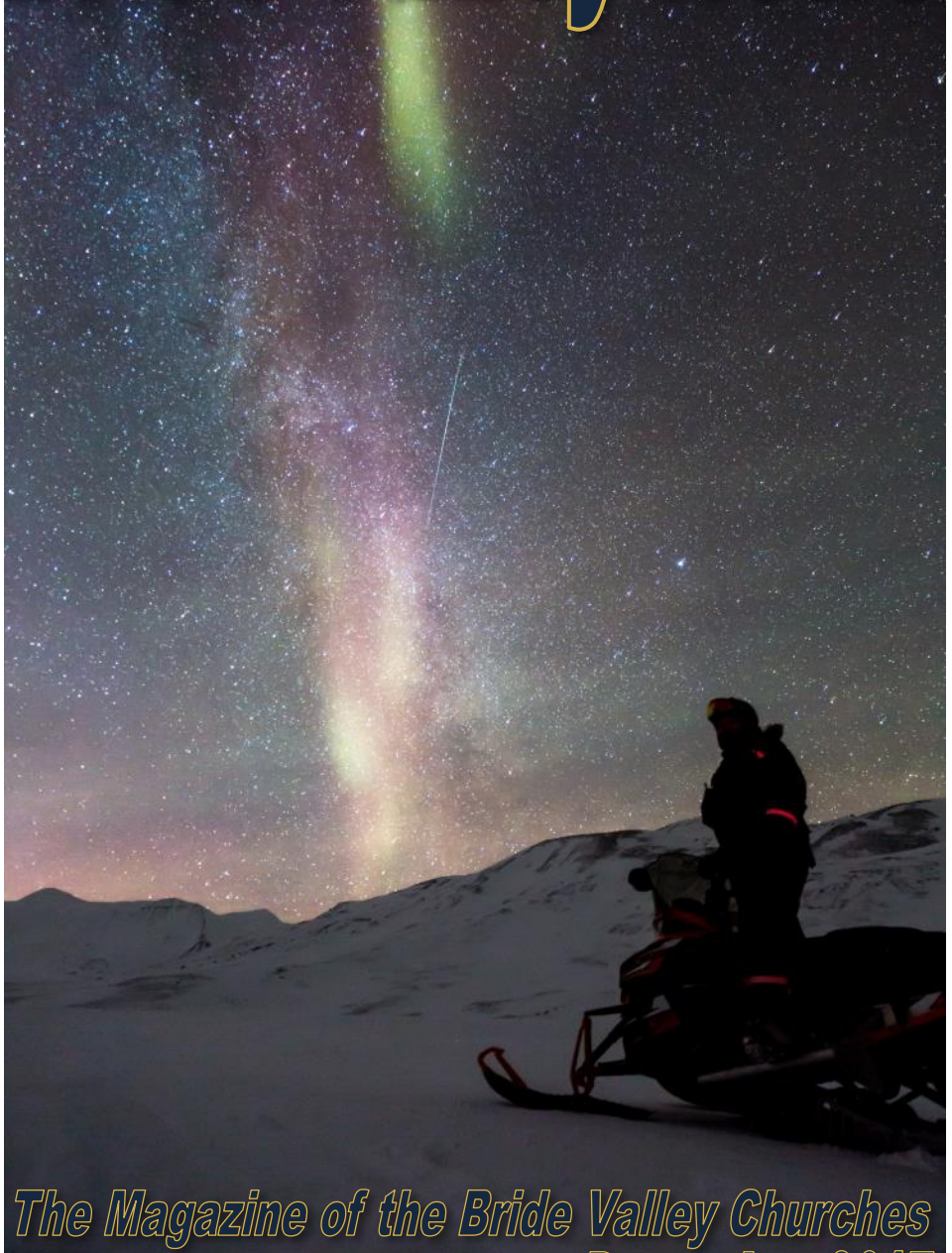


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December 2017

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	CAROL SERVICE	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY
Burton Bradstock	6.30PM SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER	5.30PM CRIB SERVICE 11.30PM HOLY COMMUNION	JOINT SERVICE WITH SHIPTON GORGE
Shipton Gorge	5PM SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER		11.00AM ALL-AGE HOLY COMMUNION
Swyre		9.30PM HOLY COMMUNION	
Puncknowle	5PM SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER		11.00AM CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION
Litton Cheney	4.30PM SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER	4.00PM CRIB SERVICE 11.30PM HOLY COMMUNION	
Long Bredy			JOINT SERVICE WITH LITTLEBREDEY
Littlebredy	6PM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER		11.00AM HOLY COMMUNION

WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday	5	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	7	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	7	19.00	Reflect & Study with H.C. at Puncknowle
Monday	11	9.00	Swyre - prayers
Tuesday	12	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	14	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by ext
Tuesday	19	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	21	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer

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www.puncknowle.net

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

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FROM THE RECTORY

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Thanks are due to Janet Lane and the Bride Valley Ladies Choir & Friends for a wonderful Choral Concert at St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock.

The concert began with Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols.' This choral piece, which sets Middle English texts to music, was written in 1942 when the composer was on a transatlantic journey, sailing

from America to England. It is extraordinary to think of this composition, created in the midst of dangerous waters (made even more dangerous then by the presence of enemy submarines) coming home to our island, where it was received as an important piece of 20th century religious music. Accompanied by Alice Kirwan on the harp, Janet and the Bride Valley Ladies Choir brought Britten's music alive.

With this came the fine coincidence that Benjamin Britten himself was familiar with our Bride Valley. He and his partner Peter Pears were good



friends of Janet and Reynolds Stone who lived at the Old Rectory in Litton Cheney during the 1960s and 1970s. The Old Rectory was not just a warm and convivial family home: it was hearth and home to a wide and eclectic circle of artists, poets, novelists and musicians. Britten and Pears were regular visitors. Many in this circle are dead now. But the recollection of happy times spent together in the Valley survive them in various memoirs.

And the mystery of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem that Britten evoked in 'A Ceremony of Carols' is kept alive by us once again. Deo Gracias! Thanks be to God!

Stephen Batty

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

3 December	Henley Roman Lee Horder	St Martin's Shipton Gorge
17 December	Finley Cox	St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Funerals

20 November	Jillian Maltby	St Peter's Long Bredy
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VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

SPORT:

The children are enjoying six weeks of **archery** and have several **sports clubs** at lunchtime and after school – archery, tag rugby,

netball, football, gym, cross country and KS1 PE.

Our **netball** team played St Catherine's Primary and won 12-0. Super work, team! Our team participated in a **basketball festival** at Beaminster School. Some of the Eggardon children took part in a **Quiksticks tournament** at Colfox.



A Science **Explorer Dome** came to school and the children enjoyed seeing habitats across the world, from the Arctic to rainforests and deserts.

Children and staff attended a **Remembrance Assembly** at which the children read poems and sang songs in memory. Chesil and Litton have been learning about people from Litton Cheney who have died in the wars. The children donated hugely to the Royal British legion's Poppy Appeal.

The Reception children were given a **'Healthy Ted'** talk by the school nurse

We had a **bonfire evening** in the Discovery Area. The event was very well attended and thoroughly



enjoyed by our children and families. The TSA kindly organised drinks and biscuits. Thank you to them and to parents and governors who arranged the bonfire.

In school, the children had made 'guys' as a house competition; Ernest Shackleton house won and received 50 points for their effort!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE 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 for the children to meet our local community. As I write this report the children are busy planning and preparing for hosting the **Coffee Stop** at the village hall on the 22nd November. We are very much looking forward to it, having had such a wonderful experience last year when we held our first Coffee Stop!



After School Clubs – The children continue to enjoy the range of after school clubs that are on offer this term. The traditional football, basketball and running clubs have been well attended and the pupils are practising hard ready for the various competitions that are coming up. We have also introduced some different sports this term with **soft archery** which the children thoroughly enjoyed

and we hope to introduce fencing next term. The children in **Drama club** are busy rehearsing 'Peter Pan' ready to perform to their parents at the end of the term and we have a new club this year – **Puppet Making** led by **Holly Miller**. The group have just finished their puppets and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced wonderful results which they are extremely proud of!



Foundation Stage Unit – As a school we are exploring the possibility of introducing pre-school education alongside our Reception class as part of a

Foundation Stage Unit. Mrs Procter (our Early Years teacher), Kay Taylor (Executive Principal of the Minerva Learning Trust) and I have been in a fortunate position of visiting schools within Dorset and Devon that have established Foundation Stage Units. It is always a privilege to go into other schools and see the wonderful work that goes on and the experience has confirmed to us just how beneficial the introduction of pre-school children into our school community would be. At the moment we are consulting within our community through a questionnaire, to engage interest and measure the feasibility of such a venture. We will then hold an open meeting to discuss this further, within the next few months. If you are interested in finding out more please do get in touch with the school.

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** in **St Mary's Church** on **Friday 8th December**, our **Christmas Fayre** at the school on **Saturday 9th December** 10am-12noon, our performance of **'The Matchstick Girl'** which is being performed at **Freshwater** on **Thursday 7th December** and finally our **Carols** around the **Tree** on **Friday 15th December**.

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

Claire Staple, Headteacher

TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

The next session is on **December 8th at 2.15pm**.

All babies, toddlers and bumps with parents/carers are welcome for this informal friendly service, which includes singing, story time, marching, refreshments, craft activities and free play - and there is no charge!

For more information please contact **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We meet **every Tuesday (term time)** from **1.45 am to 3.15 pm** in **LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall). We have craft, ride-ons, soft play, trampoline, story corner, enthusiastic sing-along, friendly mums, snacks and a nice cuppa with biscuits

Please come along and join us for lots of fun. 0-4 yr olds welcome along with their parents, grandparents or carers! Contact **Nicola Miller** 01308 482734 jamiendnicola@gmail.com or **Clare Turnbull** 07748 783442 clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com for more info.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



At the last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2017, in October, Neil Lovesey answered the question 'Why did it die?' More accurately he gave us an in-depth look at how to keep our plants alive and encouraged us to be much more aware of individual plant's needs before we buy them. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on **March 19th 2018**, will be published in the BVN next year.

Jobs to do during December and January

Now's the time to ensure everything is prepared for next spring; prevent pests and diseases accumulating by removing any remains of overwintering weeds, diseased material and old crops; continue winter digging, adding homemade compost or well-rotted manure; mulch bare areas of soil; clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Clear leaves from the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpinas as they are vulnerable to rot in prolonged damp conditions. Protect camellia flowers from frost damage by covering with fleece. In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrot varieties under fleece and plant new rhubarb crowns. 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 2018

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



NEXT SOCIAL EVENT 2018

29th January 7pm for 7.30pm at THE ANCHOR, Burton Bradstock

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

Further dates and venues for 2018 will be publicised in the next Editions of the Bride Valley News.

Members are reminded that British Legion information will be made available when possible at our Social Meetings for those who cannot receive emails. If help is required by any of our Members, or you are thinking of joining the Legion, please telephone **our Chairman, Malcolm Lawrence** on 01308 898616 or our **Secretary Hazel Dagleish** on 01308 897894

PUNCKNOWLE BOOK CLUB

The bookclub read for October was the Pulitzer Prize winning **'March'** by **Geraldine Brooks**. Born and raised in Sydney, Australia, Brooks is well known there as a reporter and novelist, and became an American citizen in 2002, living not far from the setting of this novel.



The main character of the title is the absent patriarch from Louisa May Alcott's 'Little Women', a chaplain and abolitionist who has joined the Unionist Army during America's brutal Civil war. This is his story, and connects with his beloved wife 'Marmee' and four daughters through expressive letters, which nevertheless shield his family from many aspects of his personal journey through the untamed and beautiful countryside. With his unit, he comes across field hospitals and once glorious estates, where the brutal exploitation of slaves, and devastating effects of illness have a profound effect on him, and it becomes evident that the 'clear lines' between the ideologies of North and South were in fact non-existent, and exploitation did not necessarily end with emancipation. March does all he can to follow through on his belief that all races and genders have the right to education. (In the book's notes, we read that these beliefs were espoused by Bronson Alcott, Louisa May's father, on whom March's character is clearly based).

There are interesting connections to the era with the introduction of the real characters Emerson and Thoreau into the story, and the details of the 'Underground Railroad' system of transporting and sheltering slaves to safer lives up North across the Canadian border. The patriarchal attitudes towards women at the time was also touched upon, even from the point of view of March towards his own wife, who is portrayed as being very volatile (completely unlike the mother from 'Little Women'), much to his dismay.

Some of us questioned whether the connection to 'Little Women' was necessary, as it didn't really enhance the story, but we generally agreed that March is a well researched, informative and beautifully descriptive novel by an interesting author.

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

Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3rd Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat. Contact **Diana Wright 01308 456 967**



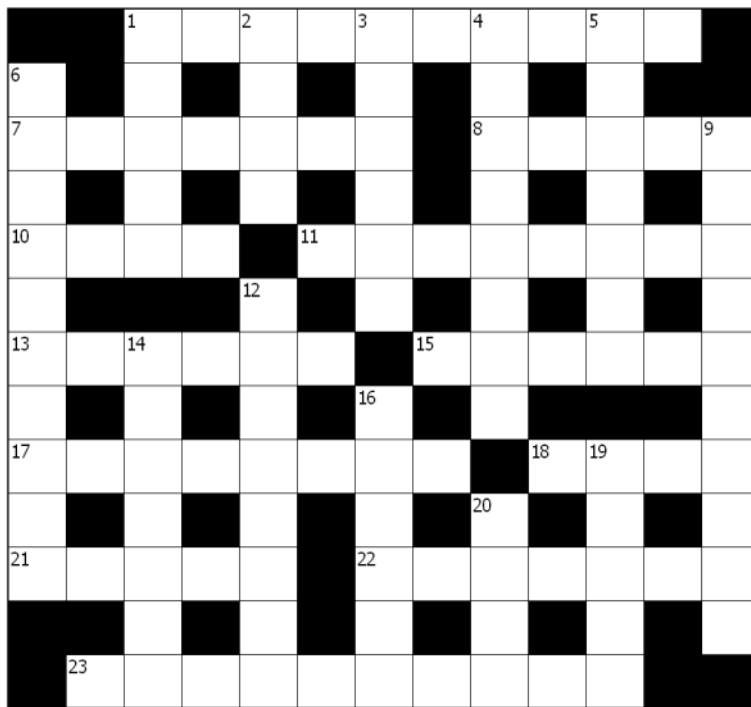
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Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)

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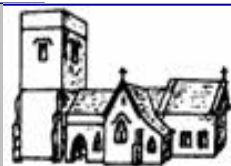
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LONG BREDY

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There will be a normal family service on **December 17th**, with traditional carols instead of hymns, but no Christmas Day service at St Peter's Church, because of the lack of clergy this year to lead the service. There will be a service at Little Bredy....please see the schedule in the BVN for details of services in the Bride Valley.

RIDE AND STRIDE FINAL TOTAL

The event raised £510.00. Thank you very much to all the generous sponsors, particularly those who sponsored Rachel Maltby and requested that she still send in the money even though she wasn't able to take part in the event due to injury.

JILL MALTBY

Jill came to live with Robert in Lattice Cottage after their wedding on St. George's Day in 1966, with happy memories of her jobs in America and England and of their courtship on ice when the River Thames froze over at Wallingford, Oxfordshire!

Her knowledge of catering and Domestic Science was applied to her full life as mother to Bruce and Giles and to every aspect of village life. Her bread was renowned at all events, and her kindness to people was legendary. She welcomed incomers to meet new friends over tea or lunch and they soon saw that Long Bredy's standards were special.

Spinning wool was another interest and gleaning the fences to provide fleece for it took her, and her Jack Russell, all over the farm and to the Handicraft Tent at the Melplash Show.

She always had a pony and for many years gave hands-on help with 'Riding for the Disabled'. Her love of flowers and gardening led to the carpet of snowdrops all along the lanes, planting more as a labour of love every year. As an active participant in the school run, many pupils and parents have fond memories of a staunch, loyal, and reliable friend. She loved foreign travel, was a keen and knowledgeable member of NADFAS and helped with the Salisbury Spire Appeal.

Closer to home, she was a mainstay of St Peter's Church, as a bellringer, organiser of flower and coffee rotas, carer of the Altar cloths and frontals

and as wife of the churchwarden, gave superb support. She was also a founder member of 'Ladybirds', still going strong nearly 40 years later.

As well as tirelessly supporting all aspects of village fundraising, from coffee mornings to the Tombola at the Annual Fete, Jill was a very special and caring person; her legacy inspires us all.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

OCTOBER 2017 Draw, drawn on 27th October 2017 at 11 The Gardens, by Kate, Dave and Ruth

£25	No 117	J Peretz
£15	No 27	Jo Milne
£10	No 10	L Barbour

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Advent Evensong on **Sunday 3rd** at 4.00 p.m is a **joint service with Swyre**, to which everyone is welcome. The choir will be performing some special music for Advent.

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

- ★ **Carols by Candlelight** on **Sunday 17th December** at 4.30 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.

Our very grateful thanks go to **Ann Miles**, who used to live in the village as many of you will remember. She has done a wonderful job of refurbishing our Crib figures, which were originally made by **Sallie Firrell** some years ago. Have a look for the two new woolly sheep that Ann has made!

Light up the Church this Christmas time - 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, to celebrate an anniversary/event or simply because you want to. Please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 482617.



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

wishes all residents of Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

BRIDE VALLEY SCOUT GROUP – A Big Thank You to the Scouts for carrying out their second litter pick of the year in the village, fulfilling their “annual payment” pledge for storage at LATCH.

EVENTS AT LATCH FOR DECEMBER

Monday: Beavers and Cubs (4th only)
Tuesdays: Toddlers group (5th only) 2.00 p.m.
Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.
NEW! Keep Fit 5.30 p.m. (not 26th)
Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.
Fridays: Yoga 10.00 a.m. (8th and 15th)



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH



Happy Christmas to all our supporters. We will be carrying on with our spring season from January, but with around 100 films showing on TV over Christmas and some strong contenders not yet having DVD release dates, please wait with anticipation for exciting news in the January magazine! Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Carol Singing around the village will be on **Thursday 14th (East End)** and **Friday 15th of December (West End & Main Street)**, starting from the Triangle at 6.00 pm, and ending with festive hospitality kindly offered by local residents. Proceeds in aid of Julia's House.

The New Year's Day Walk will be on Monday 1st January 2018!! Step off will be 10.00 am. from the Triangle. Route details in December's BVN. Resolutions start here!

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

WINE TASTING & WINE AUCTION –

Our grateful thanks to **Steven Spurrier** for hosting our annual wine tasting event in November which raised in the region of **£1000** for LATCH. Steven also generously contributed a considerable amount of stock from his wine cellar for a silent Wine Auction in aid of the Litton Cheney Children's Playground Project. Successful bidders will have been informed by the time you read this BVN and they clearly will be enjoying their Christmas in some style, and local children will also benefit hugely in a few weeks time when the “new” playground comes into being. Thank you to all who played a part.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE will be a Holy Communion Service at 11am led by Rev Edward Tildesley - everyone welcome!

CHRISTMAS FAIR 10 DECEMBER 3-4.30PM

Father Christmas will be arriving in his grotto in Puncknowle Hall on **10 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

This atmospheric gathering will be held at 5pm on **Sunday December 10** during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards please stay for mince pies and mulled wine.



Crown Inn

CAROLS IN THE CROWN

MONDAY 18 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.



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



It was very quiet as everyone concentrated on Helen's workshop, how to draw animal heads in biro and ink. We had a packed hall for Tracy Linwood's pastel workshop, still life with pumpkin and gourds. The end result was a room full of colourful pictures in the style of Van Gogh, amazing. We are looking forward to mince pies at The Crown on Dec.1st and 8th will be our Xmas party at the hall.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE BOOK CLUB

For this and future editions this report is now located in Valley Notes, page 11.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.



A bit early for Christmas but our next meeting is our Christmas celebration meal on **12th December**. This is a week earlier than usual as our normal 3rd Tuesday would be rather too close to Christmas day itself. This will be traditional fare so come along and join us.

We normally meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month for this popular social event and is for all people over 50 who live or have lived in our 3 villages. We enjoy a meal which has a choice of 2 main meals and 2 puddings finished off with cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee all for £5. We serve at 1 pm but most of our regulars come early to socialise with friends. Please get in touch if you would like to join us by telephoning **David Buckland** on 898492.

Helpers are always welcome and we are especially in great need of people to cook for us and help in the kitchen. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE



HOG ROAST

In October a very successful Hog Roast was held in the Bull, and we should like to thank the people who made the event possible, and so enjoyable. **Sue** who threw open the **Bull** for us, **Nicky** and **Steve** from the **Egg Cup** who donated the Hog and villagers from Swyre who worked so hard. **David Powell** who with his band played the music and our own **Lilah** and **Rebecca** who sang with him. Funds raised will go towards the necessary repairs to the Church and we hope to redecorate in the not too distant future.

DECEMBER 31ST

The last Sunday in December is the turn of Holy Trinity to host the 5th Sunday Service, this will be a Winter Songs of Praise, a festival of Winter songs and Carols with readings, we shall be serving coffee after the service. We hope that many of our friends and neighbours will join us to give thanks for the year that is closing and prayers for the New Year rapidly approaching.

COFFEE MORNING 2ND DECEMBER

We shall be holding a coffee morning at 10.30am raffle, cakes, and good quality Bric a brac. The chance to have a chat over a cup of coffee.

Swyre Parochial Parish Council.

MIKE BRENNAN

It is with great sadness to let everyone in Swyre know about the death of Mike Brennan, dearly loved husband of Barbara.

Mike passed away on 8 October at St Georges Hospital London, following a courageous battle against cancer. He was 65 years old.

Mike a good friend to many in the village often ran the bookstall at the Swyre Church fete. He will be very deeply missed by Barbara and his friends in Dorset.

Barbara, Mike's wife welcomes communications on barbaraherts@btinternet.com



Our two cyclists this year, **Rebecca Loughton** and **Tony Taylor**, raised **£357** for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. The course completed took them to six of the Bride Valley churches as far as Little Bredy church. There was a brief downpour to enjoy on the return!

Holy Trinity Swyre will receive half the amount raised. Many thanks to all who gave their support which will go towards essential maintenance of the church due to take place next year.

Tony Taylor

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 1000.

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. We can run these on a monthly basis for 3 months, 6 months, 9 months or up to a year at a time. We can also cater for one off monthly adverts, useful for local dated events or advertising for such positions as home helps.

For further details please email the advertising manager at bvctc@outlook.com

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2018 ISSUE - 5TH DECEMBER





BRIDE VALLEY

MESSY CHURCH
Puncknowle Village Hall
Sunday 10th December
10.30am

coffee, play, chat
 #notjust4kids

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SHIPTON GORGE

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



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

We welcome you all to our candle lit **Christmas Carol Service** on **Sunday December 17th** at 5pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

The **CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE** is at 11am, a joyful service for all ages. This is a combined service with parishioners from St Mary's, Burton Bradstock.

A **Remembrance Day** service was held on November 12th. This was a reflective service led by Vicky Thomas and Janet Lane, commemorating those who died in two World Wars and later conflicts. Hilary and Richard Cunningham led the Act of Remembrance and Richard read out the poignant last letter his own grandfather sent home, before his death at the Front. Poppy crosses in memory of loved ones were placed in front of a Commonwealth War Grave in the churchyard. This is the grave of Private John William Gale of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Another of Shipton Gorge's war dead is Sapper Ernest White of the Royal Engineers, for whom there is a commemorative tablet in the church. Ernest's brother's great great grandson, Stephen White and his partner Sue joined us today. It was very special to meet Ernest's family members.

There are no flowers in church during the advent season but the church will be full of floral decorations at Christmas. Thank you to all the 'flower fairies' who keep the church decorated with beautiful creations throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL

St Martin's is appealing for the donation of a large tree to place in the church. Can anyone help? Contact number: 01308 897169, Cathryn Johnson.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

We meet by the telephone kiosk at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 20th December to sing carols round our village, starting at Home Farm Way and finishing in the New Inn where Simone and Jason will be welcoming us with sherry and mince pies!

Carol sheets will be provided and we will be collecting for Save the Children Fund as usual. Bring a torch, bring your dog and wrap up well!

We look forward to your company!

Janet Lane

FLOODLIGHTS

Our church floodlights will be shining brighter than ever across Shipton Gorge, this Advent and Christmas season, thanks to our generous sponsors.

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.

Our sponsors are:

Harry & Lily Myers In Memory of their daughter Beverley's birthday on the 28th.

David & Maureen Morgan for their family Sandra & Richard Thorne, from Hampton, Canada.

Phyl & James for Kelly, Stuart and Chloe from Australia.

Ann Jones of Polyzoa for Mollies 98th birthday.

David and Yvette for Laura and Philip's birthdays.

Kate Kent for her "special" birthday.

Anne Jones of the School House thanking everyone for their support.

John and Diane Bredemear for their family at Christmas.

Gerry and Jackie wishing everyone a Happy Christmas, and

Hilary Cunningham for her New Year's Eve Birthday.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make Apple Day such a success in October. The weather was fairly kind to us and as we hoped turned out to be a great community event with the Village Hall Trust, Village Society and St Martin's Church all being involved and offering various apple related activities to make it a most enjoyable day for adults and children alike. Special thanks to the Village Society for erecting and dismantling their two marquees despite unpredictable weather over the preceding days, and also to Chris Hewlett, Christine Huxtable, Anne Crowe and Lesley Windsor who joined the organising committee that helped make it such a success. Finally thanks to all our members and their friends who helped on the day and to those who came along to support it.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is being held on **Wednesday 6th December** at 7.30pm in the hall. As AGMs have the reputation of being boring, although ours isn't of course, we will be offering mince pies and wine afterwards.

Notice of the meeting has gone to all members but everyone is welcome to attend and find out more about this charity and what it does in the village.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Exeter Christmas Bus Trip - Please meet at The New Inn in time to leave at 09:30. The bus will return from Exeter at 16:00. Seats are available from Sally 897168, payment with booking please £12 per ticket.

EARLY NOTICES

On **20th January 2017** there will be a **Seniors Tea Party** at the **Village Hall** between 14:30 and 17:00. More details to follow.....

Also on **20th January** will be the **Pickled Onion and Chutney Competition** in **The New Inn** at 19:00. Bags of Pickling Onions are available from Sally, Chris, Ruth, Ed or Jason. A pound to enter.

Thank you to **Simon Cleveland** for an excellent Big Autumn Quiz. The Batchelor of Economics Round might have been a little tough but good fun nonetheless. Also, well done **Steve Larcombe** for marking, **Graham Garner** for organising a Raffle and **Sally Parker** for keeping good order. Thanks to **Longs** for excellent **Fish and Chips**.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **10th January 2018** in the village hall at 7.30pm. As usual everyone is most welcome to attend.

VILLAGE SOCIETY & NEW INN SUPPORT LTD



Invite you to join them at The New Inn on **7th December** at 19:00 for the illumination of our Christmas Tree Lights by the Town Crier.

Enjoy a free Mince Pie while listening to Big Tony playing Rosie (his Sax)

Simone & Jason are kindly offering coffee

NISL Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

£20 No 76 Kate & John Kent

£10 No 27 Christine Green

£5 No 114 Myra Gardner

Congratulations to all the winners

You will be pleased to know that for the December 2017 and June 2018 draws only the payout is to be increased!

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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Tel: 482232



Two distinguished figures in the Littlebredy farming world of the last century have died within a few days of each other since the last edition of the magazine. **JOHN DUMBRECK** arrived as the new Farm Manager of Bridehead Farms in 1970, and was almost immediately confronted with the sudden death of his employer, Sir David. For nearly the next two decades, he was not only an energetic farmer, but also a pillar of strength in the village community, whilst his wife Angela was Head Teacher of Portesham School for part of that time. When he retired, they lived locally for a while but then went to live in first Padstow and then Trevone in North Cornwall, where he was a welcoming host to visitors from Dorset. After Angela's death, and in declining health, he lived out his final years in St. James Care Home near Bridport.

One of his neighbouring livestock farmers here for most of the time was **VINCENT COOMBES**, who farmed at what was then generally known as Home Farm, but which is now called Littlebredy Farm (where the Goodwins live). Vince was a stockman of repute, but also a mighty figure on the local skittle alleys. He and his wife Mary retired to Maiden Newton, but he too went to live in a care home after her death last year. His recent death at the age of 92 diminishes still further the number of those who knew life in the village in the 1980s.

To Robin Dumbreck, Trish Mitchell, Simon Coombes and Penny Fooks, and all their families, we send condolences in their loss.

Turning to the future, there are two services in the Church here over the Christmas period, both shared with the Longbredy congregation in view of the demands on clergy resources at that time. **The joint Carol Service will be at 6.00 p.m. on Friday 22nd December**, and will be a traditional mix of carols and readings, all by candlelight. Everyone is welcome to this atmospheric occasion, which will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall. Thanks in advance to those who have offered to provide the hospitality.

There is no service on Sunday 24 December, but the **Christmas Communion will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m. on Christmas Day (Monday)**. Again, everyone is warmly welcomed.

All of which is the obvious prelude to wishing everybody in the village, or with any connection with it past or present, a very happy Christmas period and a fulfilling and excellent 2018.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

SONGS OF PRAISE FOR ADVENT!

On Sunday **December 3rd** Rev'd Canon Stephen Batty will be leading a special Advent service of Songs of Praise. Starting at a convenient time of

10.30 am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are invited. There will be refreshments afterwards.

The **Epiphany Songs of Praise** service, led by Yvonne Buckland, will be held on **Sunday 7th January** at 10.30 am.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our **Christingle Service** is on **Friday December 8th** at 3.30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. It will be led by the Rev. Stephen Batty and children from our school will be assisting him in various ways. Everyone is most welcome to join us at this atmospheric candlelit service. Following this will be some tea and a party for the children in the Village Hall.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE

Carol singing around the village to raise funds for the Society will be on **Monday December 18th**. Please bring a torch and meet us at 6pm outside the church.

Pauline Woodford 898327

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

On **Friday December 1st** at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall we have our final talk of 2017.

BONNY SARTIN, frontman of 'THE YETTIES' for 50 years, talks about the way this band of local folk heroes started, and the daft things that happened to them during their tours in the UK and overseas. And the odd song will be thrown in for good measure! Liverpool may have created 'The Beatles', but Yetminster created 'The Yetties'. Come along for an evening of Dorset fun. Members pay just £1 and non-members/guests £4.

One for the new diary - our first talk of 2018 will be on **Friday January 12th 2018**, when **BOB AYERS** will take us for a stroll around Bridport and its Pubs, past and present.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact *Mrs Val Ferré* (01308 897648)



“200 CLUB” NOVEMBER DRAW

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£37.20	No 132:	Mr John Bowden
2 nd	£18.60	No 56:	Mr Norman Saunders-White
3 rd	£9.30	No 48:	Mr John Grantham

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December 2017 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £1 – one pound for the last 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 13 th December	St Mary’s Church
Wed 24 th January	Village Society

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films will take its usual break in December returning on **Friday 26 January 2018**. 2018 films will be decided once the programming of feature films for the Christmas television programmes have been announced to avoid us repeating any of the big films shown over the festive period.

Please keep a look out for the posters and advertisements for our 2018 programme in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING

This year’s Christmas Market in the Hall will be on **Saturday 2nd 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.

At the time of going to print one stall was still available (£6 each) Interested parties should contact **Richard Ferré** on 01308897648 or email richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk. The hall opens at 09:00 for Vendors.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The ever popular Village Quiz is on Saturday 9th 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.

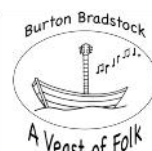
Tickets are on sale at the Post Office now, price £7 each which includes supper. All are welcome, teams of 8, small groups and individuals. To book a table for a team of 8, a vegetarian meal (essential if you want one), or to request being added to a team please call or email **Richard Ferré**, contact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

THANKS

The Hall Trust committee would like to offer their thanks to all who voluntarily turned out to help clean up and paint the rear hall and committee/changing rooms. There are now much improved facilities for those who use them.

BURTON BRADSTOCK'S 'A VEAST OF FOLK 2017'

The festival was somewhat reduced this year as we had to cancel the Ceilidh due to poor ticket sales, however there was still a lot of great music to be enjoyed.



The Anchor hosted sessions on Thursday evening and Friday lunch time – an enjoyable way to start the weekend and support the **Air Ambulance**. Saturday morning made a promising start and the **Three Horseshoes** garden was soon transformed into the venue for 'Music In The Garden'. Our first band **HiDDeN** got us off to a great start followed by **Last Gasp Orchestra** and then **Elfentale**. We were basking in hot sunshine! By 3pm black clouds loomed and as Burton Bradstock's own band **Mor or Less** took to the stage a deluge of rain fell. Despite being almost washed away the band finished their set and then we moved indoors where our wandering minstrel **Bill Cain** continued the music followed by **Lost Souls**. By 5pm the rain clouds had passed and the afternoon was rounded off, back outside, with **Whiskey Headed Buddies** who had travelled from Bristol followed by **Behind Closed Doors**. A great afternoon's music!

Thanks must go to **Roy Koerner** on sound and to all the musicians and helpers who kept the music going through the deluge, for everyone who

stayed to listen and to **Hannah** and **Jaap** for being so accommodating. Also for their generous donations to the raffle and from the special Veast Menu.

Despite all the difficulties we were able to present **£400** to Jim Sanders, treasurer for Bridport RNLI and were thanked for our donation in a year that the RNLI has generally seen donations reduced.



Now we are dried out we are thinking about the 5th Veast of Folk provisionally to be held **14th-16th Sep 2018**. If you would like to be involved and to see pictures of the festival find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockfolkfestival

GONZO MOOSE AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM.



Since 2000, Gonzo Moose has become renowned for its brand of stage comedy, which combines improvisation, music, physical theatre and clowning.

Join us in Burton Bradstock Village Hall for this fast-paced rollicking ride, mixing paranoia, suspense and hilariously gruesome deaths. It's 1912, and as Scott and Amundsen begin their race across Antarctica, the hapless explorer, Captain Reginald Cranston, has accidentally landed on the wrong side of the continent. As Cranston and his motley band set up base camp, a meteor crashes nearby. Deciding to investigate, they set out towards the crash site - unaware of the danger that awaits not just them, but the whole of planet Earth.



What ancient evil lurks inside the crater? What is the dark secret of the slimy fungus? And what is the horrifying fate of those who encounter the parasitic space worms? Watch three daring actors as they play over 15 roles in 90 minutes of shocks, spine tingling silliness, and blood curdling terror. With comedy and thrills galore, the show features visual gags, verbal wit, giant puppetry, and even a little bit of live music.

This must be a date to put in your diary! Tickets (adults £9, under 18s £6, and family groups £25), will be available in Burton Bradstock Post Office early in January, but can also order online at artsreach.co.uk at or just ring the box office on (01308) 897421.

COFFEE MORNING

The Watchkeepers from NCI LYME BAY will be serving coffee, cakes and BACON BUTTIES

on

Thursday 7 December, in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, 10:00 – 13:00

Everyone welcome

Come and support the valuable work of NCI Lyme Bay

The NCI's volunteer Watchkeepers are the Eyes along the Coast and play a vitally important role in assisting the Coastguard and the RNLI

In addition to learning more about the work of the NCI and munching cakes and butties, there will be an opportunity to buy cakes to take away and a chance to win a magnificent fruit cake!

National Coastwatch Institution - Registered Charity No. 1159975



FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the “library lunch” fund raising event and all the people behind the scenes especially Sandy, who worked hard to make it so enjoyable.

This month our attention turns to all things Christmas and with the holidays and visitors in mind, a reminder of the large selection of jigsaws available to borrow and DVDs (all donated) at 50p to buy/return. Please order your books for the holidays in good time so you are not disappointed, the last delivery to the library will be on Thursday 21st December.

We often have requests from people looking for information about their family history. It may interest you to know that Dorset History Centre have recently digitised Burton Bradstock Parish records, which are free to view using “Ancestry’s Library Edition” on the public computers in the Library. All you need is your Library membership card.

EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR 2017

with a selection from previous years are available to buy in the Library, both pubs in the village and at the Christmas Market on 2nd December in the village Hall.

BUY A TICKET for a chance to win this beautiful water colour by James Webster, £1 each from the Village Post Office & Shop.



COFFEE IN THE LIBRARY - You are invited to join us for a coffee and mince pie in the Library on Saturday morning **16th December** to witness the draw for this year's original water colour, "Winter Welcome". All proceeds go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library funds.

100 YEARS OF THE WI

Do come and see the exhibition in the library of 100 years of the W.I. compiled by Susan Moores.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OPENINGS

The library will be CLOSED on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 25th 26th & 27th December, and Monday 1st January 2018. The library will be open as normal on other days.

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

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 information:

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

POLITE NOTICE

Can we ask that the parking spaces in front of the WDDC Toilets are not used for every day parking in the village but kept available for the use of those using the public toilets and play area

Thank you for your cooperation

PC VACANCIES

Burton Bradstock Parish Council only has 1 vacant seat on the Parish Council contact the Clerk and any Cllr for more info

VILLAGE SHOP/POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Get your orders in early for your selection of Maydown Farm fresh and prepared meats plus cream, bread and home-made cakes etc.

GAMMON ORDERS NEED TO BE IN NOW...AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Delivery service now available

FLOODING-SANDBAGS

Dear parishioners affected by flooding in Burton Bradstock, Due to limited availability of space to store sandbags, I am asking you to 'own/manage' this

issue of sandbag storage yourselves! This will entail keeping a number of sandbags at your property to be used as and when required.

As you are only too aware, when there is a 'flash flood', there is little time for the volunteers to collect bags from the storage facility and place them where they are most needed to stop any further damage to parishioners' properties.

However, if sandbags were 'on-site', the volunteers could act more quickly and effectively to reduce ingress of water into your properties!

Please indicate your sandbag requirements by contacting the Clerk as detailed or call me on: 01308 898759. If I am not in, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Alan Ross- Flood Warden for Burton Bradstock Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Reading Room on **Wednesday 13th December 2017** at 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments.

All welcome!

Finally a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all!

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email: burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Tel: 07814 016971. Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

DIARY, DECEMBER 2017

Fri	1	12.00	Art Club	The Crown, Puncknowle
Fri	1	19.30	Village Society "Bonny Sarin of the Yetties"	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	2	10.00	Village Hall Trust Christmas Market + Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	2	10.30	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	6	19.30	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	6	19.30	Shipton Gorge Heritage	Village Hall, Shipton
Thu	7	10.00	N.C.I. - Coffee morning	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	7	14.30	Christian Group of Meditation	Othona
Thu	7	19.00	Illumination of Christmas Tree lights	New Inn, Shipton
Fri	8	11.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	8	14.15	Tots and Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton
Fri	8	15.30	Christingle Service	St Mary's, Burton
Sat	9	10.00	Christmas Fayre	BB School, Burton
Sat	9	19.00	Village Hall Trust - Christmas Quiz	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	10	15.00	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	12	13.00	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	13	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by St Mary's Church	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	13	19.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Thu	14	18.00	Carol Singing - Litton East End	Triangle, Litton
Fri	15	18.00	Carol Singing - Litton West End & Main Street	Triangle, Litton
Sat	16	10.00	Friends of Burton Library - Coffee Morning	Library, Burton
Mon	18	19.30	Carols	The Crown, Puncknowle
Thu	21	14.30	Christian Group of Meditation	Othona

LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Why not get your camera out over the festive season?

Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at bridevalleynews@gmail.com.

A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used





SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2017

	1 st Sunday 3 December Advent 1	2 nd Sunday 10 December Advent 2	3 rd Sunday 17 December Advent 3	4 th Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve	5 th Sunday 31 December 1 st Sunday of Christmas
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion ^{RR} 10.30 Advent Songs of Praise ^{SB}	11.00 Holy Communion ^{AW} 6.30 Evening Prayer ^{MR}	9.30 Family Service ^{RR} 6.30 Carol Service ^{SB}	5.30 Crib Service ^{YB} 11.30 Midnight Communion ^{SB}	8.00 Holy Communion ^{SL}
Shipton	11.00 Holy Communion with baptism ^{RR}	9.30 Morning Prayer ^{JW}	5.00 Carol Service Hugh King		
Swyre	Joint service with Litton Cheney	11.00 Holy Communion by ext ^{JW}	11.00 Morning Worship ^{JL}	9.30pm Early Midnight Communion ^{SL}	11.00 United Valley Winter Songs of Praise ^{SB}
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion ^{SL}	10.30 Messy Church in hall ^{YB} 5.00 Carol Service ^{SB}	5.00 Evening Prayer ^{MR}		
Litton Cheney	4.00 Advent Evensong ^{YB}	9.30 Holy Communion ^{SB}	4.30 Carol Service ^{YB}	4.00 Crib Service ^{c/w} 11.30 Midnight Communion ^{PR}	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion ^{SL}		9.30 Morning Worship ^{YB}		
Littlebredy		11am Holy Communion ^{PR}	Friday 22 Dec 6.00 Carol Service ^{SB}		