

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



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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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*To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,  
please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2017

Monday	3	9.00	Long Bredy
Monday	3	19.00	Reflect & Study with Holy Communion at Puncknowle
Tuesday	4	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	6	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	10	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	13	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	13	19.00	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock

***Post Easter break for all clergy – no midweek services***

Monday	24	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	27	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer

## GOOD BOOKS

*Bridport's Christian Bookshop*

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

website: [www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk](http://www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,  
Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.





## THE WILD (CHURCH) MOUSE

Here's a view of Weymouth that would be impossible to come by now. The railway line that cuts across the middle distance is no longer in operation and as for the roller coaster....well, that was dismantled long ago. It was called The Wild Mouse and I first rode on it with my father when I was very young. This Polaroid was taken on what must have been my very last ride on The Wild Mouse, in my teenage years. By comparison with today's large and sophisticated roller coasters, this was tame stuff. But at the time, it felt very 'wild' indeed. The vaguely

mouse-shaped car would grind its way up the summits, trundle along the level and then fall, precipitously, having turned a tight corner in such a way that you were convinced that it would certainly part company with the rails.

I've had the potential for more 'roller coaster rides' recently, since returning to limited duties after being diagnosed with motor neurone disease. Bit by bit, with the help of folk from the parishes, I'm getting out to the churches – including St. Mary's at Litton Cheney with its extremely steep incline. I'm grateful for the volunteers who have bravely pushed my wheelchair up the slope to St. Mary's – and for the skill and good humour of those who, with gentle braking, have eased me down the hill again! At no point have I felt that the chair has been about to part company with the path! Yet with such a sharp incline, there's a touch of The Wild Mouse to the experience – 'The Wild Church Mouse', one might call it. More than that, I'm very conscious of the truth of a line from the Hebrew Bible, from the Book of Ecclesiastes (4:10):

*'Better two than one by himself...If one should fall, the other helps him up; but woe to the man by himself with no one to help him when he falls down.'*

I'm grateful to all who've been helping me keep from falling over the last couple of months.

Returning to the Polaroid, I notice the skyline as seen from the summit of The Wild Mouse. The chimney, I think, has been taken down. The gas holder is out of commission now and due for demolition. The metalwork that comprised The Wild Mouse has long been scrapped. I dare say that, when this Polaroid was taken, I barely gave a thought to the church building that broke the skyline: today, while so much has changed all around it, Weymouth's Catholic Church of St. Joseph continues to be a house of worship.

*'Rejoice in your youth, you who are young;  
let your heart give you joy in your young days.'* (Ecclesiastes 11:9)

I'm glad for the thrills that The Wild Mouse ride gave me in my youth. And I'm gladder still for the love, care and support that help bear me through these days.

One day the sheer, wonderful 'lift' of Resurrection will be the fulfillment of all those thrills we've sought and risked in this life.

*Stephen Batty*

## FROM THE REGISTERS - 2017

### FUNERALS

27 January	Frederick John Miller	Holy Trinity Swyre
27 February	John Randall	St Mary's Litton Cheney
3 March	John Richard (Dick) Morgan	Weymouth Crematorium
8 March	Christina Young	Weymouth Crematorium

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES

3 March	John Richard (Dick) Morgan	St Mary's Burton Bradstock
25 March	Valerie Ada Parsons	St Mary's Burton Bradstock

### BURIAL OF ASHES

1 April	Ralph L F Sexton	St Mary's Burton Bradstock
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### WEDDINGS

22 April	Robert J Tyler & Laura A Clements	St Martin's Shipton Gorge
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## DEANERY & BENEFICE NEWS

### THE RT REVD NICHOLAS HOLTAM BISHOP OF SALISBURY

This Lent we are Praying Together as a Diocese. Each day, we read a short Scripture passage, followed by a reflection, prayer and action. I hope it is going well for you. If you haven't got a booklet – we gave out 25,000 – you can get the daily material from the website. It is a simple Lenten feast. The first weeks' themes have been temptation, conflict and suffering. We must all face what it is to be human. Praying helps direct our lives to God. It is the Pray part of Renewing Hope – Pray, Serve, Grow.



I hadn't expected Pray, Serve, Grow to be so integrated. The Salisbury-Sudan link began in 1973 when the bishop hoped informed prayer would lead to informed giving. It did, and then on to partnerships across the diocese with Sudan and South Sudan. We have received immeasurably more than we have given. Our Sudanese neighbours in God's world have shown us how to live with faith and hope under the pressures of conflict and poverty. Praying Together and the Diocesan Lent Appeal go hand in hand. After the hope of independence in 2011, through temptation and conflict South Sudan has fallen back into violence. The economy has collapsed and malnutrition has taken a firm hold. The suffering is great,

with 3.4 million displaced from their homes, at least 100,000 facing starvation and a further million on the brink of famine. We cannot do nothing. I am appealing for urgent help for our brothers and sisters.

So far, more than **£16,000** has been raised and I think we can raise **£50,000**. UNICEF estimates that could feed around 2,500 children for a month.

You can donate online via JustGiving at [www.bit.ly/ssudanappeal](http://www.bit.ly/ssudanappeal)

You can give by text message. Send **"SSUD17 £10"** to 70070 to give **£10**.

You can make a cheque payable to **Salisbury DBF SSA. Send to South Sudan Appeal, Church House, Crane Street, Salisbury, SP1 2QB.**

## CHRISTIANS AWARE STUDY PERIOD IN THE SOUTH WEST **REMEMBERING**

A Study Period commencing at 09.45 on Friday, 9 June 2017

St Mary's Church, Powerstock, West Dorset

This Study Period is designed for those who, each Remembrance Sunday, pause for thought after saying 'we will remember them', realising that most of those whose names appear on their war memorial today are unknown within their community.

Approaching the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the First World War, the parish of Powerstock decided to mark the centenary by calling for volunteers to adopt and research each of the First World War deceased with a view to the self-publication of a book, *A Dorset Parish Remembers*, to rehabilitate their dead and forgotten. The following year the same treatment was given to those lost in the Second World War.

This was a remarkable community effort. The 'how' and 'why' is the general topic of the Study Period. The keynote address will be delivered by the Bishop of Salisbury. Other speakers will include a trustee of The Memorials Trust on the subject of *Monuments and Memorials*, and various contributors to *A Dorset Parish Remembers*.

Lunch and loo are available in The Three Horseshoes opposite the church. A main course of fish and chips, curry, or vegetarian are each priced at £10. Desserts as shown on the menu. The session will conclude with ecumenical Communion followed by a pub social. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments to the pub social after the event.

A registration fee of £3.50 payable at the door will cover administrative costs and refreshments. Please pre-register with Ed Standhaft, 01297 442427, [edstandhaft@sky.com](mailto:edstandhaft@sky.com), 30 Cloverdale Court, Anning Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3ED.

**BEAUTIFUL DORSET! NOT JUST A PLACE TO RETIRE AND GROW OLD IN...**



Many can sense the excitement in the air right now as the Spirit of God is moving and stirring. We see God calling back those who have been far from him for years and a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit moving in his Church.

*This is not a time to sit back and wonder what will happen next: it is time for us to fully engage with the Holy Spirit and partner up with what he is doing. **Intervene17** is a day set aside to meet with God, offer ourselves to him in worship and pray the prayers the Holy Spirit inspires us to pray.*

Why put worship with intercession?

*We have found that as we worship we start to see things from a heavenly perspective rather than an earthly one: we find that we pray with God's awesome nature in mind rather than praying prayers that focus on the problems. We will be supported in our praying by bands of devoted musicians from across Dorset who will help us connect with heaven and stay connected throughout the day.*

This is a call to intercession for the people who live in our beautiful county. Wherever you live: from Shaftesbury to Portland, or from Ringwood to Lyme Regis; we invite you to join us in the **DORCHESTER FOOTBALL STADIUM on MAY 6TH 2.30PM TO 9.30PM** to spend the day worshipping God and crying out to him for Dorset.



**GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP**

Enjoy another day of great singing with **Jo Sercombe** in lovely West Bay **17TH JUNE 2017 10.00-16.00**. We'll be learning accessible arrangements of gospel songs to sing and celebrate as well as having a go at the swaying and clapping. Come and get energised singing with others for the day (and maybe having some yummy fish n chips for lunch!)

St Johns Church, West Bay, Bridport DT6 4EU  
Tickets: Suggested donation £10  
Info & Booking: [elfsavgear@btinternet.com](mailto:elfsavgear@btinternet.com)



You are warmly invited to  
**The Othona Community Quiet Day**  
Thursday 25th May 10.00-4.00



This day will be led by  
**Rev Michael Deegan** Warden of The Pilsdon Community  
He has titled the day **"The Walk to Wholeness"**

Please bring a picnic lunch. Othona will provide drinks and soup.  
Cost £6.00 No need to book



# MESSY CHURCH NEWS



Our March meeting challenged us to think about how we cope when things don't go well. A dramatised reading of how Jesus was tempted by the devil when he was at a really low point provided the starting point for some of us to share our experiences of going through hard times.

Our April service will focus on Passover, which is what Jesus and the disciples were celebrating at the Last Supper. But does it have any relevance for us today and, if so, what? **We will be meeting at the slightly later time of 11.00** – read on to see why!

We plan to have a Passover meal after our service. You are most welcome to come to both the service and the meal, or just the service, or just the meal. The meal will be a proper main meal for all the family. Contributions in the form of desserts, or a donation towards the cost of the food, would be appreciated but if you can't contribute, please still come. **The meal will start at 12.00.** If this is a bit of a rush for you, you will really be entering into the Passover story!

To help us prepare for the lunch, please can you let Yvonne know if you would like to come? Please let her know how many adults and how many children's meals you would like, and whether you would prefer vegetarian food.

Yvonne can be contacted on 01308 898492 or [dandy@hollybush.plus.com](mailto:dandy@hollybush.plus.com)

## VALLEY NOTES

### VALLEY LUNCHES

So you didn't get to the Valley Lunch in March? Well, don't worry as there is plenty of time to plan ahead to come to the next lunch on **Sunday May 7th** at 12.30pm at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.



All are welcome regardless of age, address, or church connections. There is no charge, but please bring a sweet or savoury contribution (or both) for the meal.



Tea and filter coffee are provided. Hopefully **Liz Orza** will have her **FairTrade** goodies for Sale which you might like to purchase. For further enquiries contact **Cilla Jones** 898473 or **Heather Rogers** (897780)





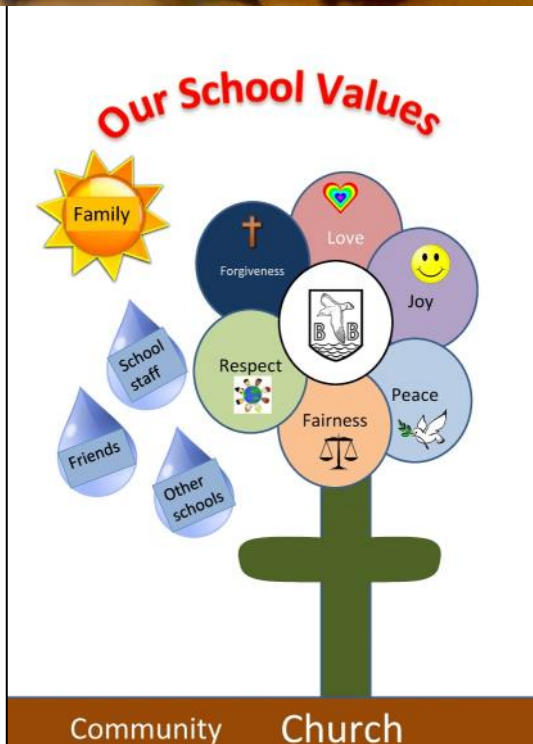
## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

As we move towards the end of the Spring term the school is a hive of activity!



There was lots of fun in school when the children dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. It was lovely to see so many superheroes and princesses walk through the gate and Harry Potter characters are still a firm favourite. This year, however, characters from the David Walliams books were also in abundance. The staff even got in on the act and dressed as skeletons from the 'Funnybones' books!

This half term also saw a focus on the school's Christian values during our 'Values Week'. Each afternoon the children considered the six values of Fairness, Respect, Forgiveness,



Peace, Joy and Love within a personal context, the school context and the wider global context. The children enjoyed the opportunity to reflect and their responses were poignant. One Year 5 pupil said, “*Our values are like pieces of a jigsaw and when you fit them all together it makes you a whole person.*”

Maths has been a focus this term with regards to monitoring the curriculum. I have had the privilege of observing lessons across the school, looking at books and talking to pupils about their learning in this subject. Over the last few years we have focused on developing the skill of ‘reasoning’ and these monitoring exercises have showcased just how proficient our children are at linking their learning across different concepts, explaining their calculations and demonstrating how they have solved mathematical problems. The children talked about their enjoyment of the subject and they displayed resilience and determination when tackling challenges in their work. The introduction of the new ‘My Maths’ home learning program has also enhanced the children’s home learning experiences.

Class 3 have a few additional events that they are looking forward to before the end of term, such as the Dance Festival at Freshwater and their residential trip to the Swanage Centre for three days. Some of our older pupils will be taking part in ‘Bikeability’ training, ensuring that they learn road safety when out on their bicycles and we are all looking forward to dressing to make people laugh on Red Nose Day. The children are even busy compiling a school ‘joke book’ to be distributed on the day!

We have a few services planned this half term in the Church. Our Mothering Sunday service, which is co-ordinated by Mrs Woodford, takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March and our Easter Service is at 9.15am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations towards our Jumble Sale this year. The sale at the United Church Hall in Bridport was the busiest we have ever seen! On the day we raised over **£400**. The textiles that were not sold at the end of the day will be collected by the Bag2School scheme and some items have also been sold through social media. Therefore it is anticipated that this event will have raised around **£650!** This is wonderful news and a welcome boost for the school, especially when school budgets are being increasingly cut. The Friends are now turning their attention to the **Annual Duck Race** which will be taking place on **Easter Monday** this year. This event is always a favourite – don’t forget to purchase your duck!

*Claire Staple Headteacher*



## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Eggardon's **celebration assembly** showed their super poetry, singing and musicianship skills.

Bredy's assembly revolved around Lowry. The children were brilliant – they had drawn using 'perspective' and sang 'Matchstick Men and Matchstick Cats and Dogs'. Litton and Chesil's assembly completely wowed the audience. The children spoke clearly and confidently, had memorised lines and lines of songs and words and took a wonderful bow at the end. They were brilliant! We are so proud of all the children.



**Sport: We won our second Kenway Cup match 5-3;** this one was with Salway Ash Primary. Well done, team! Some of the Bredy children participated in an afternoon of West Dorset Schools Collaboration **football** friendlies at Beaminster School. We played in the Bridport **tag rugby tournament**. Litton and Chesil had a day with coaches from **Weymouth Outdoor Education**.

Bredy participated in a **Bridport Dance Festival** at Freshwater.

The children, in houses, competed in **pancake races**. They all did an excellent job of running (and dropping!). The winning house was Mary Kingsley (green); children from this house came out of uniform the following Friday.



Eggardon have started work on a **website project** with help from an IT specialist. Bredy have done some fantastic **Brazilian art**. Two of our violinists participated in the **Richard Ely concert** at Bridport. They were complimented for their enthusiasm and confidence.

**Author Nick Rose** ran workshops for the children. He talked to Fledglings, Litton and Chesil about inspiration and ideas for writing his books. With Bredy and Eggardon, he talked about how the books were animated for the screen. Several children bought signed copies of the books which are about the adventures of an aeroplane.

The children received £1 tokens for **World Book Day** They were all invited to take part in a school **story writing competition**. We received nearly 30 entries from Reception to Year 6. The winners, one from each year, received £2.50 and all the entrants received house points.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## 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 the LATCH Litton Cheney Village Hall. Contact Nicola Miller [01308 482734](tel:01308482734) [jamieandnicola@gmail.com](mailto:jamieandnicola@gmail.com) or Clare Turnbull 07748 783442 [clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com) for more info.

## A BIG THANK YOU

First Steps Toddler Group would like to thank **Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council** for their kind donation of money, which was given to us last month. We are a self funding, parent run group, and this donation has enabled us to purchase a new farm play mat for the group.



## 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** usually on the second Friday of each month (except August). It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the services to be held on **Fridays 7th April at 2.30pm and 12th May at 2.15pm.**

**WARNING :** As 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in April is Good Friday Valley Tiny Tots' is a week early on **April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the later time of 2.30pm. Next month will revert to the

2nd Friday in the month (May 12th) at 2.15pm. For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

## COULD YOUR FAMILY BENEFIT FROM 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE?

All children aged 3 and 4 are eligible for 15 hours of free childcare, but working parents in Dorset may be eligible for up to 30 hours from April 2017, this is **5 months earlier** than it is being rolled out nationally as Dorset is piloting the scheme. These parents will also be the first who can apply for Tax-Free Childcare for children up to the age of 12 years (17 if they have a disability).



Each parent must earn a minimum of £115 and a maximum of £100,000 a year. Lone parents and the self-employed may also be eligible. For more details visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/30hours](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/30hours) or contact Dorset County Council's Family Information Service on **01305 221066**.

## BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

Your thoughts please..... I need to know if you want the Youth Club to continue; is there still a place for it with such a great scouting group now in the valley again? I have had a couple of people approach me interested in perhaps running the sessions but they will need a committee and helpers behind them. It is not much work but it needs a treasurer, a secretary to book sessions, organise helpers and liaise with Dorset youth association to make sure DBS checks etc. are done, a chairperson and a few committee members. I am very happy to guide you in what needs doing but I need to step away and let a new team take it on. Please email me with any comments



Thanks, Jill [jill.neill@live.co.uk](mailto:jill.neill@live.co.uk)

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm and will be followed by a talk on **'The Work of Cherry Tree Nursery'** by **Norman Geddes**. All visitors are welcome to join us at the Village Hall in Puncknowle, entrance £2, annual membership £6.



On **May 15<sup>th</sup>** we welcome Nick Gray from the Dorset Wildlife Trust who will be speaking on **'Wildflower Meadows'**

### Jobs to do in April

*Feed lily bulbs with a general purpose fertiliser to get the best results, adding a high potash fertiliser later in the season to promote*

flowering. Prune early flowering shrubs. Sow half-hardy annuals under glass. Plant out hardy annuals. Avoid cutting the foliage of spring-flowering bulbs when blooms are over – wait at least 6 weeks. Finish planting summer flowering bulbs. In the vegetable garden continue with successional sowings of lettuces, beetroot, peas, spinach and radish. Sow leeks and Brussels sprouts outside; dwarf French beans under cloches and sow sweetcorn and courgettes under cover. Harden off plants raised from seed or cuttings by exposing them to outdoor conditions during the day and continuing to give them protection at night.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH**

### **SOCIAL EVENINGS**

**Monday 22nd May 7pm for 7.30pm at The Anchor, Burton Bradstock.**

**Please call Basil Dent 01308 897125 or Malcolm Lawrence 01308 898616 to book your place.**



### **ANNUAL DINNER**

The Annual Dinner will be held at Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club on **Monday 24th April** at 6.30pm for 7pm.

### **OTHER EVENTS (for your diaries)**

**OCTOBER: Friday 20th** St Swithun's Band

**NOVEMBER: Thursday 2nd** Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock Village at 10.00am

**Saturday 11th** Laying of wreaths in the Valley

**Sunday 12th** Remembrance Service at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock

## **ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH**

We welcome **Roger Taylor** as our new Honorary Branch Secretary. Roger is no stranger to Committee work and also deals with welfare issues. The Branch was until recently in danger of closure until Roger kindly stepped up to the mark and volunteered to take on a new role.



### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

On **27 April** we head into Devon and visit the **Seaton Tramway**. We will join the tram at Colyton, where there are light refreshment facilities, then head down the 3 miles to Seaton itself. There will be time to browse around the town before we re-trace our footsteps. Join us for a nostalgic experience of travel reminiscent of days when we had "time to do things" and enjoy them! Fare and the provision of a coach depends on numbers travelling. Visitors welcome. Pick-ups through West Dorset.

**4 May** there will be Branch and Social **Fund Committee Meetings** starting at

7.30 p.m. at Portesham Village Hall. Observers are always welcome. Another nostalgic journey, this time by **steam hauled train** ('Special') by kind permission of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust. We will run a coach for this event, picking up in West Dorset before heading north from Dorchester to **Bishops Lydeard**. The line runs to **Minehead** and is the longest preserved line in England. There will be several hours of free time in Somerset, time to explore the town or even travel out to the lovely village of Dunster. The date is **8 July**, but now is the time to book. Visitors as usual are welcome. **19 July** is our **Fish, Chip and Games** evening at Portesham Village Hall. Fuller details later.

Enquire immediately if you wish to join my **8 day tour of Switzerland** starting on **24 September**. There are a few seats left at the time of writing. Any profits go to the RBL Poppy Appeal/Air Ambulance.

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF BRIDPORT

### GUIDED WALKS lead by Elizabeth Gale.

There are two guided walks planned by Elizabeth in April and are as follows:

**Thursday 20 April** in Burton Bradstock – “the estate sale in 1958 and more”  
Meet at the Playing Field at 10.00am.

**Thursday 27 April** in West Bay – “Bridport Harbour through 1000 years”  
Meet at the public car park opposite Haddon House Hotel at 10.00am.

Each tour will last about 2 hours and consists of level walking. Cost £4 per ticket and all proceeds will go to Rotary Charities. For further information please phone 01308 459039.



### LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS



GUESS WHAT???  
IT'S DUCK RACE TIME!



**SUNDAY APRIL 16TH 12.00 NOON.**

Once again it's time to get out and join the merry throng urging those little yellow (fluffy) monsters down the babbling brook to THE WHITE HORSE.

Will any escape this year? Will anyone fall into the stream?  
Who will win the fantastic cash prizes.?

If you want to take part in the excitement, you need to be there in time to buy your tickets.

**IT'S LIVE....NO COMMERCIAL BREAKS....DON'T MISS IT!**



## A GARDEN - THEMED COFFEE MORNING

On **Saturday 8th April** there will be a coffee morning at the **Village Hall** in **Long Bredy** from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Tools, gardening books, plants and related gardening equipment will be on sale, together with refreshments including Easter biscuits.



There will be a garden themed hamper in the raffle.

Come and browse for bargains to start your gardening year!



## **MAPPERTON GARDENS**

**Plant Fair**

**Sunday 9 April 2017**

**10.00am – 4.00pm**

Shared proceeds to

**Multiple Sclerosis Society**



**UPDATE AND THANKS TO EVERYBODY WHO SUPPORTED THE  
'SELL OUT' CHARITY VARIETY SHOW**

**Held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at LATCH**

**In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, The Bride Valley Churches &  
The Litton Cheney Playground Appeal**

**From 13 entrants the Winners of the Bake Off competition were**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jillie Blincow    2<sup>nd</sup> Clementine Smith (10 years old)    3<sup>rd</sup> Fiona Gibson**

**A further THANK YOU to all those people who smoothly cleared and cleaned  
the Hall immediately after the Show.**

**I am pleased to report that the total raised is £1,859.85 which will be  
distributed equally between the three chosen Charities**

- **The Bride Valley Churches**
- **The Litton Cheney Playground Appeal**
- **Macmillan Cancer Support**

**Patricia Gates**

**patricia.gates@btinternet.com**



**LONDON**  
**MARATHON**  
2017

Three local girls, **Maria Maltby, Kate Smith and Sandie Burton** are running in this year's London Marathon on **23<sup>rd</sup> April** to raise money for St. John Ambulance. The Bingo night and the

breakfast were well attended and we would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. There is also an auction of promises which will take place in **The White Horse** in **Litton Cheney** on **April 7<sup>th</sup>** and there promises to be lots of exciting lots so please do come along. Anyone wishing to support them can do so by donating to Maria , Kate Smith or Sandie Burton on their pages below;

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MariaMaltby>  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sandieburton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sandieburton)  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kate-Smith78](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kate-Smith78)



**BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH**

**Wed. 5 April A STREET CAT NAMED BOB**  
***'Sometimes it takes nine lives to save one'***  
Cert. TBA 1.5 hrs.



Based on a true life story and international best-selling book, *A Street Cat Named Bob* is a moving and uplifting film that will touch the hearts of everyone. When London busker and recovering drug addict James Bowen (**Luke Treadaway**) finds injured ginger street cat Bob in his sheltered accommodation, he has no idea just how much his life is about to change.

**Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)** Tickets in advance from: Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)  
The licence for this film is shared with Burton Bradstock (showing on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March ).

**NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY :**

**Wed. 3 May - "A United Kingdom"**

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

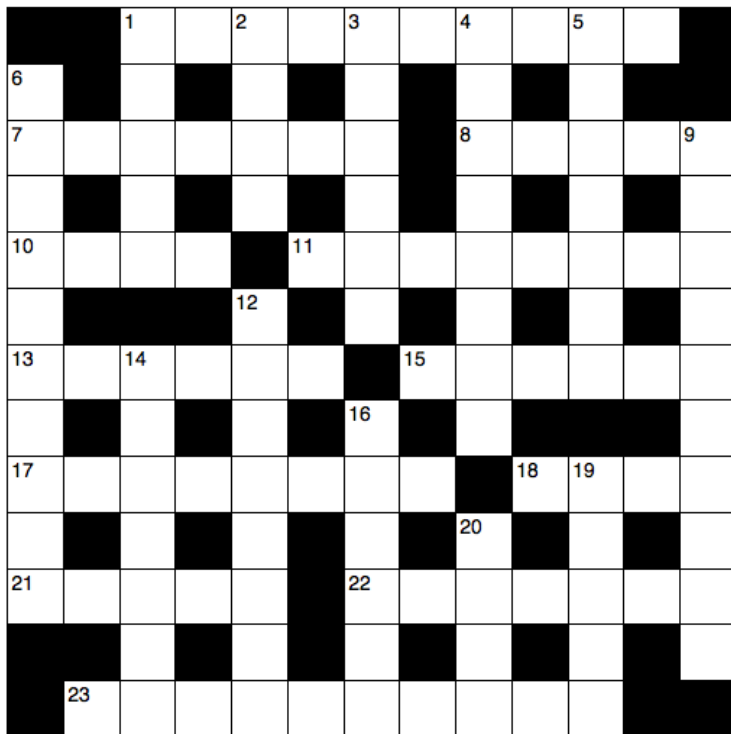
**The Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole**  
are organizing



**Bradpole Village Fete - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 2 pm**

Located in Norman's Orchard, and via Middle Street to Holy Trinity Church  
**STALLS \* GAMES \* GRAND DRAW \* ENTERTAINMENT \* TEAS \* PARKING**

If you would like to have a stall, or would like to supply and organise a game, please call Lyn Roe Tel : 01308 425804 e-mail :lyn.a.roe@gmail.com



**Across**

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — '  
(1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter,  
'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on  
Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed  
you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing,  
they do not hear or understand'  
(Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss  
for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to  
Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

**Down**

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — '  
(Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus  
promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform  
movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move  
(1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does  
(1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate  
King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand'  
(John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led  
to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter'  
(Isaiah 53:7) (4)

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# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## 100 CLUB

### FEBRUARY DRAW

1st prize      £15

2nd prize      £5

Mr and Mrs P Bunyan

Chris Elgar

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON BOOK GROUP



Many thanks to all who attended and a special welcome to **Mandi** and **Ruth**, attending for the first time, and also to **Sue D** for coming back! Not forgetting everyone else who came so thanks to you all. Our membership is now officially up to 10! Hurrah!

We had mixed feelings about **Slade House** by **David Mitchell**. Some of us found it disturbingly creepy, several of us found it formulaic and tending towards stereotypical characters. We wondered whether he had written it as a bit of fun, being so short and unlike his previous books? Were we the butt of a joke? Who was the intended audience? Most of us thought the ending was unsatisfactory. How much of a spin off was it from his previous book *Bone Clocks*? And who is the mystery man jogging in the black and orange tracksuit? More questions rather than answers.

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.



Our next meal will be on **18<sup>th</sup> April**. 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.

*David Buckland*

## **PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP**



We are grateful to **Philippa** for giving us a workshop on loose watercolour flowers with very pleasing results. Many thanks to **Wendy** who prepared five pieces of music to inspire our paintings. We worked at speed to cover so much paper in one morning. We have one meeting **on 21st April** at the village hall.

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

*Christine Molony*



### **PUNCKNOWLE FÊTE**

In aid of St. Mary's Church  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

For this years' Refreshments & Cream Teas we are introducing the

#### **PUNCKNOWLE FÊTE BAKE-OFF**

We are looking for several budding bakers to bake a batch of scones and/or a victoria sponge for judging on the day.

Grandparents, mummies, daddies, aunties, uncles, children of all ages **are you up for the challenge?**

Then contact us for competition details

**We can't wait to taste the results**

(Prizes to be announced at later date)

Not only will this be exciting it will also be a novel contribution to the success of the fete.

Please contact Sarah for details (below)

**WE DO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN**

**TOY STALL**

**CLOTHES STALL**

**REFRESHMENTS & CREAM TEAS**

We need your help

Sarah Turner 01308 898035 or 07581617614

Geoff Fry 01308 898068

Email: [puncknowlefete@gmail.com](mailto:puncknowlefete@gmail.com)



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE. VILLAGE EVENTS

It has not been possible to organise a Village Fete this year so there are a number of smaller events planned.

The first of these was held at the Bull Inn in December and took the form of a Family Christmas Sing-a-Long which was much enjoyed by all.

The next event is a Coffee Morning at the Church to be held on **Saturday 22nd April** at 10.30am. In addition to refreshments there will be books, produce and plants for sale and a raffle of various prizes. Contributions gratefully received and all are welcome to drop by.

Further events this year will be advertised in the BVN. The intention is that apart from getting together and having some fun, that further funds can be raised with your support to add to those already saved for much needed redecoration and fabric repairs. These funds we hope will be matched by relevant charities and trusts.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### GOOD FRIDAY

A Good Friday Litany service will be held at St Martin's at 10 am.

### CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

Could you help with grass cutting on an occasional basis? More volunteers are needed to help maintain this important feature of the village.

For more details please contact **Phil Hall 01308 897776**

### ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

At last! The nights are drawing out but the lights from St Martin's will still be glowing over the Village during April thanks to our generous sponsors:

Karen Jones of Fir Tree Cottage, in memory of the Rev. Bob Thorn

Sue and John Porter for John's Mum and Dad and Sue's Dad,

Tracey and Dave – the Essex pair!

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.

## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE – 2018 CALENDAR

Shipton Gorge Heritage is planning to produce a calendar for 2018, "Shipton Gorgeous". For this we need your help with the illustrations. Can I ask you all to take pictures for the calendar or look out suitable ones you already have that you would like to be considered for the calendar and contact **Hilary** (897928) or **Mary** (897958 ) for further details. Ideally we need the photographs by 1st July so that we can get the calendar printed and on sale before anyone has purchased their 2018 calendar!

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

### ARCHIVE EVENT

Saturday 13<sup>TH</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
10:00 – 14:30

Hosted by Sally Parker & Eileen Heaver  
At Shipton Gorge Village Hall  
Free Entry – Tea & Biscuits



This event is part of Bridport's Season of Heritage organised by Bridport Museum. It is part of a programme of events and activity which celebrate the heritage of the local area – giving everyone a chance to join in, learn, create and have some fun.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Meeting.** This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Annual Spring Clean.** The Annual Village Spring Clean will take place on **Sat 29 April** commencing at 2.00pm. Volunteers should meet in the Playing Field.

## VILLAGE HALL

### The Village Hall Trust AGM

This will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** All are welcome to attend, with refreshments beforehand from 7pm.

### Hire Charges

Income raised from users is used to maintain and improve the hall.

Charges for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 are unchanged from



those applied last year i.e. **£11-£13** per session for local users during the summer season, rising to **£14-£16** during the winter season.

## SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Following last year's very successful talk on the Bridport to Maiden Newton Railway Line, Bruce Upton will be returning to the village hall on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** to present a double-header – 'Shipton Gorge in the 1940s' followed by 'Dorset Curiosities', a light hearted look at some of our County's odder places and objects.

The talk will start at 7.30 and there will be a bar. Tickets, which are likely to disappear quickly, cost £5 and are available from **Doris Bensellin** on 01308 897562.

*Richard Hewlett*

### 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW

£20	No 13	Guy Chatworth
£10	No 70	Bob Simpson
£5	No 81	Bill Beeton

Congratulations to all the winners!



*On Friday May 5th at 7.30 pm. we welcome*

***ROSSIGNOL,***

*A baroque music ensemble, fresh from the Sherborne Festival who will be performing at*  
***St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge***

*Programme of five pieces includes cantatas, sonatas and a quartet by Scarlatti, Besozzi and Locatelli featuring soprano, treble recorders, flute, bassoon and basso continuo.*

*Ticket £10 (includes glass of wine at interval) Ticket Sales: Hugh King 01308 898511 or [hughking@yahoo.com](mailto:hughking@yahoo.com)*

### 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, please ring 01308 897695**



**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright** 01308 456 967



# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Lent Lunch will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday April 8th** from 12 noon until 2pm. Admission is free but donations please for our missions: The **Salisbury-Sudan Medical Link** and our **CMS** mission partners looking after the refugees in Malta.



The Revd Canon Stephen Batty will be leading our Easter morning celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30am in the Church. We particularly welcome families and visitors to this special service which will be followed by refreshments.

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

Thank you for all your jigsaw donations. The catalogue is proving to be very popular with a varied selection of over 100 to choose from, but for moment we are running short of space to keep anymore. If however you no longer require those DVDs you had for Christmas, or indeed any others, we would be most grateful to receive them to update the selection available in the Library.

### LIBRARY DUTY VOLUNTEERS

As time goes by it is inevitable that volunteers, both in the Library and behind the scenes, move on to other interests. If you think you would enjoy volunteering for library duty for approx. 2 hours every other week, please contact Rosemary on 898049 or just leave your name in the Library.

### CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Additionally we have some vacancies on our cleaning rota for the Library, as two of our lovely ladies are retiring after sterling work for the past few years. The Job description is one hour on a Monday morning once every 4 to 6 weeks (Ladies or Gentlemen may apply! ). If you think you could help out please give **Sandy** a ring on 898358

### LIBRARY EASTER OPENING

The Library will be **CLOSED** on **Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** until **Tuesday morning 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR BOOKS TO TIDE YOU OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

## POLICE SURGERY

The next Police Surgery is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am in the library. All surgery dates can be found at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/bridport/beaminster/>,

## Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00am

Contact information: Telephone: **01308 897563**; email:

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

Rosemary Daniels (FBBL Trustees)

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Described as a crowd pleasing gem our next film on **Friday 28 April 2017** is **A United Kingdom** which looks back to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century history. This is a true-life romance between an English office clerk and the future king of Botswana. They were a perfect match but their proposed marriage was challenged,



not only by their families, but by the British and South African governments.

It is a romantic true story told with warmth and idealism as the extraordinary events unfold.



Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or soft drink and can be bought beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if available, at the door on the evening.

*Bride Valley Films* will show **A United Kingdom** on **Wednesday 3 May 2017**

## DATE FOR THE DIARY:

**Paddington** – **Wednesday 31 May 2017** Burton Bradstock Films only.

## SPRING “FISH & CHIP” QUIZ.

This ever popular Quiz will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**, with quiz run by **Humphrey Walwyn**, helped by **David Edwards**.



The evening includes a fish & chip meal from Longs during the intermission, a sensibly priced bar, a raffle plus prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last places in the Quiz.

The Quiz is open to everyone who buys a ticket. It is run as teams of 8, but we will find you a team if you are not part of one.

Tickets cost £8:50 (which includes the Fish & Chip Supper) and went on sale at the Post Office on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Our quizzes normally sell out, so please don't leave it until the last minute. To book a team table, request a place in a team or a vegetarian meal (essential if one is wanted) call Richard Ferre on 01308897648 or email richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré  
(01308897648)



### “200 CLUB” MARCH 2017 DRAW

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

#### Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£33.52	No 129:	Mr Peter Colbert
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£16.76	No 151:	Mr Ken Butcher
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£8.38	No 53:	Mrs Mary Ibbotson

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2017 draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## 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.



Date	Organiser
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bowls Club.
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Bride Valley Drivers.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The Village Clean-up Day will be held on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**; meet at The Reading Room at 10am please bring Gloves and litter pickers if you have them, bags will be provided.

All welcome!

We are still looking for Parish Councillors, there are lots of exciting projects that came from the Parish Plan that we would like to progress with and we

need more Councillors to lead these projects, as well as planning, finance, consultations that you can get involved with and help the community.

Come along to our **6<sup>th</sup> April** meeting and see what goes on—Your village needs you!



The PC now has a Facebook page where it will publicise consultations, link to the website and aim to connect with more of the community, please log on to Facebook and like our page <https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

## ALLOTMENTS

We have new vacancies at the Allotments please contact the Clerk for further info



**The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
\*\*THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017\*\* Note change  
of date!** 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome!

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)  
Tel: 07814 016971. Website: [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Green hearts to “Show the Love” were the theme at the Valentine’s Day meeting. Members had made hearts to wear and share, to show the love for all things affected by climate change. Favourite places were named, and beautifully crafted butterflies and bees reminded us of what is under threat.



Our speaker, **Bruce Upton**, reminded us of our heritage with old local photographs, including some of American soldiers stationed near Burton Bradstock as they prepared for the D-Day landings. One member present recognised herself as a little girl in the photographs.

“**New Age Kurling**” is a recent introduction to Dorset WIs. No ice is involved! and the “stones” are plastic, with ball-bearings, but in other respects the game does resemble real “curling”. Burton played against Loders, Beaminster and Portesham recently; Portesham won, to go forward to the

next round in the County League.

April sees both the AGM on **11<sup>th</sup> April**, and the members' Spring Lunch on **26<sup>th</sup>**.

*Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (For further information contact Secretary, 01308 897648).*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE MONDAY 29 MAY 2017**

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May** from 2.00 to 4.30 pm. This is the main fund raising event for the Village Hall and the money raised will help to pay for its on-going maintenance and improvement.

We're planning on there being the usual wide range of stalls, games and raffles with lots for children and adults to enjoy.

In order to make the Fayre a success again we need your help please with the stalls and games, set up and take down, and also donations for the General Raffle, Auction, White Elephant and Book stalls, and the Bottle Tombola.

The Organising Committee may well contact you to ask for your help in running the stalls and games, but please contact the following people if you can help:

- If you can help with set up (from 9 am on the 30<sup>th</sup>) and take down (from 4.30 pm): **Graham Moody** (01308 898548)
- White Elephant and Books: items in good condition only please. We shall be opening the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May for people to bring items along. If you need help or can't make it on that day, please contact **Richard Ferré** (01308 897648)
- Bottle Tombola: your contributions of bottles of wine, beer, cider, soft drinks – and even spirits, gratefully received for this very popular stall: **Richard Ferré** (01308 897648)
- For Raffle and Auction donations: **Graham Moody** (01308 898548)

We'll be publishing more details in the May BVN, but whether you're helping on the day or coming along to enjoy it, make it a date for your diary now.

*Graham Moody Burton Bradstock Village Fayre Organising Committee*

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## JR MEMORIAL TABLE SKITTLES TROPHY

On Saturday 25<sup>TH</sup> February, the semi finals and finals of the annual JR (AKA John Reid) memorial skittles trophy were played in the Anchor Inn Burton Bradstock, following three jolly weeks of heats.

Congratulations to **Paul Gale** on winning the singles competition, and to **Alfie Crisp** and **Malcolm Holt** for winning the doubles. Also an honourable mention to the losing finalists, **Vangelis** in the singles and **Fiona Clift** and **Liz Comley** in the doubles.

Many thanks to all who entered, the monies raised are being donated to the RNLI, a favoured charity of the village, and of course thanks to Andrea, Paul and the staff at the Anchor for their support, and the delicious buffet on finals night.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our last talk of the season will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** and is entitled “ **On the edge -rescue archaeology on the West Dorset Coast.**” and the speaker is **Nancy Grace** from the **National Trust**. Nancy will talk about the excavations from Hive Beach to Seatown, all rescue archaeology before the sea takes the sites. Nancy has worked for the trust for thirty years starting at Corfe Castle and assisting the two regional archaeologists across the South West.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** (more details to follow next month) and on the next day **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** is our **Coffee morning and Plant Sale** which raises funds to put on the Flower and Produce show in July. If anyone out there can contribute any plants or cakes they would be most welcome.

## 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.



For further details please email the advertising manager at [bvctc@outlook.com](mailto:bvctc@outlook.com)

**DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE - 5TH APRIL**

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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Tel: 482232



Well – there can't be anyone locally who doesn't know by now that "Broadchurch" is back. There were some drone-filmed sequences of Bridehead and the grounds in Episode 1 and more shots of the waterfall area in Episode 2, which is where we've got to as I write.

There has been a noticeable increase in visitors to the grounds since the programmes began, and they are being asked to contribute towards the work of Dorset's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, "The Shores" in Bournemouth (which also features in the series under its own name), by putting



donations in the Church porch box. Plans are also being considered to open "Axehampton House" to the public during the weekend following the end of the series (presumably **April 22nd-23rd**) in aid of the same cause. Anybody in the village wanting to help with organising this as plans take shape should please contact **Sir Philip or Lady Catherine** (482232).

Easter celebrations in the village will take their customary form. There will be a short, said **Litany Service at 10.00 a.m. on Good Friday** (April 14th), after which the Church decorating team will swing into action. Any help with picking the several hundred bunches of primroses which traditionally adorn the windowsills will be very welcome. On April 16th, **the Easter Day service will be Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.**, to be led by The Ven. Paul Taylor, Archdeacon of Sherborne.

Two days later, on **April 18th**, the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held at Bridehead at 7.00 p.m. This elects the PCC for the following year, among other matters of local Church governance, and anyone in the parish who would like to show an interest is very welcome.



# LONG BREDY

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## VISITING BELL RINGERS

On Sunday, 26th February a team of ringers from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a quarter peal of 1320 New Bob Doubles in 43 mins. The team consisted of 1. Tim E Rose (Conductor); 2. Sas Watson; 3. Robert J Wellen; 4. Ian D Tucker; 5. Phill J Payne.

## MAINTENANCE OF ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD

Following the appeal in last month's BVN we have devised a system whereby a named person will voluntarily look after the churchyard for a month during the growing season. They will require help so if you are able to help in any way, please contact them (see the list below).

April	Steve and Liz (Hemsley)	01308 482647
May	Caddy and Chris Sitwell	01308 482501
June	Colin and Sue Dyer	01308 482882
	Andrew Bailey	01308 482293
July	David and Ruth Cullingford	01308 482562
August	Rachel and Bruce Maltby	01308 482246
September	Jackie and David Cain	01308 482379

We will be grateful for any donations towards the upkeep of the churchyard for tasks which volunteers are unable to do.

## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB FEBRUARY 2017 DRAW

£25 no. 19 Lavinia Barbour

£15 no. 60 Andrew & Donna Crank

£5 no. 59 Bruce & Rachel Maltby

*Drawn on 28th February 2017, at 11 The Gardens by Kate, David and Ruth*

## PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for a co-opted parish councillor. This is an interesting and rewarding role that is not too onerous. It is important to the fabric of both Kingston Russell and Long Bredy that we have a full and active Parish Council and you would be contributing to the governance and well-being of both parishes. If you are interested or would like to find out a bit more about it contact **Steve Evans** on 01308482647 or email [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk).

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## RAY WINTER

Following some years battling cancer, Ray Winter died on 7th March aged 81. He and Sara moved to Long Bredy in 2002. He joined the congregation of St Peter's Church and was a member of the PCC for five years. With his wife Sara, he maintained the churchyard for many years until the onset of his health problems.

## DATES FOR FUTURE VILLAGE EVENTS

**St Peter's Festival at Long Bredy Sunday 11th June from 2.00pm onwards.** (Peter, also known as Simon Peter, was a fisherman and disciple of Jesus. The day in the Church Calendar when he is especially remembered is June 29th.)

There will be more details of this fund-raising event next month but proceeds from it will be in aid of **Dorset County Hospital** and maintenance of **St Peter's Churchyard**.

Currently there is a very poor access to radio-therapy services for cancer patients in the North, West and South of Dorset. Poole Hospital operates the main cancer centre in the East of the county and for many patients the journey to Poole is a very long and arduous one when they are feeling very poorly. Treatment at Dorset County Hospital would benefit many people.

## BELLAMONT HOUSE OPENING

**SATURDAY JULY 1ST 1.00pm - 5.00pm**

There will be a rare opportunity to view the ground floor of the house and there will be afternoon tea on the terrace. There will also be a table top sale for handicrafts, local produce, antiques/vintage items etc so if anyone would like to book a space please get in touch with me (cover available if inclement weather).



**Gwen Kinghorn 01308 482270**

## PRIZE - WINNING YOUNG BAKER

Congratulations to **Clemmie Smith** for her prize winning lemon cake in the Litton Cheney Bake-off competition held on February 25th. There were 14 entries and Clemmie was placed second by Nikki Campbell from 'Angel Cakes'.

Well done, Clemmie. Your cakes will be in great demand now!



## LITTON CHENEY

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Annual Meeting and Election of Churchwardens will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.** in Church.

The next church and churchyard working party will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April** from 9.30 a.m. That's Maundy Thursday, so we plan to make the church and grounds look beautiful for Easter.

Have you always wanted to "have a go" on a **ride-on mower**? Well, now is your chance - our mowing team would welcome some extra volunteers. Please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 482617 - the work involved is not too strenuous and the bigger the team the fewer the "cuts" involved.

**Bell Restoration Project:** We are holding another Quiz Evening at The White Horse on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. A fun evening with great prizes, so do come along and support us. The funds will go towards replacing the louvre shutters in the belfry.

### ALL CHANGE FOR THE FÊTE

This year's Litton Fête is moving from its traditional date of Spring Bank Holiday Monday to **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. We hope that this will give the event a summer feel at the beginning of the holiday season, and it will also enable us to present entertainment which is not available on the earlier date. More details to follow, but **please put the date in your diary** now.

### LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

**John Randall's** sad demise is undoubtedly mentioned elsewhere in BVN and village website, but Litton Cheney Parish Council would however wish to record its own appreciation of John's contribution to the work of the Parish Council during his many years as a councillor. Thank you, John – meetings were never dull when you were around.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Litton residents will shortly receive a leaflet explaining the pros and cons of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. With the leaflet comes a voting slip for you to give your opinion.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is holding two drop-in sessions at LATCH on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, when members of the Group will be available to answer questions.

You are asked to cast your vote by **30<sup>th</sup> April** and drop it in to one of several listed points in the village. The result will be announced at the **Village Assembly** on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

*Richard Jones – Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

## LITTON CHENEY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The project is to revitalise the playing field and children's play area. It is to be financed with money made available from the Parish Council, fund raising events such as the recent Variety Show, plus successful applications for funding and grants.

The children's play area is to be fenced and the existing play equipment will be refurbished or replaced. The amount of development will depend on the funds available. It will be an ongoing project so equipment will be added to whenever possible. Quotations have been sought for the fencing and play equipment.

The basketball court will be cleaned and the lines repainted. Due to the efforts of James Williams, we already have two new five-a-side goalposts which are being well used. The old rusting posts are to be removed.

It is proposed that the grass to the whole area will be cut and maintained more frequently to give a good playing surface throughout.

To reduce costs wherever possible certain refurbishment will be completed by volunteers. Andrew King would like to hear from anybody who could spare some time to help, [apk@tgdorset.co.uk](mailto:apk@tgdorset.co.uk) / [01308 482594](tel:01308482594).

*Our grateful thanks to Tricia & Nigel Gates and their team of helpers for putting on a fantastic Charity Variety Show in February and raising an incredible sum of money benefitting three charities, The Playground Project being one of them.*

## EVENTS AT LATCH FOR APRIL

Mondays Beavers, Cubs & Scouts (evenings 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Tuesdays Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m. (if enough people)  
Wednesdays Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15 (5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Table Tennis 4.00 p.m. (if enough people)  
Fridays: Yoga 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)



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Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> : 8.00 p.m. Film Night - "A Street Cat Named Bob" - see further details in page 18 Valley Notes.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> : Village Café – in aid of Cancer Research "Race for Life". Please come.

Coming up ... **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - POLLING DAY - Local elections.



**BRIDE VALLEY**

**MESSY CHURCH—PASSOVER**  
 Puncknowle Village Hall  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**11.00am**

coffee, play, chat

#notjust4kids

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### 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



# DIARY, APRIL 2017

Sat	1	19.30	Village Hall "Fish and Chip" Quiz	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	1	19.30	Charity Quiz Night	New Inn, Shipton
Mon	3	19.00	St Mary's + Chilcombe Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary's, Burton
Wed	5	19.30	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	5	20.00	BV Films A Street Cat Called Bob	LATCH
Thu	6	19.30	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Thu	6	19.30	Annual Meeting and Election of Churchwardens	St Mary's Litton
Fri	7	14.30	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Fri	7		Auction of Promises for St John Ambulance	White Horse, Litton
Sat	8	10.00	Garden-Themed Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Sat	8	10.00	to Noon - Drop-in Session Neighbourhood Plan	LATCH
Sat	8	12.00	St Mary's Church Lent Lunch	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	9	10.00	Mapperton Plant Sale	Mapperton House
Sun	9	10.00	to Noon - Drop-in Session Neighbourhood Plan	LATCH
Tue	11	11.00	Police Surgery	Burton Library
Tue	11	19.30	W.I. - A.G.M.	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	12	19.30	Shipton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Sat	16	12.00	Duck Race	White Horse, Litton
Tue	18	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	18	19.00	Littlebredy Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Bridehead
Wed	19	19.30	Village Hall Trust AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	21	10.00	Art Group	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	21	19.30	Village Society - "On the Edge..." Nancy Grace	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	22	10.30	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	24	19.00	British Legion - Annual Dinner	Burton Golf Club
Mon	24	19.30	Garden Club A.G.M./Cherry Tree Nursery - N. Geddes	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	26	19.30	Shipton Gorge in the '40s/Dorset Curiosities	Village Hall, Shipton
Thu	27	10.00	Guided Wall West Bay/Elizabeth Gale	Haddon House Hotel
Fri	28	19.30	Burton Films - A United Kingdom	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	29	14.00	Annual Village Spring Clean	Playing Field, Shipton



## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES APRIL 2017

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 2 April Lent 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday	Thursday 13 April Maundy Thursday	Friday 14 April Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 16 April Easter Day	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 23 April Easter 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 30 April Easter 3
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion by ext  6.30 Evening Prayer	7.00 Holy Communion	12noon-3.00 Three hour service	10.30 Family Communion	11.00 Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
<b>Chilcombe</b>					11.00 Holy Communion		
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer		10.00 Litany	9.30 Holy Communion	5.30 Evensong	
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion			6.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion by ext	11.00 Messy Church in Puncknowle Hall			5.00 Holy Communion	11.00 All age Holy Communion	
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion			9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion				9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 United Valley Service
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion		10.00 Litany	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion	