No 37:	Mr Jim Harding
3rd	£10.50	No 144:	Mr Chris Sundt

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £11 – one pound for each of the remaining 11 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COFFEE STOP MORNINGS



The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p were started to provide a general “meet and chat” venue. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 3 meetings are dates are listed below.

Date

Wed 24th February
Wed 23rd March

Organiser

Village Society
Burton W.I.

DEFIBRILLATOR

At time of going to print, the defibrillator and cabinet to mount it in outside the Hall are on order. Short videos on what to do and how to use it will be shown at large Hall events following its installation.

If there are enough interested parties, The Hall Trust will arrange a half day training course which provides more detailed “hands on” familiarization training.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

The next film will be **Suite Française** which will be shown on **Friday 26 February** and is based on the best-selling book by Irene Nemirovsky. The story is set during the German occupation of France in the 1940s and tells the story of Lucille Angellier (Michelle Williams) and a German soldier, Bruno von Falk (Matthias Schoenaerts), as Lucille awaits news from her husband, a prisoner of war.



Suite Française will also be shown by Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney on **Wednesday 2 March 2016**

Tickets for Burton Bradstock Films can be purchased at Burton Bradstock Post Office and are **£5** each, which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. Doors open at the Village Hall at 7.00pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

SPRING QUIZ WITH “FISH & CHIP” SUPPER.

This popular quiz will be held on **Sat 16th April**. Full details in next month's BVN.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Following our AGM, which took place on 13th January, the Committee is looking for 2 members during the coming year. There is currently a vacancy for someone to **represent and support the Youth of the Village** and later in this year we will be looking for someone to take over the **running of the 200 Club**, one of our fund raising activities.

If you are looking for an activity that will both help the Village and get you meeting people, this committee will help with both. Interested people should contact the Chairman, **Richard Ferré**, for more information. Tel 01308897648 or email richard@ferre.fsnet.co.uk.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our Friday evening presentation will be a little earlier this month on **Friday 5th February** at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The talk is entitled “**Fortified Dorset**” and the Speaker is **Mr Bruce Upton** who is the Education Officer at Bridport Museum.

WED 17th, THURS 18th & FRI 19th FEBRUARY

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT

GOOD DEEDS, DEADLY DEEDS

A MURDER MYSTERY

BY KAREN INCE

AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Come along and try to work out 'who did it'!

TICKETS: £9 (£6 under 16s)

TO INCLUDE LIGHT TWO COURSE MEAL

Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock

Post Office or by telephoning 01308 898707

Box Office opens 25th JANUARY



The Village Society is running the Coffee morning on **Wednesday 24th February** 10.00am - 12 noon.

We hope to see you all at both the February meeting and the coffee morning where there will be lots of lovely cakes (at the coffee morning) and very good company (at both).

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

Monday (for a trial until Easter)	3.00pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday & Saturday	10.00am to 12.00am

info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

As we start the 3rd year of running the Community Library, I would like to thank all the volunteers who make it possible and everyone who continues to support the FBBL. Burton Bradstock is one of only two Libraries in the county where the number of books issued is up on last year, which is encouraging to all those who give up their time to make it happen.

The Library is open until 6.30 on Monday for a trial period only. If you think it something that would be of benefit to you please come and tell us.

THE LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

This month the book display is entitled The Italian Collection, featuring authors **Donna Leon, Andrea Camilleri** and **Conn Iggulden**.

The Shape of Water is the first in Camilleri's long series of novels featuring the character of Inspector Montebano, a fractious detective in an imaginary Sicilian town of Vigàta. His latest "A Beam of Light" was published last year.

Donna Leon is an American author of an equally long series of crime novels with the fictional character Commissario Guido Brunetti of the Venice Questura. Her new book "Waters of Eternal Youth" will be released later this year.

In contrast Conn Iggulden's Emperor Series is a five-book military adventure series based on the remarkable story of Julius Caesar.

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

At the first meeting of the New Year, members enjoyed Bruce Upton's presentation of advertising from the past, "Never mind the news – let's watch the adverts!" Beginning



with adverts from the Bridport News during the first world war, there followed turn-of-century examples which were works of art in themselves. There were shocking adverts for patent medicines: “Mrs Winston’s syrup – contains morphine”, “Cocaine toothache drops”, or “Heroin for severe persistent coughs”. The messages were surprising; soap claimed to “wash away fat and years of age”. “Don’t kill your wife with work,” declared one advertisement, “let electricity do it”.

At the meeting on **9th February, Christine Shaw** will speak about her travels in India. Her talk is entitled “**Hunt for a Tiger**”.

In March, a trip to see “Evita” at the Octagon in Yeovil has been arranged.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member

Burton WI secretary, 898484.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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December saw three marvellous services in Church. The wedding of **Jenny Saunt** and **Richard Ireland** was a joyous occasion, involving much music-making by family and friends, and it was followed by a convivial tea party and reception in the Village Hall. Their married life got off to a terrific start.

They had filled the Hall with lovely decorations for the reception, and these were still in place for the village party following the candlelit Carol Service, shared with Longbredy, on the Sunday before Christmas. It was genuinely candlelit throughout, with no electric light whatever from beginning to end, which created a wonderful atmosphere. All the lessons were read by teenagers or younger, with confidence and skill. Well done to all.

Christmas Day’s service was also well attended, and thank you to **James Webster** (and **Phyl**) for coming up the valley to lead it.

Boxing Day saw a village event which had not been publicised except by word of mouth, but that had been successful enough. A plastic duck race from the waterfall to the Riverside Cottages created much enjoyment and participation. We are assured there was no fix, but almost every prize going appears to have been won by a close relative of the chief organiser. Funny, that...!

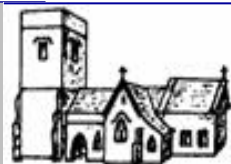


LONG BREDY

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LOOKING BACK.....

ST PETER'S AT CHRISTMAS

A church beautifully decorated with winter greenery and candles, and music from the organ, violins and viola provided the setting for our lovely Christmas Day service. **Canon Stephen Batty** led the worship for the congregation of forty - who came out of church to see snowdrops and daffodil buds in the churchyard!

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

In December we had our regular monthly draw together with our 'year end' Superdraw, so every number had two chances of being a winning number.

The draw took place in St Peter's Church after the morning family service on the 20th December and the results were:

DECEMBER 2015			SUPERDRAW		
£25	No. 66	Susan Dyer	£125	No. 56	Jackie Cain
£15	No. 26	Chris & Paul Sainsbury	£75	No. 75	Chris & Paul Sainsbury
£5	No. 104	Brian & Ann Peppiatt	£50	No. 99	Martin Swain

By now, all of the residents of Long Bredy & Kingston Russell should have received invitations to renew or join the 100 Club for 2015. Membership costs £12 for one number for the whole year and further details are shown on the application form.

New members from outside the village are most welcome to join and application forms are available from **Andrew** (482293), **Jackie** (482379) or **Ruth** (482562) or by e-mailing andrew@longbredy.org.uk.

Good luck for 2016!

LOOKING FORWARDS

TEA AND CHAT

As winter has progressed, so the number of people enjoying 'tea and chat' has increased. The last meeting of this winter will be held on **Tuesday February 9th, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney.** Come and enjoy a warm welcome, afternoon tea and a convivial natter.

FRUGAL LUNCH - A DATE FOR YOUR MARCH DIARY

This year's Frugal Lunch will be on **Thursday 3rd March, at Langbride House, at 12.45pm**. Proceeds from the lunch will go to support the **Stella Hayward Riding for the Disabled** charity. This organisation provides an opportunity for about 35 children and adults with physical or learning disabilities to ride on a weekly basis, benefiting their health and well-being. It is a very local charity, founded in Powerstock and designed to serve the west Dorset area.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and we were able to send **£230** each to **The Pilsdon Community** and **Julia's House** from the collections taken at our three Christmas services, which were well attended.

It was good to see the floodlit Church over the village and valley for the twelve days of Christmas and a little more. Many thanks to the following who contributed either in memory of various people or events or because they just like it – **Lyn Lacey, June Lawrence, Nick and Janet Lunn, John and Wendy Firrell, Rosie Hallett, Elizabeth Kingston, Paul and Diana Cheater, Mrs McLyn, Bev Robbins, Philip and Sally Dyke.**

If you would like the floodlights at any time please contact **Freddie Spicer** (482617) with your £5 per night.

A big thank you to all those who came to give the Church it's annual "grand clean" at the beginning of January - everywhere is now sparkling again!

The next working party will be on **Thursday 4th February** when there will be outside work from 9.30 a.m., weather permitting.

The previous day, **Wednesday 3rd**, our organist **Paul Cheater** will be giving a recital in *Sherborne Abbey* at 1.15 p.m. It's wonderful to hear the magnificent organ there being played by an expert, so do come along if you can. There will be another chance to hear him there on **23rd November!**

PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm the appointment of **Madeleine Hickling**, ably assisted by husband, **Graham**, as Parish Footpaths & Rights of Way Officer. Madeleine and Graham will keep an eye on our footpaths and rights of way and report back to the Parish Council on matters requiring attention. Thank you Madeleine & Graham for volunteering to take on this very necessary task.

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

You may be thinking that its all gone very quiet, but the Faculty has been granted and we are just waiting for a starting date from the bell-hangers, which may be delayed as they are now snowed under with work on rather bigger projects than ours! We will keep you informed when there is more news.

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT



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



Mondays	Beavers and Cubs (not 15 th)
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m. (You are very welcome to come along)
Wednesdays	First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15 a.m.
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	Watercolour class 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	Scouts (not 18 th)
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 a.m.
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Tuesday 2 nd	Youth Club
Wednesday 3 rd	Film Night "Far from the Madding Crowd" 8.00 p.m. Doors open 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10 th	Ladybirds open meeting (see separate announcement)
Monday 15 th	Painting Day with Lynda Connolly (01305 871178)
Saturday 20 th	Village Café 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Sunday 21 st	Yoga Workshop with Nadiya Wynn (07800712998)
Tuesday 23 rd	Youth Club

HOLISTIC YOGA WORKSHOP 21ST FEBRUARY

This workshop is open to all levels and abilities and is led by **Duncan Hulin**, the **Director of the Devon School of Yoga** and the **Devon Yoga Festival**. Duncan brings a wealth of experience of over 40 years of holistic yoga practice and teaching (www.devonyoga.com).

Booking is essential as places are limited. Payment can be made on-line or by cash/cheque. £40 for the day workshop - £20 deposit is required to secure your place.

Please contact **Nadiya Wynn** on 07800712998

or info@yogawithnadiya.co.uk. www.yogawithnadiya.co.uk

VILLAGE CAFÉS

These are held at LATCH on the third Saturday of each month and are an excellent way to raise funds. They can be simple (bacon butties, some cakes and drinks, plus the book stall and maybe a raffle) or as grand as you like, with full breakfasts and lots of stalls plus anything else you might like to add.

At the moment there are a number of dates available during this year, so if you would like to run one to raise funds for your organisation or project, please call **Wendy** on 01308 482532.

And...there is no hire charge to pay!

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH



Great films for Spring 2016...

Wednesday 3 February FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD 'the stunning new adaption (2015)' Cert. 12 2 hrs.

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, Far From the Madding Crowd is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong **Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan)**, who attracts three very different suitors: **Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts)**, a sheep farmer, captivated by her fetching willfulness; **Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge)**, a handsome and reckless Sergeant; and **William Boldwood (Michael Sheen)**, a prosperous and mature bachelor. This timeless story of Bathsheba's choices and passions explores the nature of relationships and love – as well as the human ability to overcome hardships through resilience and perseverance.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.

TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door.

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton who will show it the previous Friday, 29 Jan.

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

Wed. 2 March - Suite Francaise

Thursday 7 April - Suffragette

Wed. 4 May - Brooklyn

(September - Bridge of Spies)



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

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Litton Cheney now possesses a defibrillator and during the course of the coming weeks the plan is to install it near the bus shelter, where it has a power source. The purchase of this machine and cabinet has been made possible mainly by the efforts of regulars of **The White Horse** headed up by **Hannah & Nick Bunting**, ably assisted by **Chris & Caroline Franklin**. Contributions towards its purchase were also made by **LATCH**, **Litton Cheney Social Committee** and the **Parish Council**, plus a grant from the **British Heart Foundation**. Thank you all!



Once installed, details and information regarding its usage will be made available on the village website, BVN and a leaflet drop. Its usage will be controlled by the local ambulance service, and rest assured you do not have to be a consultant cardiologist to know how and when to use it.

DOG POO – THE CONTINUING SAGA

It is not the intent to regale you with this subject every month but the lack of civic and social responsibility of some local residents makes it necessary to once again bring this matter to your attention. Whilst out walking the village and surrounding fields you may come across several signs with the message “**Clean It Up!**” This may appear as a rather brusque message, especially if you are one of those good people who already does clean up after your dog. The message is aimed primarily at some of our brethren who do not clean up after their dog, perhaps even allowing their chien to roam free, out of sight and out of mind.



The Parish Council is considering using a bye-law at their disposal whereby they may fine offending dog owners for not cleaning up after their dog. By not cleaning up you are also putting farm livestock at risk of infection possibly culminating in them having to be put down. The message is very clear – **Clean It Up PLEASE!**

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **CAROL SINGING** around the village was very successful and enjoyable on all counts. Led by **Paul Cheater**, over 20 tuneful singers sang their way around on both nights, and the village showed its appreciation by donating a record amount of over **£300**, which the Social Committee made up to **£350**. **Julia's House** will be delighted with this generous total. Many thanks

to all the singers, and the addition of the choir has made a tremendous difference. Of course, many thanks to everyone who gave so generously. We also appreciated the refreshments by **Steve** and **Kathy** on the Wednesday evening, and by **David** and **Caroline** on Thursday. As one of the singers commented, it was so good to have such a great village evening, and with such a generous outcome. Thanks everyone!

The **Christmas tree**, or rather its new solar lights, played its part for a couple of evenings before the sunshine was no longer renewable! However, our very own ray of sunshine, Freddie, came to the rescue and by sheer persistence and much effort restored the lights and the smile to everyone's face. We do however have to deny the rumour that we are moving Christmas to July next year!!!

The **Strictly Come Dancing Evening** at the Hall had to be called off due to vandalising of the satellite equipment. The cables had been cut through, the receiving box wrenched off and stolen. A replacement will cost just over £10, so the enjoyment of many was ruined by the mindless action of a criminal, and all for £10!!!! However, thanks to Andy, Chris and John for working hard trying to rectify the problem. We all felt very sorry that the promised evening had to be called off, and apologies to all those who had planned to come. Also many thanks to those who donated their admission to Julia's House.

The **NEW YEARS DAY WALK** was led by Steve and, despite the weather, much enjoyed by the determined 13 who came along. The eight who persevered greatly appreciated the bacon rolls and beer at The White Horse.

FRANK WHILLOCK

We were all saddened to learn of the recent death of Frank Whillock. Frank had been a stalwart of the Social Committee for many years and a keen supporter of musical events in the village, Village concerts and barn dances always saw Frank prepared to participate, joining in with his fiddle at the ready. Such a very friendly and helpful man, a pleasure to know and he leaves us with many fond memories. On behalf of the committee may I offer Barbara and all Frank's family our sincere condolences.

Next event will be the **DUCK RACE** on Sunday March 27th. More details and dates in the MARCH BVN.

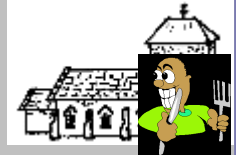
Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC

ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE
DON'T FORGET



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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CHILDREN'S CLUB/MESSY CHURCH continues at 10.15am, Family Service 11am Puncknowle St Mary's on **Sunday 21st February**.

coffee, papers, chat

ALL WELCOME

This is a new venture for everyone to come to, whether you are new to church or a regular attendee; young, young at heart or more mature; just come along and give it a try.

For further details contact **Yvonne Buckland** – 898492.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Thoughts of our Christmas party and morning coffee at The Crown are fading now but we are pleased to report that the total raised for cancer charities in memory of our dear friend Monica was £119.50. This was from the sale of hand painted Xmas cards and a small raffle. The AGM was well attended and **Helen**



handed the job of treasurer over to **John, Philippa** and **Christine** are to continue as chair and secretary. On **Feb. 5th** and **19th** there will be a chance for more help with watercolour techniques. <http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk> for more information.

Christine Molony

BOOK CLUB

Our December book was 'The Woman Who Drew Buildings' by **Wendy**

Robertson, one of many published novels by this author. The main theme is the unbreakable bond between mother and son. He tries to make sense of her mysterious past while she lies unconscious and dangerously ill. Her passion for drawing buildings had led her to Poland and her diaries of her experiences there lead him to understand more about her and his own heritage. He realises how little he knows about her.



Some of us enjoyed the book, especially the portrayal of Polish city life and Poland in the 1980s when Lech Walesa was active. However, the sections covering hospital care and prison life were very unconvincing and

inaccurate. The plot had a lot of potential but seemed to have been drawn together with too many unconvincing coincidences and did not exploit the section on Poland as much as it could. We recently welcomed two new members to the group and this month we have made a donation to Library Services who supply our books.

Cathryn Johnson

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

JULIAN GROUP

The Group meet at 10.00am on the first Monday in every month, and the next meeting is on **Monday 1st February.**

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on **16th February.** Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland 898492.** New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this popular social event and are over 50 years of age please get in touch and I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.



We are now in desperate need of volunteers especially to assist with the cooking. It is only one Tuesday each month to serve between 25 and 30 members. The club provides a great social opportunity for many who do not always have opportunities to meet up. If you could spare the time to help with this worthwhile activity you would be most welcome. Please contact **David Buckland** and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

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SHIPTON GORGE

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



The simple bread and soup lunch which was served last month was a great success. Thank you to all who supported it. We now have sufficient funds to purchase replacements for the Diocesan AND Union flags, which we have done. So THANK-YOU!



SOUTHERN BOUNDARY WALL

Many of you will have noticed the damage to the churchyard wall from the New Year storms. We are awaiting repair to this and would ask that you do not climb on this area as it is unstable.

APCM (ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

This is a repeat of last month's request as we have had no response so far.

The **Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) for St. Martin's will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 9th February** at 7.30pm.

At this meeting the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected. This year three serving members retire and we are really **in need of new people** on the committee. The PCC consists of clergy and churchwarden(s) of the parish, together with representatives of the community, and it has responsibility for a whole range of things including the care, maintenance and insurance of the church and its contents, and the care and maintenance of the churchyard, responsibility for the conduct of the financial affairs of the parish and functions in relation to church services etc.

Do you think you could give some time to help fill these roles? We are lucky to have a beautiful church and place of worship at the heart of our village, we would hate to lose it, but it needs more people to support it. Please think about how you could help. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Kate Kent

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

Thanks to our generous sponsors, St Martin's Church floodlights will light up the sky over Shipton Gorge during February especially for:

Jean Ayer's Dad	Remembering Percy Symes on his birthday
Liz Johnson & Frank remembering their stay in Shipton Gorge	Gerry & Jackie Pyke
Mum & Dad Porter and Dad Ellison	David & Kate for Louis
Richard Maxfield for his birthday	And also our anonymous supporters

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

Phyl Webster 01308 898657

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

As from May this year we will have a vacancy on the Parish Council as, after a period of many years service, **Barbara Chambers** feels it is now time for her to retire from council work. If you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like more information on what is involved and how you can contribute to the life of the village, please contact either the chairman **Mary Boughton** at Gullivers, maryboughton@shiptongorge.org.uk or vice-chairman **Richard Cunningham** on 897928.

We have been informed that the District Council are no longer supplying sandbags for residents but if you would like some to protect your property from water ingress then please contact either the parish clerk on 898189 or **Gerry Pyke** at Periwinkle and we will try and find a way to provide these for you.

The Parish Council has received no enquiries from individuals willing to lead a team to develop and compile a Neighbourhood Plan. Should any residents in the Parish wish to proceed with such a project full information is available on Dorset for You Website including examples of a completed Plan for Cerne Abbas. Shipton Gorge Parish Council remains available for initial advice and appropriate support. Please contact Councillor **Richard Cunningham** on 01308897928 for further information.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th March** at 7.30pm in the village hall. This meeting will be chaired by the vice-chairman, Richard **Cunningham**, and everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda, papers and the draft minutes from our meeting in January will be available on the parish website www.shiptongorge.org.uk prior to the meeting.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS AGM 2016

A reminder that our **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 17th February in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm**. If you feel that you may have something to contribute towards the successful running of the Committee, please come along and forward your name for election onto the Committee. We are always looking for new ideas when preparing our Social Events programme for the year.

The full Agenda will be posted on Village Notice Boards at least 14 days prior to the AGM date.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Many thanks to all those who took part in our annual carol singing round the village on 16th December. We sang our hearts out, raising **£126** (match funded by the government) for Save the Children Fund. Well done everyone - see you all again next Christmas!

Janet Lane

A big thank you to Janet Lane and all the Carol singers who entertained the village just before Christmas. The singing delighted and the collection raised £125 for Save the Children. The money has been sent to headquarters and will be match funded by the Government so an excellent total.

Ethna Jenkins: Bridport and Beaminster Save the Children Committee

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

£20	No 43	Jip & David Newell
£10	No 2	Pat Tucker
£5	No 64	Lyn Grace



VILLAGE HALL



On **Wednesday 30th March** at 7.30pm natural history photographer **Colin Varndell** will give a presentation on **The Natural Beauty of Dorset**.

The presentation will include images of the geology, landscape and natural history of our county with an accompanying narrative. Colin's photographs of landscapes and wildlife have an international reputation and this will be a presentation not to be missed.

Tickets are **£4**. To attend please contact **Sally Parker** on 897168. Please bring your own drink and nibbles.

Proceeds will go to the hall's general maintenance fund.

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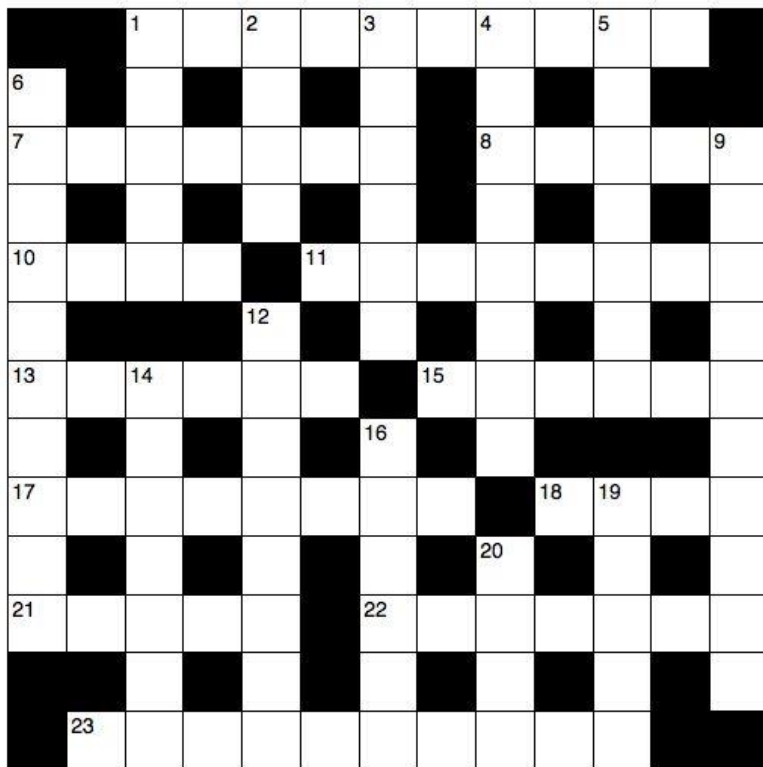
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ACROSS

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

DOWN

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)

- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We are very pleased with our 2015 **Key Stage 2 results** which put us among the top primary schools in the country -



and in the national newspapers! We are **one of only six schools in Dorset** in which all pupils achieved level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths.

Our **Christmas show**, A Star Attraction, was brilliant! The children performed and sang with their usual gusto and confidence, and the soloists were superb. A big thank you to the children and to everyone who helped make the concert so enjoyable. We raised **£110** for the **Dorset Wildlife Trust** – thank you. And a big thank you to the TSA for setting up the evening very nicely with mulled wine and refreshments!



We had two lovely **church services**. The choir sang beautifully at our carol service, everyone's singing was heartwarming and the church was festive. We all came back to LATCH to enjoy mince pies kindly provided by the TSA. During the January service, the children were enthralled by a bat flying around the church and the sun came out too, which was wonderful! Thank you to our readers, musicians and bellringers and to all who help prepare the church.

Year 6 children brought cakes and hosted a **tea party** to thank our governors, volunteers and helpers who give so generously of their time. Children and staff had a **Christmas meal** together. The children enjoyed their crackers and sprouts (oh yes, they did!). All the classes had end of term parties with party food and games – a well deserved reward for working very hard over a very long term.



Volunteers kindly helped Eggardon make **christingles**.

Sport: We played a Kenway Cup **football** match against Salway Ash Primary and, sadly, lost. I'm sure our team will come up fighting for the next match! Some of the Eggardon children took part in the **pyramid cross country event** at Colfox and gave it their very best.

Music: Children who have been learning **flute** this term gave a superb demonstration to the school. Our **choir** joined other Bridport schools at Bridport's Christmas Cheer and played the key nativity parts. The choir also sang at Puncknowle Club.



Thanks to the support from the school community, the **TSA** has raised an amazing **£1500** in the Autumn term. The children wore '**winter wonderland**' themed clothes on the last day of term with all proceeds going to Julia's House. Some of the Eggardon children made loom bands and brought in cakes too.

100 Club winners: 1st Place £20 **Paul Symes** and **Sam Beynan**
2nd Place £10 **Helen Jones**.

We look forward to a busy term!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Following a very wet festive period the children returned to school at the beginning of January eager to start the new term. The very successful **Christmas Fayre** organised by the Friends of the School and our wonderful **Christmas performances** have become a distant memory.

A few successes from last term need celebrating however. Congratulations to Classes 3 and 4 on their 'Sumdog' success. Both classes competed in this online Maths competition with amazing results - Class 3 coming second and Class 4 coming third out of all the other schools in Dorset who competed. We even had five children, **Joseph, Nathaniel, William, Lea** and **Sam**, who were awarded certificates for being within the ten top scorers.



Also, well done to our runners who represented the school at the **Symondsbury Cross Country** run in the Autumn term. Despite the extremely wet and muddy course they all performed brilliantly and made us proud (some even completed the race in socks as they lost their trainers in the mud!) Special congratulations to the girls' team who came third overall and to **Lea** who came in third out of more than 60 female runners and was awarded a bronze medal.



The Spring Term, although a short term, is a very busy one in school. This term we have a new Learning Quest across the school - 'Houses and Homes'. As part of the humanities curriculum the children will be working with Bridport Museum to explore homes and residents living in Burton Bradstock in the past using photographs and the 1841 census. Tied in with this the children will be studying land use and settlements and finding out more about energy, including renewable energy. The children will also be exploring how houses have changed through the ages and at the end of the term the whole school are looking forward to visiting Montacute House to understand more about life in the Tudor times. Within Science and Technology the children will be finding out about electricity and construction.

Last term the newly formed 'Media group', which is made up of the editor, two sub-editors, reporters and photographers from Years 5 and 6, have been extremely busy producing our new school newspaper, which we hope will be published very soon. The children have been interviewing and writing reports on the different events that have taken place in the Autumn term, and what a lot they have to write about! Look out for the newspaper, which will be available soon.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL AUCTION OF PROMISES

As I write this we are just starting back for the spring term. We have new children starting and are looking forward to hopefully a dry Spring so we can enjoy the discovery area and lots of outdoor play.



A huge thank you to everyone who has rallied round during Emma's absence .

We are now open 5 days a week from 9-3.30 and are situated within Thorners School in Litton Cheney.

We still have some spaces for 2, 3 and 4 year olds so ring us or drop in anytime and have a look around or call us on 01308 482410 and ask for Fledglings. ☎01308 482410

🌐 www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk



TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE



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

You're welcome to the services held on **Friday 12th February** and

Friday 11th March .

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

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or email claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk)



BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

Bride Valley youth club runs roughly every 2 weeks usually in LATCH from 7.00 – 8.30pm. It is open to all children of the valley from 8 years old
Spring term 2016 dates are;

2 February LATCH 7-8.30

23 February LATCH 7.8.30

8 March Swimming at JFC meet in foyer at 6.15 pick up at 7.45

15 March AGM- (no Youth club just AGM) 7.30 in LATCH

22 March Easter bingo 7-8.30 LATCH



We are very grateful to **Emma Green** for all her hard work running the Youth club sessions for the past 2 years. Emma will be leaving Youth club at Easter so we are looking for a new leader. If you are at all interested in volunteering to be Youth club leader please contact **Jill** on jill.neill@bridevalley.com .

For more information or to contact us please check out our Facebook page.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY 4TH March 2016**

**This year's inspirational service,
prepared by Christian women from CUBA,
will take place at 10.30am
St Swithins Church, North Allington**



**The first service of the day takes place on the Island of Samoa
as dawn breaks. The world is then circled in prayer for 36 hours.
The service is celebrated in over 170 countries by an estimated 3 million people
using an order of service prepared by the Christian women of Cuba.
Everyone is most welcome to come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.**

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The theme of the 2016 Women's World Day of Prayer Service to be held in St Swithins Church, North Allington: **RECEIVE CHILDREN. RECEIVE ME.**

The Local organiser, Kathy Hince (khince@talktalk.net 01308 485626) is keen to build up a network of Church Representatives and is asking for people who would be willing to be such a person from the benefice. This is by no means an arduous task, merely a point of contact, to share information about the Service with their community. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy by email/phone as above.

BRIDE VALLEY LUNCHESES 2016

ST MARY'S CHURCH BURTON BRADSTOCK

The next Bring and Share Lunch will be on **March 6th** in Burton Village Hall. Bring a dish of your choosing to share whilst enjoying meeting and chatting over Sunday lunch. A well-stocked Fairtrade stall is usually present.

Further information from **Betty Champkins** on 01308 897419.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

Thank you very much to all those in the East End of the Bride Valley who handed in boxes. We collected a total of **£137.89**.

The Church of England Children's Society is a children's charity which helps children of all faiths and no faith, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system.

Look at their web site www.childrenssociety.org.uk to find out more.

If you would like to have a box for those pocketfulls of loose change we have some available. You can contact me at sue.brown@btinternet.com or telephone 897953

UPDATE FROM CHRISTIAN AID

The collection taken at the Advent Songs of Praise service raised **£160.80**, which was doubled by the Government, providing a significant contribution to the valuable work funded by Christian Aid among the poorest of the poor. Thank you to all who gave so generously. The Christmas collections are funding projects aimed at reducing deaths from malaria among pregnant women and children under 5 years old: approximately 250,000 children die each year from malaria, which is also the cause of around 11% of maternal deaths.

“LIFE ON THE EDGE”

If you're interested in hearing more about how Christian Aid spends the money it raises, you can hear first hand from **Rezwana Islam**, who works in Bangladesh for Christian Aid. Rezwana will be speaking at **United Church, East Street, Bridport on February 10th at 11.30 am**.

Rezwana's responsibilities include overseeing projects that are funded by Christian Aid. She will share her stories of families on the edge of survival, explaining how the effects of climate change are part of daily life in Bangladesh. Thousands of people fear their crops, their homes and even their children might be swept away in the next flood. But she will also tell supporters how Christian Aid partners are providing safety for families as they build earth plinths six feet high for homes and provide seeds and livestock to replace fear with relative security.

Rezwana says: "I am keen to meet the supporters and volunteers, who so sincerely support our programmes to help vulnerable people move forward. You have already done a lot, but our problems are enormous, we need your continuing support to move forward."



Life on the edge

christian aid

Rezwana Islam from Christian Aid Bangladesh shares stories of working with flood-affected communities in Bangladesh.

See her in venues across SW England and Guernsey, February 2016.
More details linked from www.christianaid.org.uk/southwest

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING TO YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?



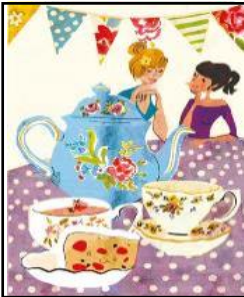
IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, A B.V.C.S VOLUNTEER DRIVER CAN GET YOU THERE

For more information, contact Virginia McShane: 425591

Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital for any who have been bereaved.

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

Contact **Diana Wright**
01308 456 967



Tea and Chat

Baglake Farm Litton Cheney on

Tuesday February 9th

3.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.

All are welcome

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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



FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Wednesday 3rd February
September 7.30 for
8.00pm LATCH

See Litton Cheney Section
page 14 for further details



WHERE DID DORSET PEOPLE GO?

LADYBIRDS, a group of ladies from villages in the Bride Valley who meet monthly, are holding an open meeting for anyone (male or female!) to enjoy.

Local historian **Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard** will give an illustrated talk entitled **'Where Did Dorset People Go?'** at **LATCH on Wednesday February 10th**. Some of you may know Jane already as an informed and entertaining speaker who regularly talks at meetings of the West Dorset Branch of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society.

For anyone who is interested in local history - where and why Dorset inhabitants have spread out of the county - this should be a fascinating evening.

Doors open at 7.00pm for the talk at **7.30pm**.

Tickets, available at the door, are £2.00 for members and £3.00 for visitors and include light refreshments. A donation will be made from the proceeds to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its new season on the evening of **Monday March 21st** with a talk on the Bridport Community Orchard. At this meeting we will be providing details of the 2016 annual programme of monthly meetings which we hope will prove to be very interesting and includes talks on 'hanging baskets, 'grasses' and 'the work of the National Gardens Scheme'.



A date for the diary – there will be a talk from **Anne Swithinbank** at LATCH on **Wednesday May 18th**

Jobs to do in February (weather permitting!)

Remove leaves from hellebores suffering from fungal attack. Start dahlia and begonia tubers into growth. Prune late-summer-flowering clematis, taking all shoots back to about 15cm. Remove soggy stems and yellowed leaves from perennials. Sow sweet peas, if not done last month, and pot up those sown in autumn Prune roses to promote the growth of strong young flowering stems. Top dress herbs growing in containers. Prepare seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches. Sow broad beans, Brussels sprouts, onions and spinach under cover. Sprout early potatoes. Cut back any overgrown hedges, before nesting starts. Continue to feed the birds and provide them with fresh water

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

UPPER BRIDE VALLEY WI

Our WI continues to enjoy fun, interesting and well attended meetings. We aim to have a varied programme of events but the friendship and mutual support we enjoy is the thread that runs through the WI and any woman living in the valley and beyond is made very welcome.



Our exciting programme of events continues as follows:

18th February - Annual General Meeting with social and big prize quiz with cheese and wine. Why not get a team together. £50 Hive Beach Cafe vouchers up for grabs.

17 March - Spring Craft Night with a scored blind tasting of some spring themed food.

21 April - Undercover Agent Not what you think with special guest Hazel Watson.

Other planned events include history and magical demonstration of Egyptian dance and a clothes swap. More details to follow.

Unless it says otherwise, we meet on the **third Thursday** of each month at **7.30pm** at the **village hall in Puncknowle**. We are still welcoming new members so please do come along and see us - the first meeting is free! Contact **Angie Allen** at nellafushia@gmail.com for more information."

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

Chairman: Malcolm Lawrence

Vice Chairman: Basil Dent

Treasurer: Bernard Chennels

Secretary: Hazel Dalgleish



SOCIAL EVENINGS

Our next Social Evening is on **Monday 22nd February** at **The Anchor** in Burton Bradstock at 7pm for 7.30pm. Please remember to telephone **Basil Dent** (897125) or **Malcolm Lawrence** (898616) to reserve your place. The next meeting is on **Monday, 21st March**, same time and same place.

ANNUAL DINNER

We hope to be able to confirm the new date for our Annual Dinner by the end of this month. All Members will be notified and the new date will be announced in the next Edition of the Bride Valley News.

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

We are still looking for someone to oversee the annual Poppy Appeal Collections. Please contact Malcolm Lawrence (898616) for information.

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women; it is open to all and you are welcome to join us. Please contact either **Basil Dent** on 01308 897125 or **Hazel Dalglish** 01308 897894 for more details.

Hazel Dalglish, Secretary

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

The Women's Section have challenged us to a **Skittles Match** which will start at 7 p.m. on **Monday 8 February, 2016** at the **Swan Inn**, Abbotsbury. Light refreshments will be available: if attending let **Peggy Ford** or **Des Baker** know in advance, if possible, to assist with catering please.



Names are also required of those attending the **Branch Annual Lunch** which will again be held at the Leisure Centre, Highlands End, Eype at 12noon for 12.30 p.m. on **Thursday 17 March**. [*Non-members welcomed but their bookings must be accompanied by payment in advance and is non-returnable]. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Other diary dates to note:

Friday 29 April coach visit to **Powderham Castle Garden Festival***, Devon.
31 May – 1 June, national events to mark the anniversary of the **Battle of Jutland**. (This was the largest naval battle, and the only full-scale clash of battleships of WW1).

Des Baker is running charity fund raising tours to **Orkney Isles* 11-15 June**, by air from Southampton – last few seats remaining. (Itinerary available on request);

France & Belgium* 27 September – 4 October by coach via Eurotunnel.

Weymouth Pavilion Theatre at 2 pm **Tuesday 19 April**—Join us to celebrate **H.M. The Queen's birthday**, with the help of **Neil Sands** and his wonderful West End Cast for a nostalgic journey back over **“90 Glorious Years”**. The perfect show for such a Royal Celebration. Music, song and sing-along! Reserved seat tickets must be booked with Des by **7 February**.

Des Baker Social Fund Chairman “aveswood@sky.com



CITIZENS ADVICE BRIDPORT & DISTRICT offer comprehensive, free and confidential advice on a wide range of problems and issues. You can just drop in, and you will find us at 45 South Street Bridport DT6 3NY (next door to Bridport Library), or you can telephone 01308 456594 for an appointment. We are open in Bridport from Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm. You can also find a wide range of information online at citizensadvice.org.uk

HELP US HELP OTHERS!



Age UK Dorchester is looking for people to support its Reach Out service which is expanding to the Bride Valley area. The service is seeking people to visit local older people who have become isolated and possibly lonely.

Hilary Foggo, the local **Reach Out Development Officer**, commented “Our aim is to re-establish those social contacts for older people within this community. Where possible, to enable them to get active outside of their home environment however, where this is not possible, we try to provide volunteers to visit people at home on a regular basis for a chat and a cup of tea. We can also offer a phone friends service. **Reach Out** is very well established in the Dorchester, Weymouth & Portland areas. Additional funding from the Dunhill Medical Trust has provided the opportunity to establish this service in more areas.”

The whole service revolves around the commitment of volunteers who can give as little or as much time as they are able to. If you enjoy meeting people, are a good listener and have some spare time to give, this could be the ideal role for you. To find out more about how you could make a difference to the life of an isolated older person, please contact Hilary on 01305 269 444 or email h.foggo@ageukdorchester.org.uk

CHILDREN'S CLUB/MESSY CHURCH 10.15am

Family Service 11am

Puncknowle St Mary's
Sunday 21st February

coffee, papers, chat
ALL WELCOME



SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

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ACROSS: 1, Prosperity.
7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View.
11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15,
Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit.
21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23,
Prophetess.
DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid.
3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm.
5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9,
Tridentine. 12, Kingship.
14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19,
Hades. 20, Rome.

DIARY, FEBRUARY 2016

Mon	1	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	2	19.00	Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	3	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	3	19.30	Book Club	Village Hall, Punchknowle
Wed	3	20.00	BV Films Far from the Madding Crowd	LATCH
Thu	4	9.30	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Fri	5	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	5	19.30	Village Society - Bruce Upton "Fortified Dorset"	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	9	10.30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fiesta Fundraiser	25 Bindbarrow, BB
Tue	9	14.15	BB WI - Christine Shaw - Hunt for a Tiger	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	9	15.00	Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm
Tue	9	19.30	St Martin's APCM	St Martin's, Shipton
Wed	10	11.30	Christian Aid "Life on the Edge"	United Church, Bridport
Wed	10	19.30	Ladybirds - 'Where Did Dorset People Go?'	LATCH
Fri	12	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Mon	15		Painting Day with Lynda Connolly	LATCH
Tue	16	12.30	PSWB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	17	19.00	SGVS AGM 2016	Village Hall, Shipton
Wed	17	19.30	Burton Players "Good deeds, Deadly deeds"	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	18	19.30	Burton Players "Good deeds, Deadly deeds"	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	18	19.30	Upper BV WI AGM, Social, Quiz, Cheese & Wine	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	19	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	19	19.30	Burton Players "Good deeds, Deadly deeds"	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	20	10.30	Village Café	LATCH
Sun	21	10.15	Messy Church	St Mary's Puncknowle
Sun	21	10.00	Yoga Workshop with Nadiya Wynn	LATCH
Mon	22	19.30	Bride valley British Legion Social	The Anchor, BB
Tue	23	19.00	Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	24	10.00	Coffee Stop run by the Village Society	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	26	15.00	Afternoon Tea Fundraiser	16 Annings Lane, BB
Fri	26	19.30	Burton Films "Suite Francaise"	Village Hall, Burton

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES FEBRUARY 2016

	1st Sunday 7 February Sunday before Lent	Ash Wednesday 10 February	2nd Sunday 14 February Lent 1	3rd Sunday 21 February Lent 2	4th Sunday 28 February Lent 3
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	10.00 Holy Communion with ashing	11.00 Holy Communion by ext 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by ext 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion by ext		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evensong
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	6.00 Holy Communion with ashing	5.00 Evening Prayer	10.15 Family Service	11.00 All age Holy Communion
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship		9.30 Holy Communion by ext	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion with Baptism			9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy			11am Holy Communion by ext		11.00 Holy Communion by ext