

# ***Bride Valley*** ***News***

A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky. The stars are captured as long, white streaks against a deep blue background. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a tall, bare tree stands prominently, with its branches reaching upwards. The bottom of the image shows a dark horizon line with a faint glow of light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

***The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches***  
***December 2016***



*We wish all our friends & neighbours  
A Very Happy Christmas  
&  
Best Wishes for 2017*

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

	CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER		CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER
	Burton Bradstock	5.30 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion	
Shipton Gorge			11.00 Holy Communion by ext
Swyre	9.30pm Early Midnight Communion		
Puncknowle			11.00 Christmas Day Communion
Litton Cheney	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion		
Long Bredy			9.30 Holy Communion
Littlebredy			11.00 Holy Communion

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2016

Thursday	1	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	5	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	8	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	8	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study with Holy Communion
Friday	9	15.30	Burton Bradstock, Christingle
Monday	12	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	13	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	15	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by extension
Monday	19	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	20	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	22	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	22	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study with Holy Communion

## FROM THE EDITOR



**MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our readers, advertisers, and also grateful thanks to the army of volunteers who help to put together the BVN and distribute it across the Valley.



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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN:** Burton Bradstock **ST MARY:** Litton Cheney  
**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:** Littlebredy  
**ST PETER:** Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)  
**ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN:** Puncknowle  
**ST MARTIN:** Shipton Gorge **HOLY TRINITY:** Swyre

<b>Rector:</b>	Canon Stephen Batty The Rectory, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QS <i>Stephen is currently on sick leave</i>	
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*To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,  
please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

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A few weeks ago when I was leading the worship at Littlebredy, there was a couple in the congregation who were clearly visitors. As the service progressed it became obvious that they were regular church goers, (even possibly clergy) as the responses came loudly and confidently. At the end of the service, I thanked them for coming and invited them to stay for coffee. And then, in a very broad Geordie accent, the man told me that they had just come from 56 Manor House Road. My face must have been an absolute picture because that is where I used to live as a student many years ago. And then the penny dropped; I was talking with one of my former flat mates whom I had not seen for well over thirty years, and her husband (who is in fact a retired priest!).

We chatted over coffee, and the years rolled back; you would have thought that we had never been out of touch. And how amazing it felt to re-establish contact after such a long time.

As Christmas approaches, many of us will take the opportunity to send a letter or a card to people we haven't seen for some time. We may once have seen each other almost every day, but now only exchange news at this time of year. And yet those special connections are there, reviving a feeling of closeness that has survived both time and distance. Friends and families get together, enjoying each other's company as food, drink and conversation are shared.

In our churches this Christmas, as every year, there will be carol services, crib services, Christingle services, all age worship, and Holy Communion as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus in different ways. Some people may have never really known him, others may be in constant touch. Whatever our situation, whoever we are, and however good or weak our efforts to maintain our relationship with him, he is always there to welcome us.

We look forward to welcoming you at one or more of our services this Christmas, and the whole ministry team wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



# FROM THE REGISTERS

## BAPTISMS

At 2pm on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Rachael & Jamie** brought their son **Oliver Matthew Elsworth** to a special service of baptism at Holy Trinity: Swyre.



A beautiful sunny day set the scene for the warm & happy atmosphere inside the church where The Revd. Sue Linford welcomed young Oliver into the Church Community. The two chosen hymns - "All Things Bright & Beautiful", & "Morning Has Broken", complemented the mood perfectly. Parents & Godparents promised to guide him through his life in the ways of truth & light. As a symbol of this, a lighted candle was presented to Oliver's family which was proudly held by his sister **Lilly**.

Following the service, members of the congregation, family & friends, made their way to The Bull for a buffet style reception that was enjoyed by everyone. Our grateful thanks go the Bride Valley Team for making the necessary arrangements, to David for playing the organ, & to Sue for the catering,

*Geoff Parr*

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**Hannah and Nick** brought their daughter **Olivia Violet Barnaby Bunting** for baptism during the Harvest Service at St Mary's Litton on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Olivia is the second daughter to Hannah and Nick, and little sister to **Harriet Anne**. The service was taken by Revd Edward Tildesley. Keeping it in the village with **Tess Mulhall** and **Rachel Kingston** as glorious god mothers! We had a fabulous time, with the sun shining down like a summer's day.

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The Valley United service, held on 30<sup>th</sup> October at Burton Bradstock, included within the service the baptism of **Olivia Kate Carver** daughter of **Vikki** and **James Carver** from Cornwall, and brother of Harry who was christened in Burton. Three young people enacted the Bible reading about Zaccheus whom Jesus rescued from spiritual disaster - a bit like Olivia's dad in his job as a Royal Naval Rescue Pilot. We pray that in the coming days the Lord will keep them all in his love and care.



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On 5<sup>th</sup> November St Martin's Shipton Gorge was filled with people coming to celebrate **Amelia Mae Puttock's** birth and christening. During the service we thought about Job's story of faith in God's promises and ours as Amelia's parents, **Brian** (a police officer in Shipton)

and **Kelly** promised, with six godparents, to bring her up in the faith of Christ, our Redeemer. We pray with them that Christ's light may fill their home and hearts now and in the days to come.

## FUNERALS

On 12<sup>th</sup> October the funeral of **John Frederick Loxton** of Shipton Gorge was held in Weymouth Crematorium. John, originally a boat builder and later refurbisher for Magna Homes, died unexpectedly at the age of 57 leaving a wife, **Karen**, three children, **Anna, Andrew** and **Simon**, and a number of grandchildren . John loved music and - thinking about one of his favourites from Sister Act (*I will follow Him*) - we focussed on following the Good Shepherd who leads us to Heaven and carries us through our sorrows. We pray for Christ's presence and peace to be with all the family.



## VALLEY NOTES

### BRIDE VALLEY MESSY CHURCH NEWS

A group of adults met on Remembrance Sunday and had a lively and meaningful discussion on peace. Although there were no children present, this illustrates the fact that Messy Church is a different way of doing church, but it is still church and suitable for all ages.



Our December service will look at Christmas. What's the point of Christmas? For many people Christmas is all about spending money, giving and getting presents, and eating and drinking with family and friends. It's the retailers' opportunity to make profits. You get time off work and some people go away on holiday. How does the story about a baby in a manger come into this?

We are going to stage a re-enactment of the nativity story but with an unusual slant..... Mary had a baby - so what? There are lots of babies born every day of the year. Our play will explore the story behind the story.

**To find out more, join us in Puncknowle Village Hall on Sunday December 11 at 10.30 am.** If you want to come in costume (eg as an angel, shepherd) please do. There will be party food and a (probably!) messy celebration after the play. All are welcome.

*"Messy Church is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus. Messy Church values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration"*



## FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL.

Paul of Tarsus, early persecutor of the Church and eventually its greatest missionary and theologian is a fascinating story. Just how would the Church have developed without him and his restless desire to tell others of Jesus?

Paul undertook three great missionary journeys through Asia Minor, Greece and finally to Rome. He struggled against not only local opposition but also opposition from within the Church itself. These struggles are recorded in his letters which form the basis of much of the New Testament.

Paul's story is told by Luke in the book of Acts. Next September there is going to be a wonderful opportunity to visit many of the sites associated with Paul and his missionary journey to ancient Macedonia and Greece.

**Andrew Evans**, Team Rector at Bridport is experienced in leading holiday-pilgrimages in the Mediterranean and Holy Land. He is planning to take a party to Greece in September next year, visiting many of the sites associated with Paul and his travels including Athens, Corinth, Philippi and Thessalonika. Also included is a visit to Delphi.

When one hears Paul's words spoken in the very place to which they were addressed the New Testament truly comes alive. Reaffirming ones baptismal vows where Lydia, the first person to be baptised on the European continent, is a never forgotten experience.

If you would like further details please contact Andrew on 01308 422138 or [canonandrewevans@gmail.com](mailto:canonandrewevans@gmail.com).



## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

**Fledglings** have been part of the school since September and we

are all loving it! Several parents have made a point of letting me know what a stimulating environment the pre-school provides and how happy their children are. The children have enjoyed a huge range of activities. They love being in the Discovery Area



and frequently join the toddler group on Wednesdays in LATCH. If you would like to see their newsletters and pictures, please go to their website via our own: [www.thorners.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.thorners.dorset.sch.uk).

The children recited poems and remembered with a silence on **Remembrance Day**. The School Council raised funds for **Children in Need**. Children came to school wearing something yellow or spotty and brought £1. They also brought small change to help cover a picture of Pudsey with coins.

**Sport:** We played **netball** against Loders. The children were fantastic and won 3 out of the 4 games played. The whole school is enjoying **archery** for 6 weeks. The children took part in the **cross-county run** at Colmer's Hill.



Some pictures of the **musical instruments** made by the Bredy children – lots more on our website!

**Thorner's School 100 club:** Autumn Term (First Half) Draw  
1st Prize £20 - Chris Smith 2nd Prize £10 - Peggy Patterson If anyone still wishes to enter for the remaining draws they can do so by paying a pro rata amount - Payment due for next 5 draws = £10.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL**

We enjoyed our visit to the Remembrance Day coffee morning at the village hall this half term, where the children were presented with certificates for taking part in the Poppy Day Poster Competition. I would like to say 'thank you' for the warm welcome we received – it is always lovely to talk with people from the village and for the children to find out about life in the past. As I write this report the children are busy planning and preparing for hosting the Coffee Stop at the village hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Open Morning** - We have recently held our Open Morning where we welcomed prospective parents/carers into the school. It is such a privilege to be able to spend the whole morning showcasing what a fantastic school

we have and sharing this with others. Parents need to apply to admissions by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to secure a place in Reception for September 2017. I am aware that we still have some spaces available at the school so if you know of a family looking for a school I would be delighted to give them a tour!

**Quicksticks Festival** – The children in Years 3 and 4 travelled up to The Sir John Colfox Academy to take part in a Quicksticks Festival with children from other local schools and led by the Sports Leaders from the Secondary school. Quicksticks is a variation of hockey designed for Primary children. Not only did the children have lots of fun but they were able to put into practice the skills that they had learnt during their PE lessons.

**After School Clubs** – The children continue to enjoy the range of after school clubs that are on offer this term. The traditional football, netball and running clubs have been well attended and the pupils are practising hard ready for the various competitions that are coming up. The children in Drama club are



busy rehearsing 'Jack and the Beanstalk' ready to perform to their parents at the end of the term. We have a new club this year – Stone Carving Club which is being led by Rebecca Freiesleben from Abbotsbury. The first group have just finished their carvings and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced wonderful results!

**Street Art** – Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity of working with a graffiti artist, Cleo, and other students within the Minerva Learning Trust. Together they have produced designs based on the local area and used spray paint to create murals. These murals will be erected on the hoardings around the Science and Literary Institute in Bridport whilst the building is being restored.



**Key Stage 1 Multi-skills Festival** – Pupils in Year 1 and 2 travelled to The Sir John Colfox Academy to take part in different sports led by the Sports Leaders. It is great that our children have the opportunity to visit the local secondary school, which is of a much bigger scale than their primary school, and work with pupils from other schools. Although, they found the coach journey just as exciting as the activities when we got there!

Despite it being the start of November we are already preparing for the festive activities that will soon be upon us. We hope that you will be able to join us at some of our Christmas services this year which include the **Christingle Service** on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, our **Christmas Fayre** at the school on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 10am-12noon, the Nativity on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** and finally our **Carols** around the Tree on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

*The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.*

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

Due to unforeseen circumstances our youth leader has had to move away. I am afraid until a new team is found to run the Youth club we will not be able to run any sessions.

The Youth club runs every other week term time only so it's not a massive commitment. DBS, first aid and child protection training are essential but this can be done through Dorset youth service.

There are 30 young members so it would be a real shame for it not to continue.

If you feel you could give up some time on a regular basis please contact Jill on [jill.neill@live.co.uk](mailto:jill.neill@live.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 service to be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

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

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We are a fun, friendly, village group run by Mums for babies, toddlers and children (up to 4) together with their parents, grandparents or carers. We have a lovely selection of toys, we always run a craft or sensory activity and we love a good sing-song. Snacks are provided for the little ones (please feel free to bring a piece of fruit or veg to share), cuppa and biscuits for grown ups! £2 first child, £1 siblings/friends. **Every Wednesday (term time) 9:45am-**



11:15am in LATCH Litton Cheney Village Hall. Contact Nicola Miller 01308 482734 [jamieandnicola@gmail.com](mailto:jamieandnicola@gmail.com) or Clare Turnbull 07748 783442 [clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com) for more info.



## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE STERLING SERVICE!

After 30 years of wonderful service to the Bride Valley Car Service, **Virginia McShane** has finally retired as coordinator in order to enjoy a more peaceful life. At a celebration tea party in Litton Cheney attended by virtually all the current drivers, Virginia was thanked by Chair **Diana Cheater** for her dedication - she has been a volunteer driver for 30 years and the coordinator for the last seven years. She also saw the service through its transitional period, after the withdrawal of financial support from Dorset County Council.

The task of coordinator is vital to the service and without Virginia the whole system would not have worked, as many of the users and volunteer drivers will testify. Virginia carried out her responsibilities with patience, kindness and enthusiasm; nothing was ever too much trouble and enormous thanks are due to her from the community.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November a new coordinator took over. **Lesley Dove** is known to many, having lived in the Bride Valley for the past 20 years, and the current team is very grateful to her for taking this on. Please note, therefore, that if you need the services of the Bride Valley Car Service you should now ring Lesley on (01308) 897695.

## PORTESHAM SURGERY NEWS

*For those of our patients who don't come in to the Surgery that often, here is a précis of our Winter Surgery Snippets newsletter.*

**GP Surgeries at risk?** You may have seen press reports of a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) proposal to close or merge GP surgeries in Dorset. The CCG's draft plan for the next 5 years is to encourage GP practices to "work at scale" either in federations of practices or by merging, especially where surgery premises are getting old and costly to maintain.

The sound bites are scary but the CCG will be looking at "failing practices". We are fortunate in that our clinical work is of a very high standard, we have excellent patient satisfaction levels, and work out of purpose built premises. We have already formed a Federation with five other West Dorset practices (covering Maiden Newton, Beaminster, Bridport,

Charmouth and Lyme Regis) and we are working on plans to develop some shared services in the future (such as the 7-day GP appointments which the government promised but which, as a small practice, our GPs are not in a position to provide on their own). So we are confident that we are in a good position and plan to be here for many years to come!

We will keep you up to date if there are any developments which might affect the care we offer. Meanwhile do take a look at the "Dorset CCG Commissioning Strategy and Plan" on the CCG website or follow the link from our website. Or talk to a PPG member to express your views and find out more. And, if we need to ask for your support in the future, it would be very helpful if we had your mobile number or email address.

**Staff News:** many of you will know that **Dr Louise Beale** and our Health Care Assistant **Tabby Lewis** are both currently undergoing cancer treatment. They are both progressing well and in the meantime we are lucky to have a fabulous team of locums who are helping to fill the gaps. We would like to thank patients for your tolerance if we cannot always see you as quickly as we would all like.

On a happier note we will welcome **Dr Deborah Smithers** to our permanent team of GPs from January. She writes: *"I qualified from Liverpool Medical School in 1990 and moved to London after a couple of years to start my paediatric career. I spent an amazing two years in Sydney Australia working in paediatric intensive care including four months as a flying doctor. I moved back to the south west where I met my husband in Burton Bradstock and still live there with my husband, 2 daughters and 2 dogs. I love walking my dogs, try to control the garden and you can often see me running around the country lanes training. I now want to work nearer to home and our family business, and can't wait to join Portesham where I started my GP career as a locum. "*



**Patient Participation Group:** The PPG has a noticeboard and comment box in the waiting room, and members attended our Saturday Flu Clinics to introduce themselves and the group to patients.

### **Group members**

William Knapman (Chair), <b>West Bexington</b>	Andrew Bailey, <b>Long Bredy</b>
Sandra Marshall, <b>Puncknowle</b>	Jill Askew, <b>Shipton Gorge</b>
William Whiting, <b>Portesham</b>	Clive Willetts, <b>Martinstown</b>

If you have any suggestions or concerns that you cannot make directly to a member of staff, please feel free to discuss it with any member of the PPG.

## A SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (with free transport).

**BRIDPORT BLIND CLUB** is a social club for the visually impaired people of Bridport and District. Though we are known as the Blind Club almost all of our members have some degree of sight. We meet twice a month for a talk or a song, a chat and an afternoon tea. If you are interested for yourself or someone else who is visually impaired, please get in touch. We can generally provide transport to meetings.

We have games, speakers, trips or music followed by an afternoon tea. We are supported by our volunteers and the volunteer drivers from Brit Valley Rotary Club, Bridport Lions and Beaminster and by our link with Dorset Blind Association.

We are pleased to say that we are welcoming new members particularly from the Bride Valley and hope to hear from people who would like to join. As well as seeking members we are also seeking volunteers and drivers especially from the Bride Valley. For more information please contact [ian.ibbotson@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.ibbotson@btinternet.com) Tel 01308 898484 or **Ann Cook** tel 01308 427915.

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



At the last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2016, in October, Malcolm Mills, from the Gold Club, talked to us about grasses. He brought a number to show us, explaining where and how to plant them, how to look after them and showed us other plants which look good with grasses. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on **March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**, will be published in the BVN next year.

### **Jobs to do during December and January**

This is the time to get prepared for next spring: prevent pests and diseases accumulating by removing any remains of overwintering weeds, diseased material and old crops; clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Add at least a 5cm layer of mulch (e.g. mushroom or well-rotted garden compost) over bare soil between plants to suppress weeds. In January sow chilli and any summer bedding seeds that need a long growing season (e.g. lobelias, begonias, antirrhinums) in a heated propagator. Warm up the soil with cloches for early seed sowing. Continue to ensure that birds have food and water, especially in frozen conditions.

***We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2017.***

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



*We wish all our Members and Friends a very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year*

We do not meet in December but our next Social Evenings are as follows:-

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

Held at The Anchor, Burton Bradstock 7pm for 7.30pm

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

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

## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



At the Branch Committee Meeting in October, **Mrs. Pat Crockett** gave notice of her intention to resign as Honorary Branch Secretary, with effect from the A.G.M. on 17 November. She also concludes her Poppy Appeal Organiser role next year, so that a replacement for that position will be needed to start w.e.f. 1.10.17. Neither position has been potentially filled at the time of writing and volunteers are therefore sought. Contact the Chairman on 01305 871881 if you are interested – non-members may apply.

The total amount raised from all sources for the Appeal Year up to 20 October was **£4293.52**.

**Rob Clarke** gave an interesting account of the art of paper-making in the same month to an appreciative but small audience.

The proposed Christmas shopping trip to Winchester had been cancelled due to low numbers.

Members and friends travel to Poole Lighthouse Concert Hall on 11 December to see the last stop on a nationwide tour of the Royal Air Force Band. [Booking now closed]

Among forthcoming events and ideas being considered for 2017 are: an informal private dinner function at 'The Sugar Loaf Café', Easton, Portland; shooting at the Clay Pigeon, Warden Hill; a sea angling trip by boat from West Bay Harbour; a visit to the 'Watercress Railway workshops, Hampshire, to see maintenance being carried out with an in depth



explanation of the workings of the motive power units; Annual Lunch, Eye in March. If any of the events appeals to you, get in touch with me in order that we have an early indication of your interests. Non-Members can be included at just £3 per head per event.

**Meanwhile Happy Christmas to all our readers and a prosperous New Year!**

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

## **GOOD BOOKS**

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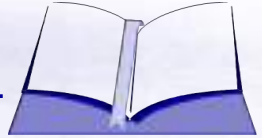
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Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright**  
**01308 456 967**



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*Fireside Tea and Chat*  
*Baglake Farm on*  
*Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*3.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.*  
*All are welcome.*

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017**

**A COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW IS BEING STAGED AT  
THE LATCH IN LITTON CHENEY**

**We are calling all local talent to apply to  
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**3 DECEMBER 2016**

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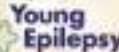
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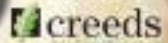


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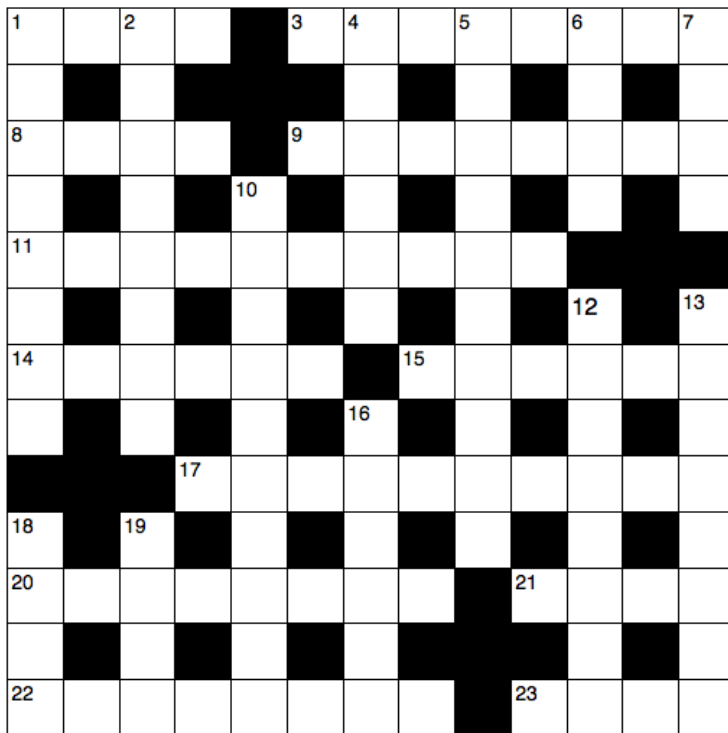
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**Across**

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the —, "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

**Down**

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — —, and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and —' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

# LONG BREDY

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

As with many of the Festival Services, the Harvest Festival service was well-attended, with over 40 people attending and celebrating another fruitful year from fields and gardens. The church was beautifully decorated with produce and that, together with harvest gifts which were brought to the service, were all donated to Chancery House in Bridport.



### CAROL SERVICE

The joint Carol Service for both Long Bredy and Little Bredy will be held on **Sunday, December 18th at 10.00a.m.** This will be a Nativity Service with animals.

Refreshments will be served after the service and everyone will be very welcome.

If anyone - child or adult - wishes to enter into the spirit of the service and dress as shepherds, kings, or angels, they are welcome to!

### CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas Day service will be held at 9.30 a.m. and will be a Family Communion, to which everyone is welcome.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

At a recent Wine and Cheese evening held in the Town Hall by the Bridport branch of Dr. Barnado's, to mark the 150th anniversary of the organisation's existence, **Carol Lee** was presented with a certificate to mark 50, yes .... 50 years of voluntary service to the organisation. She was paid tribute to for that commitment, by the representative from Dr Barnado's who talked about the role of the charity in the 21st century.

Congratulations, Carol, for the award and your inspiring service.

## TEA AND CHAT

Fireside tea and chat will be offered again on **Wednesday, December 7th**, between 3.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. at Baglake Farm, Long Bredy. In **January**, the day will change to **Tuesday, January 10th**.

## RIDE AND STRIDE - DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES' TRUST

As a result of the Ride and Stride sponsorship money raised for the above organisation, we have now received a cheque for **£197.50** for St Peter's Church funds. This is 50% of the the money raised by Long Bredy.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

## THE 100 CLUB

The Winners for October 2016 were:



£25	No 78	David Peretz
£15	No 93	Michael Felce
£5	No 70	Mary Anderson

The 100 Club is a very successful way of raising nearly **£700.00** per year for village amenities, the funds being split equally between the Village hall, the Playing Field and St. Peter's Church.

Ruth Cullingford and Andrew Bailey have done a wonderful job running this for the last few years. Ruth, as Church Treasurer, is willing to continue managing the money, but Andrew, who is Chairman of the Hall Committee, will continue to run it for 2017 but is stepping down after this year so we do need someone who is willing to help Ruth.

The organisation of the fund is all set up very clearly and Andrew would be very pleased to show a willing volunteer what to do during 2017.

What does it involve?

The busiest time is January, when the new year of the fund starts and there are new members to include. (Everyone helps do this 'recruitment'). After this, the time commitment is just 15 minutes a month for the draw, although there are other named people who are also able to do this.

We do hope that this can continue. For the benefit gained from the 100 Club, the time commitment in running it is minimal. However, we do a volunteer to take Andrew's place: the Parochial Church Council will not be continuing to run it alone.

## KINGSTON RUSSELL AND LONG BREDY PARISH COUNCIL PARISH CLERK.

It is with disappointment that the Long Bredy & Kingston Parish Council have to report that the recently appointed Clerk, Tim Watton, has decided to relinquish the role and has tendered his resignation. This, of course, poses a number of short term challenges for the Parish Council but plans are in place to navigate our way through this unforeseen situation. The

Council will do its utmost to continue to provide the correct level of service to both parishes. As an interim measure, Steve Evans, the vice - chairman will act as the contact point for any correspondence, queries or communications. His number is 01308 482647 and his address is 8 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy. We can also be reached via the Parish Council email address [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk). The Council will keep parishioners updated on any developments.

We will be looking to recruit a new clerk so anyone interested in the post - which is very interesting and provides an important service for the village - should contact either Steve Evans or the Council chairman, David Peretz on 07879444135.

## BINGO EVENING

Over **£200.00** profit was made from the evening as a contribution to Charlie Pitcher's fund raising for his Scout expedition to Kenya in 2017. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

## LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The churchyard working party will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

We hope many of you will join us for our Christmas Services:

**Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Crib Service** on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. A lovely start to Christmas for all the family, and **Midnight Communion** on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30 p.m.

**Light up the Church this Christmastime** - For a donation of only £5 you can floodlight the Church for an evening over the Christmas and New Year period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 482617.

**BELLS!** Hopefully our newly refurbished bells will be ringing again for Christmas and New Year's Eve so do listen out for them. We should love to recruit and train some new ringers, so if you would like to have a trial session or just come and see what goes on up the tower, please do give Wendy a call (01308 482532).

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



Mondays Beavers and Cubs (5th December only)  
Tuesdays Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.(if enough people)  
Wednesdays Toddler Group 7th December only 10.00am  
Table Tennis 4.00 p.m. (if enough people)  
Fridays: Mobile Shop in car park 8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m  
Yoga 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m (not 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>)

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 7.30 p.m.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

THE SUMMER BBQ will continue under the “new management” of Tess Mulhall and a group of volunteers. Many thanks to all. Tess will give more information in a New Year edition of the BVN.

**DECEMBER Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> and Friday 16<sup>TH</sup>** - CAROL SINGING around the village. Meeting at the Triangle 6.30 pm. All donations to Julia’s House.

We understand that our highly trained ducks are fretting in case they are not required next year! Do not despair, the DUCK RACE will take place under the existing management.

**Happy CHRISTMAS and a Wonderful NEW YEAR from your Social Committee.**

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

**Litton Cheney Parish Council** wishes residents of Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley a most Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **Litton Cheney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The Parish Council have now approved the Steering Group's Terms of Reference and they can be found in the Neighbourhood Plan section of the village website. The Parish Council have also agreed that for the purposes of discussions with WDDC the parish boundary will be the relevant area if and when a Neighbourhood Plan is deemed appropriate. Various working groups from within the SG are now enthusiastically putting together demographics, pertinent survey questions and holding discussions with interested parties.

The intent is to involve local parish residents as much as possible ensuring a balance between the vocal few and the quiet majority. Periodic meetings (every six months, or more frequent if necessary) open to the public will be held and leaflet drops made to keep all up to date with progress. Current information is available on the village website [www.littoncheney.org.gov.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.gov.uk)





## THE BRIDE VALLEY'S GOT TALENT!!

On a dark winter's night on **Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2017** we invite you to join us at LATCH, Litton Cheney for an exciting CHARITY VARIETY SHOW, the proceeds of which will be distributed between three charities: **Macmillan Cancer Charity**, the **Bride Valley Churches** and the **Litton Children's Playground** project.

Watch this space for further details over the next few months with what is shaping up to be a very entertaining evening of song, dance and theatre. However, we are still looking for more talent so if you or your group of friends would like to tread the boards, send your details to [patricia.gates@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.gates@btinternet.com)

Please apply as soon as possible, giving full details of your Act

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### ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

**11AM CHRISTMAS DAY – HOLY COMMUNION**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR 11 DECEMBER 3-4.45PM**

Father Christmas will be arriving in his grotto in Puncknowle Hall on 11 December at 3pm. So come along with the family to enjoy homemade mince pies and mulled wine and visit the various stalls and crafts. – fun for all and a chance for the children to receive a gift from Santa Claus. From the Fair please feel free to walk down with us to the Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 5pm.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** will be held at 5pm on Sunday December 11 during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards please stay for mince pies and mulled wine.

### CAROLS IN THE CROWN TUESDAY 20 December 7.30-8.30pm

We will be singing carols in the warm and festive surroundings of our village pub in aid of ALABARE from 7.30-8.30. Do come and join us for a great evening.

## THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST - PUNCKNOWLE INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The **Napper Charity Trust** raises a small fund each year to be used for the **benefit of residents of Puncknowle** and awards from it are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

Any person or group (from Puncknowle) can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply in confidence to

The Clerk of Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council (Carolyn Buckland) -  
Telephone 01308-897726 - email [Puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:Puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk)  
or contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

**ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

## PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

We all enjoyed our workshop with Tracy Linwood creating pastel pictures of a fox. Everyone achieved a pleasing result due to Tracy's detailed preparation and constant help and attention.



Much fun was to be had at our morning painting without brushes and we found a number of ways of making a picture. Ideas came for mornings to be planned for the New Year. Before then however we are going to use this month to party. On **2<sup>nd</sup>** we will meet in the Crown for coffee and mince pies and on **9<sup>th</sup>** we will have our Xmas party in the hall.

<http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk>

*Christine Molony*



## BOOK CLUB

Our read this month was 'The Shock of the Fall' by Nathan Filer, a Costa Award winning first novel. The author has a professional background in mental health and this theme is explored in the book. Some of us enjoyed it, some didn't. Criticisms included an unconvincing ending. On the positive side, most of us felt it was a valuable exploration of mental health issues. It is an astute portrayal of a man's descent into mental illness.

**We have room for two more members.** So if you would like to come and try a book group, come along and see what you think. We meet at 7.30. on the first Wednesday of each month at Puncknowle village hall. There is no need to buy books for this as we select ours from the library collection, plus we often bring recommendations and books to lend or share. For more information, please contact; **Cathryn Johnson** 01308 897169.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE



### Family Christmas Sing Along

A village Christmas celebration will be held at The Bull Inn, Swyre

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4pm -6pm

Entry Free - All are welcome to come along.



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on **13<sup>th</sup> December** which is a week early and it is our Christmas meal. So dressing up is optional but very welcome.



Anyone wishing to join us either new or current members and could those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492. 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 still in need of volunteers to assist especially with the **cooking**, It is only one Tuesday each month to serve between 25 and 30 members. Many thanks to those who help with the setting up of the hall and for the diners who help with the clearing up afterwards. 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 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.



## CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com). **A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used**

# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on **Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm, with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Please join us for a joyful **CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE** at 11am on 25th December.

## ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Shipton Gorge Village can enjoy the wonderful sight of St Martin's Church, lighting up the sky throughout these long dark nights. Our sponsors for December are:

Jessica for Advent

David & Rosemary Greasby

Jane & Martin Larnar,

Rose for Alan's birthday,

Ed & Linda Buck

Janet Lane for Brian

Heather & Graham Cowlan  
remembering Nell on her birthday,

John & Diane Bredemear

Roy & Les Symes in remembrance of  
Percy Symes' birthday,

Harry & Lily Myers in memory of their  
beloved daughter Beverley's birthday,

Jill & David Curtis for their family, friends  
and those relatives no longer with us

Roy & Les Symes wishing Mum, friends  
and relatives a Happy Christmas and  
all the best for the New Year.

Richard & Hilary for Hilary's New Year's  
Eve birthday

Belated November sponsors were:

Diane James fond memories of her Mum and  
Steve Larcombe for his Mum Mildred.

May I wish all our sponsors who have been so generous throughout the year a very happy Christmas.

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, sponsorship is just £5. You can contact me, **Phyl Webster**, on Tel. No. 01308 898657. Should you want your occasion mentioned in the BVN

for the appropriate month, please let me know in good time for the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

## CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

This will take place on **Monday 19th December**, starting from the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 6pm. Wrap up warmly and bring your dog, your torch and your family and friends! Carol sheets will be provided.



I'll see you all on the day.

*Janet Lane*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

**2017 AGM – WED 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY @ 7.00pm SG VLLAGE HALL**

Advance notice that our 2017 AGM will be held on the above date, a month earlier than past years. We will again be looking for new members with 'new ideas' to progress our Committee forward. Any Villager who is interested, can contact the Chairman Ed Buck (01308898278) prior to the meeting date for further info !

We have had some changes on our Committee with Tony Lock becoming our new Treasurer and Terry Diver now filling our vacant Secretarial role until a **NEW SECRETARY** is forthcoming !

## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Many thanks to all of you who assisted by helping on **Apple Day** and by donating produce and bottles for the stalls. Thank you also to all the other village organisations who joined us to make this a very successful event and a final thank you to all of you who came and enjoyed the afternoon. The Information Board has been installed in the Orchard so please go and have a look at it if you have already not done so.

We will be holding our **AGM** on **Friday 9 December** at 7.30 in the Village Hall. There is a vacancy for one trustee so if you are interested in taking up this appointment please speak to Mary Boughton or me (897928).

*Hilary Cunningham - Chairman*

## PARISH COUNCIL

With the winter months now upon us, it seems a good time to remind residents that the village's **Emergency Plan**, that was distributed to all households earlier this year, has a lot of useful information for use in any emergency but also to mention that anyone who encounters severe problems should contact our parish Resilience Officers - **Gerry Pyke** on 897110 or **John Porter** on 897551.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the New Year on Wednesday **11<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm in the village hall, everyone is welcome.

All members of the Parish Council would like to wish all our residents and friends a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year

*Mary Boughton*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

**The Sudanese Evening was the last event of Mission 2016 for this year.** It was both interesting and informative as Mike Maclachlan from the Salisbury - Sudan Medical Link gave a presentation about the medical problems in the remote rural areas of Sudan. Urgently needed medical supplies are being sourced from a local pharmaceutical business, thus overcoming delivery problems. The training of nurses and particularly, midwives, are also being funded to save lives in a country where maternal and perinatal deaths are among the highest in the world. We thoroughly enjoyed the genuine falafels, made by a Sudanese lady from Exeter, and the donations of £190 will make a difference to this small charity.

The annual village candlelit **Carol Service** will take place on Sunday **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who have returned their home boxes but any remaining ones should be returned as soon as possible please.



**Our candlelit Christingle Service takes place in the Church at 3.30pm on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Rev'd Sue Linford.** The Christingle is a symbolic advent object that represents that Christ came to bring light to the world, with an orange representing the world and the red tape surrounding it, God's love. The tradition of Christingle was started in the Moravian Church in Germany in 1748 and adopted by The Children's Society in 1968. Children from the school will be taking part in various ways in this atmospheric service. Do come and join us.



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of December is our carol singing evening** which raises funds for the Society and anyone who can sing is welcome to join us. We meet at 6 pm, warmly clad, with torch in hand, outside the church.

*Pauline Woodford 898327*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.**

*For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré  
(01308897648)*



## **“200 CLUB” DRAW NOVEMBER 2016**

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

1 <sup>st</sup>	£42.80	No 49:	Mr Tom Holmes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£21.40	No 175:	Mr Steve Tolputt
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.70	No 24:	Mrs Elaine Tame

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £1 – one pound for the last remaining draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## **COFFEE STOP MORNINGS.**

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



<b>Date.</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Mary’s Church
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Village Hall Trust.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

**“ Astrophotography in Dorset's dark skies “** by Stephen Banks is the subject of this months talk for the Village Society on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 7.30pm.

Stephen has been photographing the night skies of Dorset for the last four and a half years or so, focusing on the Milky Way for the past three years. These time-lapse videos and images document Stephen’s progression in the field of astrophotography. Stephen will also be bringing along some of his calendars that you may like to purchase as a present for someone.



This looks to be a very interesting evening as you will also be supplied with

mulled wine and home made mince pies. Now who can resist this very tempting offer !

*As this is the last talk of 2016 the committee would like to wish all members of the Village Society a very Happy Christmas and New Year  
See you all in 2017*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

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

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

## CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING.

This year's Christmas Market in the Hall will be on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 10:00 to 12:30, entry £1 for adults, children under 16 free. Coffee, Tea biscuits and cakes will be available to purchase.

The market sells a variety of mostly Christmas related crafts, sweet and gift products, so please come and do some of your Christmas shopping in a festive atmosphere.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ.

The ever popular Village Quiz is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, with quiz questions arranged by **Sue Brown**. In a happy Christmas atmosphere there will be a bar, raffle, prizes for teams doing well (and badly), plus supper in the interval. This fun event is ticket only and is always sold out, so put the date in the diary.



Tickets are on sale at the Post Office, price £7 each which includes supper. All are welcome, teams of 8, small groups and individuals. To book a table for a team of 8, a vegetarian meal (essential if you want one), or to request being added to a team please call or email **Richard Ferré**, contact details in previous item.

## AGM.

The AGM of the Village Hall Trust will be held in the Hall on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** starting at 8:15pm. There will be short presentations on finances, bookings, last year's activities and next year's plans with questions at the end. Afterwards there will be a glass of wine and nibbles.



The hall is the cornerstone of many Village activities so please come along and make your views and wants known. *(Please do not come early, the Brownies do not finish until 8pm).*

## **COMPUTER/SMART PHONES ETC. TRAINING NEEDS?**

As you know, Burton Bradstock Online has already organised a number of training courses/sessions over time, even including some one-on-one coaching sessions.

Perhaps there is demand for more? Do you have any training needs on your PC/Laptop, Notebook, Tablet, Smart phone etc?

If you let me know your needs, and there is sufficient demand, we will endeavour to arrange training for you in the New Year.

*Chris Sundt - 898531*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Working together scheme with DCC**

Decreasing budgets have forced highways to reduce the maintenance carried out on our roads, verges and gullies. Parish Councils are being asked to consider taking on some of the minor maintenance works using volunteers, contractors or buying in the services in the parishes. The PC are gathering more information on the costs involved but this could have an impact on the parish precept, this is the money the PC receives from agreed budgets through your Council Tax.

### **Vacancies on the Council**

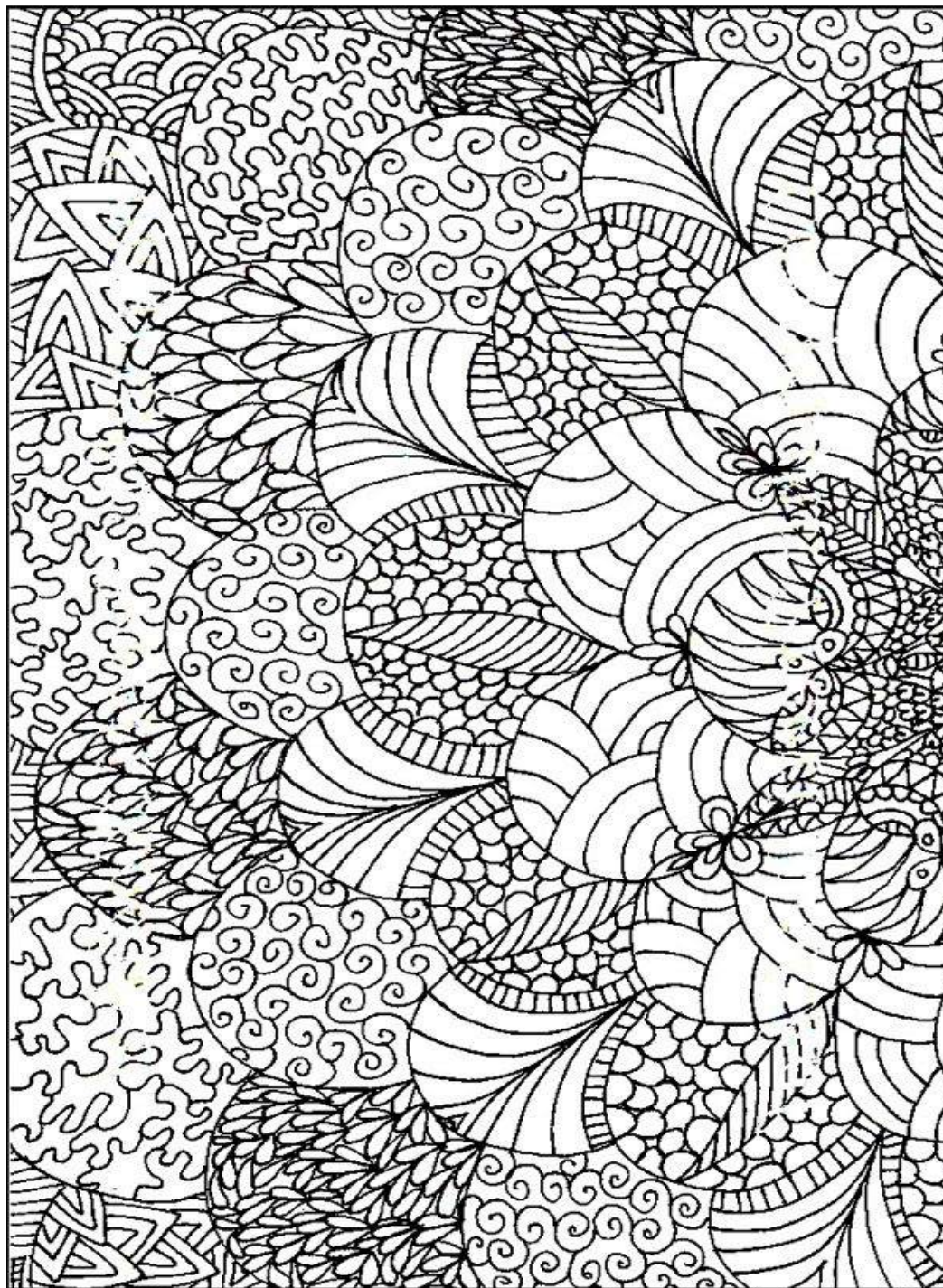
If you are interested in becoming a Councillor for Burton Bradstock there are now only 3 seats left. Come along to the next PC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December to see what goes on. Interested parties can be co-opted at the PC meeting, please contact the Clerk for further info.

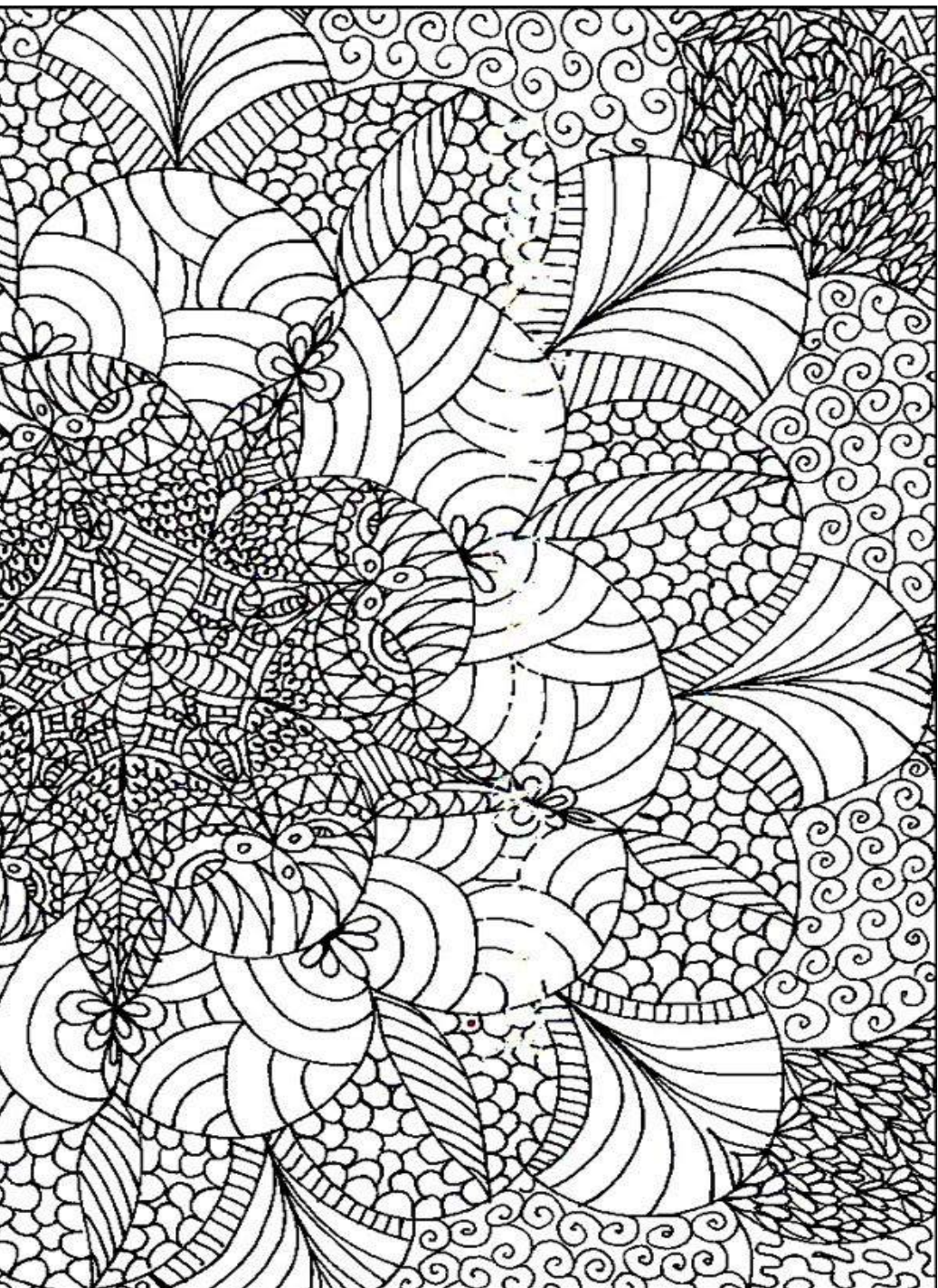
**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome! Refreshments to be served after the meeting.

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting on the village notice boards and the PC website.

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

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email: [burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)  
(note change of email address) Tel: 07814 016971. Website  
[www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

WED 25<sup>TH</sup>, THURS 26<sup>TH</sup> AND FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

PRESENT

**MURDER AT THE NEW VICARAGE**

A MURDER MYSTERY BY CLAIRE JONES

AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

*Seating arrangement : Tables of 8*

**BAR AVAILABLE**

**TICKET PRICE WILL INCLUDE LIGHT TWO COURSE MEAL**

Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office or by

telephoning 01308 898707

Box Office opens TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017

**ADVERTISE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS**

The BRIDE VALLEY NEWS Parish Magazine is delivered monthly free of charge to all homes in the Bride Valley - in excess of 1500.

We are already used by a wide range of advertisers. Many operate in the local area of the Bride Valley but also a good selection are from Bridport, Dorchester and Somerset. Most of these have been repeat advertisers with us over a number of years.

We have several sizes and shapes of advertising space on offer from 1/6 of a page, to a full page.

For further details please email the advertising manager at

[bvctc@outlook.com](mailto:bvctc@outlook.com)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE - 5TH DECEMBER**



**BURTON BRADSTOCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP**

We meet on Tuesday afternoons in the Village Hall - 1.45pm to approx 4.30pm. Visitors welcome. Christmas party bridge on **Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**.

We need someone to wash up tea items for approx half hour each Tuesday anytime from 3.15pm - wages to be agreed.

Please phone Chris 898117

**BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.**

At the October meeting, Mrs Elaine Colbert talked about her career as a milliner at a top London firm. She demonstrated hat-making technique, bringing along some blocks and some of her creations. Nowadays, many hats are made from fibre from the banana plant.



WI members enjoyed a trip to see "White Christmas" at the Octagon in Yeovil.

Packed with hit songs from Irving Berlin, this was a show performed with YAOS's usual style, great singing and dancing, and gorgeous costumes.

There will be WI stall cakes and crafts at the **Village Christmas Market on 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. This busy month also sees our **Christmas Lunch at Haddon House on the 7<sup>th</sup>**, the **Group Carol Service at Portesham on the 8<sup>th</sup>**, and our own **Christmas meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The WI meets in the afternoons during the winter months, so that members can make their way to the Village Hall in the light.

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

## **FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL) CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OPENINGS**

The library will be CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December, and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017. The library will be open as normal on Christmas Eve, & New Year's Eve.

### **Normal Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library**

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

Contact Details: ☎ **01308 897563;**

✉ [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)    [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards are available to buy in the Library and both pubs in the village. This year's picture by James Webster is entitled "Christmas Moon". The draw for the original is on **3<sup>rd</sup> December** at the Christmas Market in the Village Hall so there is not much time left to buy your ticket, for a chance to win this beautiful watercolour. £1 each from the Village Post Office & Shop.

All proceeds go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library funds.

With the holidays in mind it is worth reminding everyone that we have a large selection of jigsaws now available to borrow and DVD's at 50p to buy/return. Also with the merger of Dorset and Poole libraries into Libraries West, relatives visiting over the holidays that live in Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire are all able to use their Library Card in Burton Bradstock and return books to their own library should they wish.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Library in whatever way over the last year and take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

email: [pw@bridehead.com](mailto:pw@bridehead.com) Tel: 482232



We look backwards in time for our first two items this month. Pressure of space in the last edition meant that we couldn't mention **the wedding in Church on the 22nd October of our valley neighbour Alexandra Barbour to Henry Campbell-Ricketts**. The Barbours have had close connections with the village over many years, and it was a treat that St. Michael and All Angels was chosen (and beautifully decorated by the bride's family and friends) for such a special and memorable event, which was greatly appreciated by all those present. We wish Henry and Alexandra a long and happy married life together.

Their wedding day was sunny, unlike the 4th November, when the village bonfire and fireworks took place. Fortunately, the filthy rainy weather of the morning and afternoon relented in time for a good crowd to enjoy the evening pyrotechnics (and the Village Hall hospitality) in the dry. Thanks and congratulations to all who organised it and made it so successful on the night – their efforts were fully justified in the event.



Looking forwards now to the Christmas period, it is **Longbredy's turn this year to host our shared Carol Service, and this will take place in St. Peter's Church there at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 18th December** (n.b. please note the unusual time!). Let us hope it is well supported by both villages.

**Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, and our own service that day is a Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.**, for which the Rev. Edward Tildesley (known to many of us from Harvest Festival and other occasions) is coming to preside. This too deserves widespread support at the time of goodwill to all.

It may seem early to say so, but a very **happy and fulfilling Christmas** to all Littlebredy residents and anyone else connected with the village in any way.



Messy Christmas Service  
 Puncknowle Village Hall  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.30am**



coffee, play, chat  
 #notjust4kids

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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*...relax Miss Pugh... he's not introducing incense - he's just got a new phone with a faulty battery!*



# DIARY, DECEMBER 2016

Fri	2	10.00	Art Club	Crown, Puncknowle
Fri	2	19.30	Village Soc Astrophotos in Dorset's Dark Skies/S Banks	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	3	12.30	Village Hall Trust- Christmas Market & Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	6	16.30	Burton Duplicate Bridge Club	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	7		Burton WI Christmas Lunch	Haddon House
Wed	7	15.00	Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm
Wed	7	19.30	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	7	19.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Thu	8		WI Group Carol Service	Portesham
Fri	9	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	9	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton
Fri	9	19.30	Shipton Gorge Heritage AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	9	15.30	Candlelit Christingle Servcie	St Mary's, Burton
Sat	10	19.30	Village Hall Trust - Christmas Quiz	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	11	15.00	Christmas Fair	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	13	14.15	W.I. Christmas meeting	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	13	12.30	PSWB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	13		Burton WI Christmas Meeting	WI Hall, Burton
Wed	14	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by St Mary's Church	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	15	18.30	Carol singing around the Village	Triangle, Litton
Fri	16	18.30	Carol singiing around the Village	Triangle, Litton
Mon	19	18.30	Carol singing around the Village	Phone Box, Shipton
Mon	19	18.00	Carol singiing around the Village	St Mary's, Burton
Tue	20	19.30	Carols in the Crown	Crown, Puncknowle





## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2016

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 4 December Advent 2</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11 December Advent 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18 December Advent 4</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 24 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day 25 December</b>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	10.30 Family Service with baptism 6.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Carol Service	5.30 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion	11.00 Service for Christmas Day
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	5.00 Carol Service		11.00 Holy Communion by ext
<b>Swyre</b>		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30pm Early Midnight Communion	
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Messy Church in Puncknowle Village Hall 5.00 Carol Service	5.00 Evening Prayer		11.00 Christmas Day Communion
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion	
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion by ext		10.00 Carol Service – a 'live nativity' with donkey		9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11am Holy Communion by ext			11.00 Holy Communion