

# BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



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

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**St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle**  
**St Martin: Shipton Gorge**  
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## Lay Pastoral Assistants

We have 3 Lay Pastoral Assistants in our team and they are available for anyone throughout our community and can respond to any need, great or small, for pastoral care.

The team are: Jenny: 01308 898768, Liz: 01308 897451 alternatively you can get in touch with your churchwarden, or Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator on 01308 897260. Home communion is available by arrangement. If you would like to become an LPA, please have a look at the Diocese of Salisbury webpage: <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/news/is-god-calling-you-to-be-a-lay-pastoral-assistant->, and then chat with Rector Andrew.

## From the Rectory

Dear friends,

Have you ever been in hell, or feel like you are going through hell? I feel like I've been through hell before. I was in a physical place called hell recently, known as Hell Lane. You may know it. It's an ancient 'holloway' or sunken road, which runs from North Chideock to Symondsburry. I was running up it. It started out as a stream, then became deep mudded ruts guarded by hanging brambles, until I was enclosed by steep sides, as if in a ravine. I chose to run up Hell Lane on a 40 mile 'Wilderness Run'. Publicly my run was raising funds for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust in the annual 'Ride & Stride'. Privately I wanted to see if I could run for 40 miles, starting at St Michael's Church in Lyme Regis, uphill, then downhill, then uphill, then downhill, and so on until I would finally arrive at St Peter's Church in Langton Herring. It was a run across the Lyme Bay Deanery, saying prayers and blessings as I ran, like mobile meditation, but also wanting and needing a 'Wilderness' experience. 40 miles: like 40 days of fasting by Moses on Mount Sinai; like 40 years in the wilderness for the Israelites; like Elijah's 40 day walk to Mount Horeb; like 40 lashings; like 40 days in the wilderness for Jesus; and almost like 40 days of rain for Noah et al in the ark. The Biblical '40' represents testing, hardship and trial. But after '40' there can be breakthroughs, new beginnings, and hope.

As I ran through Hell Lane, I observed the carvings and inscriptions that had been etched into the sandstone sides. There were ghoulish faces and a skull, like gargoyles. Scary and sinister, just as you would expect in hell. The skull reminded me of the skulls I have seen in our churches, accompanied by the Latin phrase 'memento mori' (remember that you will die). How many people are already in hell I thought and may remain in hell if they don't choose or are not assisted to get out of it? I wasn't just thinking of those who have no control over their lives, in the hell of war, or disease, or oppression, but rather those who have become trapped emotionally and spiritually in darkness, in the hell that is the absence of love, the hell that is the absence of peace. I stopped to photograph the skull. I paused to think about the profound need to prepare for death. Not just writing a will, or organising finances, or care plans and funeral plans, but preparing to depart and rest in peace, in and through forgiveness, letting go, not burdened by grievance, or anger, or unresolved disputes, but strengthening relationships. Removing the briars from our faces, letting go of the weeds that keep us trapped;

taking steps to get through and out of the hell that is and can be in our minds, or that other people have created for us. I was reminded of stories of people in the Bahá'í Faith: the woman in an Indian village who, knowing she was dying, invited all the people of the village to visit her so she could make peace with them.

There were also flowers, and smiley happy faces, and love hearts, and the names of lovers, inscribed on the sides of Hell Lane. I reflected that even when we feel like we're going through hell, or in hell, love is still there, even though we can't always feel it. It's there, maybe in photos on the mantelpiece, or in the kindness of carers and neighbours, or the unconditional love of a pet, or the song of a bird, or in simply the warmth of the arterial blood that flows through our bodies to warm our veins. Love is with us in hell, and love will get us through, and out. "It is finished" was the cry that signalled death is not the end, the chains have been broken, love is stronger, love never ends. 'Memento mori', yes. But also, 'Memento amare'. Remember to love. Remember to cherish, to let go and to live. Love keeps people safe in hell. Love gets people through hell. Give them eternal life through your love.

I left Hell Lane after running 11.1 miles, but I didn't find peace for another 21.55 miles when I saw the sign 'ABBOT'S PEACE'. It was at the start of the disused railway path between Abbotsbury and Portesham. The gift of the Abbot to me. I smiled, a reason for gratitude. It is proven by research that smiling helps an endurance runner run faster and longer. Expressing gratitude, meditating on reasons to be thankful is used by endurance runners to keep going. When we feel like we want to give up, like we're running uphill through Hell Lane, or we've lost our way having fallen off the mainstream of life, gratitude can get us through the pain. When it feels like all hope has gone, finding a reason to be thankful might just help us keep going that little bit longer. I'm grateful to the Abbot for his gift of peace to me, a complete stranger, on my 'Wilderness Run'. I wondered: what signs do I produce with my words, my actions that might be a sign of peace to someone else struggling to keep going? I remembered the story of the man walking across a bridge on the way to complete suicide when a smile from a stranger, a kind word, stopped him from jumping. I bid 'Good afternoon!' to the lone walkers sharing the same path.

When I finally arrived in Langton Herring, I had visited twenty-two churches, run 40.03 miles and climbed 4,284 feet (1,305 metres) of elevation. Mount Snowdon is 3,560 feet (1085 metres) in elevation. I prayed for you while I was running. I prayed that if you are in hell right now that you would know

that you can get through it. I prayed that if your hell is the absence of love, that you would find love. I prayed that if your hell is the absence of peace, that you would find peace. I prayed that you will rest in peace.

'40' is just a number that represents testing, hardship and trial. Whatever your wilderness, keep going. After '40' there will be breakthroughs, new beginnings, and hope.

*Andrew*

### **Annual Memorial Service - Shipton Gorge November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.00pm**

We shall be remembering our loved ones and lighting a candle in their memory at a simple service of prayer and recollection on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.00pm, St Martin's, Shipton Gorge. We invite you, your friends and family to join us. If you are unable to join us, but wish your loved one's name to be read out at the service, please let Helen know: [bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)

### **Community Church (and Community Cake!)**

Please join us for our next Community Church events on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm, Portesham Hall and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm, at LATCH. These are more informal church services that may include discussion and reflection as well as prayer and singing...and a cuppa with cake afterwards! Everyone is very welcome!

### **Church Floodlighting**

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

### **Safeguarding**

The Churches of this Benefice have adopted the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and are 'Promoting Safer Churches'. The Benefice Churches have an open door to all survivors.

For further information or support please contact our Safeguarding Officer: - Les Keatley. Tel: - 07833545450 email: - [Les@Keatley.me.uk](mailto:Les@Keatley.me.uk)

### **From the Registers**

Funeral: 8<sup>th</sup> September, Colleen Ringrose at Burton Bradstock

## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

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

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £2.00 per journey).

Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

To book a journey please call our  
voluntary co-ordinator on  
07393 607025

We always welcome new drivers.



## Thorners CE VA School

The children have had a brilliant start to term and it has been delightful to welcome our 12 new starters who have come into Reception this year. The little ones have got stuck in straight away with Forest School sessions, Welly

Walks as well as football coaching from Lee Cuff and cooking in class and tackling their first numbers and letters!

We started term for all with a lovely church service where not only did the children ring the bells and read from the pulpit but also we were treated to a pupil, Lowri, playing the organ under the tutelage of Mr Paul Cheater for the first time in a service. We hope that Lowri will continue to practice and might be in a position to accompany us for some of our Christmas carols in due course.

Elsewhere across the school, the children in Chesil have had a Clay Workshop and used their topic of the Fire of London as inspiration for some wonderful clay house designs with a local artist guiding them through a range of decorative clay techniques. The others across the school have had football coaching and we have tried to make the most of our outside space in between the showery weather!

We look forward to more sport this term as well with The Colmer's Hill Run and Bridport Tag Rugby tournament coming up - a delightful chance for all

the boys and girls to get caked in mud in the name of sport! Our after-school clubs are up and running with Gardening Club, Jewellery Club, Football, Spanish and Messy Church all running from this week - so there is lots for the children to get stuck into inside as well as on the field.

All in all, a great start to term and many thanks to all the parents of new starters who have made it such a smooth transition into school!

*Mike Sitch, Headmaster*



## **Burton Bradstock CE Primary School**

**'Do justice; love kindness; and walk humbly with God'  
(Micah 6:8)**

*We are inspired by this verse from the bible and how it shapes all we do. We all believe that fairness, kindness and being humble are the key to flourishing for all. The links between this and our school values of Happiness, Friendship, Hope, Love, Courage and Respect are clear.*

We have had a great first week back at school after a glorious summer holiday! The children have come into school ready to learn and have started off as they mean to go on. We have welcomed 16 children into our Reception class and another few throughout the school.



We have also welcomed Mrs Serena Brown to our teaching team this year as Owl Class teacher.

Mrs Varndell-Paulley has moved to our KS1 class and the class are thoroughly enjoying the start of their topic. Kingfishers and Owls have started their weekly swimming and PE sessions at Bridport Leisure Centre. As a school, we use the sports hall and swimming pool every Friday afternoon in the Autumn and Spring terms as part of our PE provision; it is such a great resource! Over the summer, our outdoor learning area in Corncrake was fenced and the children are really looking forward to starting

their weekly sessions soon. This has been in the planning for a while and we are incredibly grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and funding this. We also really appreciate the work that the parish council and the local volunteers put in to maintain the site for the benefit of our children.

We have open mornings scheduled for the mornings of October 7th and November 17th. Whilst these are predominantly for those with children starting school in September 2026, local residents and current families are also very welcome to book a tour and see the school in action. If you would like to visit, please email or call the school office. We have spaces available in our Pre-School for children who are due to turn 4 before August 31st 2026. If you would like to visit our happy and friendly village school, please contact the school office to arrange a tour: 01308 897369 or [office@burtonbradstockprimary.org](mailto:office@burtonbradstockprimary.org)

*Adam Gough, Headteacher*

To stay up-to-date with all our news and events please follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurtonBradstockPrimarySchool> or the hashtags #LoveWhereWeLearn #TeamBurton!

## **2025 Christmas Greetings in the BVN**

Now is the time to place your Christmas greetings to local friends and neighbours via the BVN. Names will appear on dedicated pages in the December issue. There is no fixed fee, and you are invited to make an appropriate donation of your choice. The donations will be shared between the BVN and this year's charity chosen by the Benefice which is The Three Ells Trust.



The Trust was formed in 2000 by David and Helen Naerger following the loss of their son, Lewis, aged 16 years from an Osteosarcoma (Primary Bone Tumour). The charity was set-up to make a difference to the lives of children, and their families, who have cancer or other life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses. We work closely with the Teenage Cancer Trust at Southampton General Hospital as well as the Kingfisher Ward at Dorset County Hospital. The Trust provides recreational and educational equipment at these hospitals and to families at home. We also assist with the often-overlooked financial impact of travel and accommodation costs involved in the care or

treatment of a loved-one. For further details of the Trust please visit their website: [three-ells-trust.com](http://three-ells-trust.com)

Donations for your Christmas Greeting should if possible be paid directly into the Benefice bank account: sort code 30-91-21, account number 00074071. It is essential however, that these payments are referenced 'XG', and that the name or names for the dedication are included so that these are included in the magazine!

If you prefer to pay by cheque (made payable to 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'), or cash, these should be in clearly marked envelopes which can be handed to Churchwardens, or delivered to Liz Orza (2 Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4RG). Please make sure you include the name(s) for the dedication.

**Please ensure that your instructions are received no later than Monday 10th November, in order to meet the printing deadline for the December edition.**

## Our Night Sky in September 2025

Saturn will be setting in the West at 0430 in the morning, But Jupiter will remain visible all night. Venus will be rising in the East at 0600, and will shine brilliantly until the Sun rises.



The inside of a star turned on itself before it spectacularly exploded, according to a new study from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory. Today, this shattered star, known as the Cassiopeia A supernova remnant, is one of the best-known, well-studied objects in the sky. Over three hundred years ago, however, it was a giant star on the brink of self-destruction. The new Chandra study reveals that just hours before it exploded, the star's interior violently rearranged itself. This last-minute shuffling of its stellar belly has profound implications for understanding how massive stars explode and how their remains behave afterwards.

As massive stars age, increasingly heavy elements form in their interiors by nuclear reactions, creating onion-like layers of different elements. Their outer layer is mostly made of hydrogen, followed by layers of helium, carbon and progressively heavier elements – extending all the way down to the centre of the star. Once iron starts forming in the core of the star, the game changes. As soon as the iron core grows beyond a certain mass (about 1.4 times the mass of the Sun), it can no longer support its own weight and

collapses. The outer part of the star falls onto the collapsing core, and rebounds as a core-collapse supernova. These are one of the most brilliant objects that can be seen in the night sky, but they last for only a short while, meanwhile spreading all the elements that it has formed throughout space. In fact, we are made of all these elements formed at the heart of supernovae, so we are made of stardust!

Quite a thought to end this article!

*Bill Turnill*

## **Bride Valley WI**

As our glorious Summer has started to become a little fickle, with Autumn's colours slowly becoming more apparent and some wind and rain trying to make its mind up, we at the Bride Valley WI took a break from our normal Thursday evening meeting. However, there is no sitting back and resting.

Firstly, and possibly most importantly, there was the defence of our cup winning entry in the 2024 Melplash Show. Last year we were the proud winners of Crafting Together and yes, we did it again this year.

The theme for 2025 was 'Bridport Through the Ages'. Our members who were involved completed a display of Bridport Businesses over the years Knitting, sewing, papier mâché, lino cutting, net making, crocheting and paper modelling were all part of the winning entry. Well done to all those members who took part and showed us their talents. There does seem to be a precedent now. Bring on 2026.

As importantly, we are continuing to enjoy our summer evening walks. A group of about 10 of us familiar faces met at the National Nature Reserve on the ridgeway at the top of the Valley of the Stones, near Littlebredy. Firstly, we looked at the site of an ancient brick kiln and one of our knowledgeable members told us about the recent archaeological digs in the area and pointed out how and where the bricks had been possibly made and stored. Then we walked down to the foot of the valley, enjoying the beautiful evening sunshine and saw a few of the Exmoor ponies foraging and ignoring us! Phyllis showed us the Polissoir and we tried hard to imagine us sharpening our weapons on it. We then walked back up the hillside, passing an amazing number of huge Sarsen stones and what was possibly an important stone circle. The weather yet again was kind to us and we are aiming to squeeze in more evening walks in September.

Skittles continues at the White Horse every other Tuesday and should you wish to join the Bride Valley WI, we meet on the third Thursday of the month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Contact us at: [Bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

## The Bride Valley Book Club Review

**“Days at the Morisaki Bookshop”** by Yagisawa Satoshi.

There does seem to be quite a vogue for Japanese fiction at the moment. “Days at the Morisaki Bookshop” is a first novel and has been very popular in Japan - even being made into a film - although this has not yet reached us here in the UK. It is set in the real-life district of Jinbochu in Tokyo where there are many specialist second hand bookshops often located in traditional wooden houses. Takako is the main character, a young woman who is suddenly jilted by her lover who plans to marry another woman. Takako’s life is upended by this trauma, she quits her job and seeks refuge with her uncle, the owner of a bookshop. In exchange for room and board Takako is expected to help out in the shop. Despite being uninterested in reading she eventually learns to appreciate literature and the eccentric characters who are regular customers. Her relationship with her uncle, Saturo, becomes more relaxed as they learn about each other’s lives - especially the mysterious circumstances of the departure of Saturo’s wife, Momako.

We know that this book was enjoyed by several of our group. However at our meeting this novel had a more luke warm response. It is always a challenge for translators to hit the right notes, and we felt that this translation relied on too many “Americanisms”. Sometimes the description of emotional responses seemed either overly dramatic or understated and we were puzzled by this. One of us commented that feelings in the novel were glided over and that the reader never got below surface level. Had it been written by AI we wondered? We did agree that this book gave us a clear impression of just how different contemporary Japanese culture is when compared with our own. This novel was a best seller in Japan - but it had a more mixed response from us!

*Liz Pinfield*

## Random Musings of Two Dilettante Explorers

Come with us on a series of journeys through colourful essays, across the seven continents and the five oceans, including to West Dorset where we meet Benedictine monks from a 1000 years ago at the Abbotsbury Abbey and Swannery, as well as the 5000 year old Bronze Age Beaker people who lived on Tulks Hill from where they enjoyed sweeping views of the Fleet and Chesil Beach. Moving on to the present day, the Jurassic Coast, St. Catherine's Chapel, pyramidal orchids, Lyme and Weymouth Bays and John Falkner's 1898 classic Moonfleet, set in Dead Man's Bay, all make an appearance. Available directly from Amazon in hardcopy or digital format using: ISBN-13 979-8308514541. The authors are Thillainathan Pathmanathan and Anne Christina Reck, who live locally. They both have had long medical careers both in Dorset and many other parts of the World.

## Bride Valley Gardening Club

### Gardener's Question Time

To round off another gardening club year there will be a **Gardener's Question Time** at the meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This promises to be a great evening, fun and hopefully informative too. Members are asked to submit questions in advance to our Secretary Liz so that there is a good mix of questions for our illustrious panel of three. We will be welcoming Katherine Crouch, not only BBC Gardener of the Year (1999) but also Gardener of the Decade (2001) and a Chelsea Gold Medallist. Now a much sought after garden designer, her speciality is designing country gardens with difficult constraints such as steep slopes and poor access. She has a thorough knowledge of perennials and "allotment stuff" as she puts it. One of the club's most popular returning speakers, Saul Walker is joining us for the evening. He has a wide range of interests and especially "loves a good mystery plant for identification" so now's your chance to bring along a piece of plant that nobody has been able to name.

Our third panellist is Clive Russell, owner of a fabulous garden in Pilsdon. His particular passion and expertise is Iris, and some of you may remember visiting 'The Iris Garden' when it opened regularly some years ago. Today Clive is busy hybridising plants, developing National Collections and sitting on the RHS Iris Committee. He is also known for his wide plant knowledge.

Do come along on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We meet at the Community Village Hall ('LATCH') School Lane, Litton Cheney. Doors open 7.00pm for drinks and chat - visitors welcome as always for £2. Meeting starts at 7.30pm.

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## Prince of Wales and Portesham Surgeries

Stoptober is back, and we're calling on England's smokers to join millions of others who have quit successfully with the campaign. Over 5 million adults in England still smoke. Smoking causes 75,000 deaths a year, making it the biggest cause of preventable illness and death. Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health. The good news is, if you quit smoking for 28 days, you're five times more likely to quit for good. Going 'cold turkey' is still the most common way that people attempt to give up, but quit attempts are successful more often when using quit smoking support. That's why this year's Stoptober campaign is encouraging smokers to quitting this October by exploring the free support available. We want aspiring quitters to know that we have their back and by taking part in Stoptober, they are more likely to succeed. There's a wide range of free quitting tools available, including the NHS Quit Smoking app, the Personal Quit Plan, expert support from local stop smoking services and a Smokefree Facebook support group. There's also lots of information about aids such as nicotine-free medicines, nicotine replacement therapies and vaping, available at [nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking](http://nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking). Together, we can do this.



Visit [www.livewelldorset.co.uk](http://www.livewelldorset.co.uk) for free local stop smoking support.

### Appointment attendance

In the last month we had over 200 clinical appointments not attended by patients without cancelling. Unfortunately, these appointments cannot be used for other patients once the time has passed. We kindly ask all our patients to be considerate of this; if you find you are no longer able to come to your appointment or you no longer need it, please do contact us to cancel as soon as possible. You can cancel via the NHS app, in person or by calling or emailing the team. Thank you in advance for helping us to better support our patient community.

**Thank you:** To our wonderful health champions and surgery volunteers who have been working tirelessly to keep the gardens and grounds looking so lovely. Your support is appreciated beyond measure. We get regular comments about how pretty the plants are and this is all down to you.

**Event reminder:** We have a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Flu clinic on Saturday 4 October in Portesham Village Hall. Even if you are not having a jab, you are welcome to come along for a social cuppa and some lovely baked treats.

## Burton Bradstock

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Village web-site: [www.burtonbradstockvillage.org](http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org).



## St Mary's Church

There will be a celebratory Harvest Festival Service for our village with traditional hymns and readings at St.



Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Sunday October 5<sup>h</sup> at 11.00am. Our Rector, the Rev'd Andrew Rawding will be leading the service and accepting harvest offerings of non-perishable food for the Food Bank in Bridport. We welcome everyone to this service, whether residents or visitors, so please come and join us.

## Burton Bradstock Harvest Lunch Sunday 5th October

Following the church service at St. Mary's, a Harvest Lunch will be enjoyed in the BB Village Hall from 12.30pm. Tickets are available from the Post Office (Open from 8.30am to 1.00pm Mon to Sat) priced **£10** per ticket, available until Wednesday 1st October. You will need a ticket as none will be available on the day. Lunch will include a glass of wine/soft drink, baked potato with a range of toppings and sides, selection of desserts and tea or coffee, all made freshly for you by kind volunteers in the village. Hope to see you there!

*Carol Brown, on behalf of St. Mary's Church*

*For more information, please call 01308 897273 and leave a message with your name and contact number.*

## Tots Time

Tots has started up again, every term time Friday afternoon from 2.00-3.00pm in the church. All are welcome from babies to pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. Activities and refreshments for the children while the grown-ups can chat over a hot drink.

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall

**Village Hall Bookings:** Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.

**Coffee Mornings:** The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below.

They run from 10.00am to 12.00noon and all are welcome.

*Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October: Bride Valley Drivers.*

*Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November: Burton Bradstock School*

**Burton Bradstock Films Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>:** October brings to us a captivating portrayal of the life of Maria Callas by Angelina Jolie. Jolie's dedication to the role meant 7 months of intense vocal training so that Jolie's voice could be blended harmoniously with that of Callas who was one of the most influential and enigmatic opera voices in history. The film follows this iconic Greek-American soprano through her glamorous and tumultuous life up to her final 7 days in 1970's Paris.

Tickets are £6 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be bought beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or on the door if available. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

**Christmas Market:** The Village Hall Trust Christmas Market and Coffee Morning will be on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to 12.00noon. There are normally a range of stalls selling Christmas craft items, decorations, and a range of items that make good Christmas presents.

If you would like a table at the Market (cost £10) please contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com). There are limited numbers so it will be on a first come first served basis.

**General Information:** The Hall has just had the floor re-surfaced and the white badminton lines removed. We are asking users to be careful when moving stacks of chairs as this is the most common cause of damage.

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”**

**September 2025 Draw**

**Congratulations to the winners:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£33.00	No 151:	Mrs Carole Houghton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£16.50	No 164:	Mr Geoffrey Spencer-Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£8.25	No 23:	Mr Richard Ferre

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October 2025 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £35 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. *WDDC Licence no: SLO080*

## **Burton Bradstock Village Society**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.00pm-8.00pm, Village Hall, Burton Bradstock.  
Drop-in session on Dorset local plan**

Dorset Council are asking for views of residents on how Dorset should develop over the next 17 years. They have designated two potential sites in Burton Bradstock that could be developed for housing and the landowners have shown interest. These are the field at the top of Northover Close and the field west of Beach Rd behind the garage up to the National Trust land on the cliff.

**Clearly these will have the potential to significantly impact the village and whatever your opinions it is important you share them with the Council by 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Cllr Sally Holland will be holding a drop-in session regarding the proposed local plan at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30pm to 7.30pm, if you would like to ask any questions please come along. You can find out more information on the council website along with how to register your views. ([www.consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk))

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, “Our Ukrainian Friends”**

This month’s talk will be given by Jim Tigg. Jim is a Bridport resident who is going to share the story of Bridport hosting of Ukrainian refugees. He has

been very involved in supporting those who came to the town under the government's scheme to bring Ukrainians to the UK. Jim will be sharing the positives and negatives for both the refugees and their hosts. Doors open at 7.00pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £1.50 for members and £5 for non-members. You can join on the night and you are welcome to bring your friends.

### **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-Noon. Additional Coffee Morning in support of the Village Post Office**

The Society will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds for the Post Office. At the time of going to press, planning for this is in its infancy but there will be further publicity on the website, posters and in the newsletter.

### **Sponsor a Christmas Tree ornament**

Once again, the Village Society, which organises the putting up and decoration of the Christmas Tree on the Village green, is running a "Sponsor a decoration" programme. For £5 you get to choose a decoration (star or ball) of your choice and colour of your choice, plus we will add whatever words you wish on them. They will be used for 3 years and you can either put them on yourself this year or we will put them on for you.

This is the fourth year of the programme, so the first subscribers lose their decorations this year. The money raised is used to fund replacement lights, which in our area typically only last 2 years. If you wish to get involved, email Richard at [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com), and he will send you a note on how to select your choice, plus options to pay. The Tree normally goes up at the end of November and they take time to make, hence the early warning. Also watch the BVN, Newsletter & website for details of the "Switch On" event.

### **Something else to look forward to**

In November, Sue Moores will give an illustrated talk on the art, architecture and artefacts which are the legacy of the Romanov Tsars of Russia. Since the 1980s, the Russian government has given millions of roubles to restore palaces and cathedrals and curate masterpieces of art and jewellery like the exquisite Faberge eggs collected by the Tsarinas. The political threads running through the talk will go some way to explain why the Ukraine and the Crimea are so important to President Putin.

## Maydown Farm Shop and Burton Bradstock Post Office Important Notice about Opening Hours

Please note that there are revised opening times for Saturdays, which will be from 8.30am until 12.30pm.

### Thank You from John and Annie Grantham

Many thanks indeed for your messages of concern and good wishes, cards and other help such as much appreciated lifts to the hospital for John, when Annie was laid seriously low in August by an illness believed to be encephalitis.

The warmth and love of friends has been really uplifting and we are glad to say Annie is continuing to recover well, bit by bit, at home after her 12 days' fine care and treatment at Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester. Thank you all so much.

While writing could we please also mention we understand that the Bride Valley Car Service, so helpful to residents with a medical need and unable to drive, is currently 'desperately short' of drivers, and that the organiser would welcome a call on 07393 607025 from anyone who thinks they may be able to help. Many thanks again.

*John and Annie Grantham*

### Worklight Theatre Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Sunday 12th October, 7.00pm. Worklight Theatre present "It's The Economy Stupid", an award-winning play based on the true story of a family caught up in the 1990's recession, revealing the heart, humour and humanity behind modern economics.

Tickets available via the Artsreach website [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk) or for more information contact David Witham on 01308 897403.



Date for your diary: Burton Bradstock 22<sup>nd</sup> November, TRIO Hailing from Scotland, Firelight Trio play European folk music that is evocative, inventive, and endlessly exciting.

## **Colbert Crafters**

By popular demand we are holding our early Christmas Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock, to enable you to purchase beautiful gifts, hand made by our local crafters. Do call in for a browse and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

*Elaine Colbert*

## **Burton Bradstock WI**

At our September meeting members were enthralled by the talk given by our President, Carol Higho, about the Islands of Japan. Resplendent in a beautifully embroidered kimono, which she demonstrated how to put on, Carol transported us away from a rainy England for a tour around the main islands of Japan, focusing on Kyushu where she had lived for some time. We gained a lot of interesting information on our journey and were impressed by Carol's mastery of the language - and of origami! Carol also brought along a variety of artefacts to enhance her talk as well as some delicious food to try. I think by the end of the evening she had made us all wish we could go to visit these beautiful islands ourselves

The 4Bs Craft Group (Burton Bradstock Busy Bees) have had some interesting ideas. It has been decided that as an additional extra at their fortnightly meetings they will have somebody demonstrating a particular art or craft. Dorset buttons, Felting, Christmas Garlands and decorations and Marbling are some of the initial suggestions - very innovative. Part of the idea is to make items to sell at our Early Christmas Coffee Morning, which is coming up at the beginning of November - so do come along to that and make an early start to your Christmas preparations and shopping. There will be lots of gift ideas and decorations for sale. At our meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October, back by popular demand, Baboo will be coming to tell us their story and all about their delicious ice creams. Last time they came they brought along some tasty samples - so here's hoping!

Do come and join us. New members and visitors are always welcome.

*Janet Pearson 01308 898346*

## **The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library**

Many thanks to all who supported our recent Coffee Morning and Book Sale and to all our helpers. It was great to know the support that the Library is so well supported by the village of Burton Bradstock and surrounding area.

I am pleased to report that we have been offered some temporary Digital Champion help while we search for a new Volunteer as outlined in the following advert. This is being offered on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am or 10.30am and if you would like assistance, please leave your contact details with a duty volunteer in the Library and we will get back to you with possible dates. Sessions are free.

Subscriptions to the Friends of the Library are due at the beginning of October and all readers are invited to become Friends. Many thanks to all who have paid their subs already – this is a vital source of income to keeping the Library flourishing. You can pick up forms for applying for a free library card and to be a Friend. Along with books, we provide photocopying, laminating, jigsaws to borrow, public computers, and a friendly atmosphere!

We shall be holding another free Lego Morning on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 12noon. All are welcome and there is no need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and yes, they can all join in with the construction!

Our new Christmas cards and notelets are now available in the Library and the Post Office. The notelets and some of the Christmas cards are a smaller size which we hope will appeal.

Normal opening hours are: Monday 2.00-4.00pm,  
Wednesday 10.00am-12noon, Thursday & Saturday 2.00-4.00pm

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com [www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library](http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library)  
01308 897563

*Sue Brown*

## **People with digital and technical experience – Burton Bradstock Library needs you!**

Dorset Council is seeking someone in Burton Bradstock with digital and technical experience to help get more residents online. The Council runs a volunteer digital champion programme across Dorset to give advice

about technology and digital to anyone who needs it, including here in Burton Bradstock Library. With nearly a third of Dorset's residents digitally excluded in some way and with more essential services moving online, this help has never been so important. The council needs a volunteer who can offer face to face help at Burton Bradstock Library.

To be a volunteer digital champion you need to be patient and kind. A background in IT or digital would be ideal but anyone with a good all-round knowledge of software, website services, online services like shopping and banking, devices (laptops, printers, smartphones, tablets), social media and apps are also very welcome to apply. Full training and on-going support is provided for anyone who successfully applies to be digital champion.



Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer digital champion can apply here <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/digital-champion-application> or for more information email [digitaldorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:digitaldorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

### **Dorset Local Plan Consultation**

Dorset Council are asking for your views on how Dorset should grow and develop over the next 17 years. If you have any comments or concerns on the proposed Local Plan it is important to have your say and complete the online survey at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing)  
Cllr Sally Holland is holding a drop-in session at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30pm to 7.30pm, if you have any questions please come along. The consultation runs until the 13<sup>th</sup> October, please have your say before then.

**Play Area:** The updated basketball facility is now complete and ready for all to enjoy. Please keep off the grass surrounding the pad until the grass has established.

 A Fun Afternoon for All the Family! 

### **THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY APPLE PRESSING**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm in the Rectory Garden  
(By kind permission of our Rector, Andrew Rawding)

Come along and join in the fun as we press fresh apples the traditional way!

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon with activities for all ages, seasonal treats, and great company. Organised in conjunction with **Friends of the School**. Any offer of apples will be appreciated and collected/picked one evening before. **Bring your own bottles for the juice!**

**Burton Bradstock Bridge Club:** We are a very friendly group who meet in the village hall every Tuesday afternoon from 1.45pm until 4.30pm to play duplicate bridge. If you have played bridge before but feel you are a bit rusty this would be ideal! We could find you a partner if necessary and you would be assured of an enjoyable afternoon with a break for tea and biscuits. Please come and make some new friends. For more information, please contact Kathy on 01308 485626.

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

### **Supper Club:**

This month's Supper Club will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Any enquiries please phone Mags on 07790 811905

## **Littlebredy**

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Tel: 01308 482443

Village website: <http://www.littlebredy.com>



Anyone travelling along the road through the village may be surprised to see that a tin shack has appeared on the East End of the church. This is in fact a temporary structure to allow the removal of the East windows, which are currently in Glastonbury being repaired and restored. We hope that the windows will be back by mid- November, but in the meantime, the stone window frames above the altar are hosting colourful pictures and images inspired by



life in the village, made by the village children and their families. Do drop in, have a look and make one yourself- all materials provided!

The sudden end of a very dry summer and the early autumnal winds and rain have combined to bring down one of the oldest apple trees in the village, and sadly it's the one with delicious red eating apples by the old iron gate to the river path. However, the tree went out in a blaze of glory: sections of its trunk formed part of a floral exhibit that won first prize in the Novice class at the Dorset County Show [a trophy previously won by former villager Charlie McCormick in 2018], and a dish of apples from the tree was Highly Commended!

## Shipton Gorge

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*Welcome to our village diary. Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/>. You will be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and other event organisers.*

## St Martin's Church

St Martin's Church Floodlights are shining this October for:

*Christine Green for Colin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Sally Parker and family in remembrance of Steve Larcombe (3 years on 14<sup>th</sup> October)*

*David & Rosemary Greasby*

*Christine & Terry in loving memory of Christine's dad.*

*Janet & Brian Dingley - wishing Peter Knapman, a speedy recovery*

Thank you so much for your sponsorship and to our anonymous sponsors. We are now looking for sponsorship for the winter months so if you have an occasion, please let me know and it can be included in the BVN and on posters. For a suggested donation of £5, you can light up the Church and the

Village. Please contact Phyl Webster on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post-box on Chapel Street.

There's no service on the 4th Sunday this month at Shipton Gorge as we are all invited to Reverend Margaret's 'thank you and farewell' service at Abbotsbury at 11.00am. Margaret has been a great supporter of Shipton Gorge since the Benefice amalgamated and we wish her well in retirement.

Looking ahead to November, Remembrance will be marked by Breakfast Church from 9.30am and with a service in church from 10.45am.

## Village Hall

### Access for All building project

The final funding has now been received from The Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund which means that the Access for All project can go ahead. Once a possible start date is known Trustees will liaise with the community and regular users of the hall as to how the building can be used while building work takes place.

### September 2025 100 Club Draw results

1 <sup>st</sup>	79	£25	Jane King
2 <sup>nd</sup>	42	£10	P & M Thimont
3 <sup>rd</sup>	116	£5	Val Dalton

Congratulations to all winners

## Artsreach & Shipton Gorge presents Michell, Pfeiffer & Kulesh: Flowers



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm at Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Michell, Pfeiffer & Kulesh are an all-female close harmony folk trio that brings together the exciting talents and exquisite voices of award-winning songwriters Odette Michell (UK), Karen Pfeiffer (Germany) and Daria Kulesh (Russia). Performing on guitar, bouzouki, accordion, dulcimer, shruti box, percussion, Irish flute and recorders, their debut album Flowers was released in 2024 to great acclaim.

Expect a beautiful music show that carries messages of peace and female empowerment from a folk-point of view, featuring songs known and new, presented in exquisite, innovative arrangements. Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity.

*"Close harmony singing - so tight that you couldn't blow smoke between them... hauntingly beautiful" Songlines*

*"Individually, all three are outstanding performers, together they are unrivalled" Folking.com*

**Pre-show meal at the New Inn with 15% off food when quoting 'Artsreach'.**

Booking online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk). Also, a date for your diary, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, John Doran & The Northern Assembly. A newly formed collaboration between three established performers who breathe new life and energy to traditional British songs in their own musical and vocal style. Further information from Mark Sexton on 01308 897649

## Shipton Gorge Heritage

### Heritage Gin Club

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by buying tickets for the year ahead – all tickets now sold. The winners in the August draw were Julian and Anne Sharman - and Yvette and David Smith in the September draw. Congratulations all of you.



### Saunders Richardson Wood

The much-needed rain in September will have created some ideal conditions for fungi in the wood – we will be on the lookout among the dead branches and leaf litter. We intend to open the wood on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am to midday. If you would like to come along and either help or have a walk round, that would be great. We will be checking on the young trees which have been planted and making sure they are protected from the deer, etc. over the winter months. This is a members' only event but we can sign you up on the day and there is no charge to join.

## Shipton Gorge Orchard

Despite the summer drought, it seems to have been a good year for fruit and berries, probably helped by a greater number of pollinating insects being around this spring. Remember, that you are welcome to pick the apples in the Orchard. To avoid any unwanted surprises, probably best to check the named plan on the notice board – or labels on the trees. Three which are likely to be ready in October are Rosemary Russett (Dessert/Juice), Adams Pearmain (Dessert) and Ashmead's Kernel (Dessert). We plan to have an apple picking session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am to midday – apples to be pressed at our Apple Day. If you would like to help, please come along.




**The Apple Day Produce Sale** will be held in the Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Homemade jams, chutneys and cakes, etc will be available. and Dorset Nectar Cider will have a stand. There will be children's activities, apple pressing, and a competition for best Dorset Apple Cake. Look out for posters for more details. If you have been busy over the last few months and have any spare jars of preserves etc – or would like to bake a cake, donations for the produce stall would be very much appreciated. Please come along and support us – there will be tea and cake to tempt you too.

If you would like to become a member, or are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635 or email [annecrowe2016@hotmail.com](mailto:annecrowe2016@hotmail.com). Details as usual on our website: [http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton\\_Gorge\\_Heritage\\_\\_16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage__16417.aspx) and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>


## Parish Council

A reminder about the defibrillator training session to be run by Chesil First Aid Training on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in the Hall. Please contact our clerk Debbie on 07840401786 or [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk) to book your place. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.



## **Tracey's Spectacular 'Pies for Peals'**

*An evening of fun and fabulous food for  
the whole village!*



**Shipton Gorge Village Hall on  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 6.30pm.**



Tracey will be serving her spectacular pies,  
followed by a choice of delicious deserts!

There will also be a grand raffle.

**Tickets cost £20 and are available from**

*Jo Warren (07581050910) or*

*Elizabeth Ferguson (07799751130)*

Please bring your own drinks.

**This event is raising funds for  
St Martin's bell maintenance.**



## **Community Choir**

Commencing on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Shipton Gorge Village Hall. We are an inclusive choir and we welcome everyone, 2.30pm-4.00pm.

Our aim is to bring the community together through music and song. If you believe that you cannot sing, if you believe that you can, If you read music or if you do not, you are welcome. Your first session is free of charge, thereafter, it is £5.00 per session, payable on the day and will include refreshments, music/words for you to keep and a great amount of jollity! Concessions are available. We aim to sing a wide range of material. Our first 'airing' will be a Christmas Concert at St Martin's Church and Carol singing in the Village.

*Ian & Kim. bloomfieldkim5@gmail.com 07754 245 691 or 01308 346007*

## Litton Cheney

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### St. Mary's Church

Our Village Café last month was a great success, raising over £1400 for St. Mary's. Huge thanks to all those who contributed in any way – we are very grateful for your support.

The new “Community Church” at LATCH started in September and will continue on a monthly basis on the fourth Sunday at 4.00pm. It is a chance to have tea and cake, meet people and share some informal fellowship together. Come along and give it a try. The season of Evensong on the third Sunday has ended and we now revert to BCP Morning Prayer at 9.30am on the third Sunday of the month.

Coming up in November, there will be a special Remembrance Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm, - a quiet reflection in words and music - and two minutes silence will be observed at the War Memorial on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am for everyone who would like to come along. We will be laying a wreath and adding seven new wooden crosses in memory of those from Litton Cheney who gave their lives in WWII, 2025 being the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its ending.

If you would like the church to be floodlit any day for a special occasion for £5, please contact  
Freddie Spicer (482617)

### Litton Cheney Parish Council

**Next Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm at LATCH**

If you want a taste of what local democracy looks like, come along to our next meeting in November. It may even inspire you to put your name forward as a prospective parish councillor. We are currently five, and ideally should

be seven. It is not arduous, or time consuming, but it does need you to be fairly up to date with local issues, and possess a willingness to get things done, when the situation calls for it. Contact our Parish Clerk, Debbie, or a parish councillor for more details – contact details can be found on noticeboards and village website.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** including examples of speeding should be reported via the Dorset Police app – if it is not reported, it did not happen, and nothing will be done about it – don't put up with it – report it – please!

### **Our Bin Day has changed to Fridays**

Unless the garden waste bin day is changed – at the time of writing it hasn't – then at times when rubbish and food waste is put out, the bins will jostle for space alongside garden waste bins. Please be considerate and do not cause a bin jam!

### **Draft Local Plan and Local Transport Consultations**

You have until 13<sup>th</sup> October to comment on Dorset Council's plans for the future. Don't miss this opportunity to influence that future. View plans at drop in events. See dates and share your thoughts at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing).

### **Full Fibre Rollout**

Openreach have finished the network rollout in the village, with the last houses in Chalk Pit Lane being connected in mid to late August. So now, to the best of our knowledge, the whole village is now capable of Full Fibre connection, with the exception of the properties on the Mount as there were no voucher requests for any of these properties. Thank you Openreach.

### **Village Cafés**

The Hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular. Hall Bookings/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 [wtlitton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

## What's on at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) in October

### REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	3.30 – 4.30pm	Big Q in meeting room (term time only)
Tuesdays	4.45 – 5.45pm	Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)
Wednesdays	4.45 – 5.45pm	Table Tennis (Paul Kingston 482162)
	7.00pm	Mindful Movement (Jane Hutchins 07882 527697)
Thursdays	9.15–11.15am	First Steps Toddlers (fortnightly, term time only)
Fridays	10.00am	Art Group in meeting room (not 31 <sup>st</sup> )

### OTHER EVENTS

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Film Night – “Bridget Jones - Mad About The Boy” (7.30)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Village Café for Youth Activities
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	BV Garden Club meeting
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Christmas Lino Print workshop in meeting room (Booking required Luseaprints@gmail.com)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Yoga with Nadiya Wynn
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Community Church
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Portesham Surgery Flu Clinic (Booking required)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Artsreach Show for children
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	Artz+Sportz+ Woodland event in Discovery Area (hall if wet)

### COMING UP.....

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Morning	Café and table top sale for Long Bredy Church
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## Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Village Hall

**Price increase.** We have not increased our prices since we started in 2009! However, we now need to put up the ticket price to £6 (which covers film & drink as usual). It is not as practical in terms of change, so if anyone remembers to bring along the extra £1 coin that will be much appreciated.

**Reminder - THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER - “BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY” ‘a great fourth sequel’.** Bridget is back for one last chapter! Now a widowed single mother, she must juggle work, parenthood and romance. With the help of her loyal friends, Bridget navigates encounters with a younger man and a series of awkward interactions with her son's science teacher - as she strives to forge a new path toward life and love. Starring Renee Zellweger and Chiwetel Eijofor. 2 hrs. Cert 15

### THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER, “MARIA”

***‘An incredible performance that is both moving and inspiring’***

Starring Academy Award winner Angelina Jolie, Maria tells the glamorous, moving story of the iconic opera singer, Maria Callas. Paris, 1977: Once the world's greatest soprano, Callas now hides in an apartment, having lost her

voice and retreated from the world. She dreams of returning to the stage, but can her body and mind take the pressure? 2 hrs. Cert.12

### **COMING NEXT: 4th DEC. "THE PENGUIN LESSONS"**

Look out for details in the **BNV** or on the website

<http://www.littoncheney.org.uk/bridevalleyfilms.htm>

**Doors Open: 7.00pm. Films start 7.30pm. TICKETS: £6.00 (to include a glass of wine)** Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

## **Windows 11 Update**

We would recommend that if your PC/Laptop is capable to be upgraded, then do so as the upgrade is free and will keep your computer up to date and offer you the best protection against those that would seek to invade your privacy. For those that choose not to upgrade, Microsoft are offering a year of updates for Windows 10 at a cost, please contact Microsoft for this offering. The best recommendation would be to upgrade to Windows 11. If your PC/Laptop isn't capable of being upgraded then you have 2 choices, pay for updates to Windows 10 or replace your PC/Laptop with a newer device. Either way keep cybersafe.

## **The White Horse Returns!**

Hello; we ARE still here!!! Just got a bit tied up there for a while and missed a few BNV deadlines! What a summer! Such wonderful weather and so grateful to be very busy with visitors and locals alike. Shame it's over, but we have lots of lovely autumn things to look forward to (whilst praying for a bit more sun):

The much-missed Meat Draw started back in mid-September and will continue every Friday night at 8.15pm. As before, this will be preceded by Fish'n Chips from 5.30pm-7.30pm and Happy Hour at 6.30pm; be sure to book your slot if you can. Quiz nights are back every other Tuesday, at 7.00pm, starting on 7th October, and this year will be accompanied by a simple pub food menu, so again, book your table for quiz and/or food (teams up to a maximum of 6).

Sunday music was meant to continue until 9th November, finishing with a special Remembrance Day performance by lovely vintage singer, Kitty, but Dr Jazz called, and we've booked them in for 16th November, 4.00pm, so will end the season with a nice chilled out jazzy afternoon. (Just a heads up that

we move entertainment onto Saturday nights in December, and have the Mummers booked for 6th December, a Christmas special by a very talented band called Onyx on 13th and a Christmas carol singalong on 20th accompanied by Paul Cheater on keyboard, with mulled wine and cider - and apparently the Strictly final which will be silently on in the background, so pop those dates in your diaries!

Hope to see you at some, or all, of the above.

Andy and Liz xxx



**Children's event in October Half Term**  
**At Litton Cheney Community Hall**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October - 11.00am**

**'FRANKY'**

*Fideri Fidera presents a story filled with fun, comedy, songs and dance. The main event will be followed by an interval for refreshments and an optional 40 minute drama workshop.*



*Suitable for age 3+ (must be accompanied by an adult).  
Booking is essential as places are limited*

**Main show - Children £8, Adults £6,  
Family £24**  
**Workshop - additional £4 per child**

Tickets are now available from  
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### Harvest Festival – Sunday 19th October 11.00am

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's Church Puncknowle on Sunday 19th October at 11.00am (not on 5th October as stated in the BVN last month). This will be followed by a glass of wine and a 'bring and share' lunch in the Hall. Everyone is most welcome to the service, the lunch, or both. Help with decorating the Church will be very welcome and the Church will be open for children and adults to help decorate the Church on the Saturday morning 18th October. Proceeds from the service will be given to the Bridport Food Bank.

### Whist Drive Thursday 2nd October

The next Whist Drive will be on Thursday. 2nd October at Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. For further information please telephone Jenny 07826717796 or 01308 897863. Beginners very welcome.

### Pet Service

On Sunday 14th September the Annual Pet Service was held in Puncknowle Church. Eight dogs brought their owners with them, and a few other people joined in. It was a lively service of hymn singing and prayers, with each dog receiving a personal blessing (and a piece of chicken). Afterwards, everyone went to the Crown Inn for refreshments. Thank you, Lyn and Paul at the Crown Inn, for such a delicious buffet. It was a very happy occasion.

## **Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall 100 club results**

*July: 1<sup>st</sup> 26 Denise Luff, 2nd 14 Tina Hallett*

*August: 1<sup>st</sup> 28 Jane Hutchins, 2nd 16 Marion Hurley*

## **Swyre Church Garden Angels Saturday 18th October**

We would love some help to tidy the churchyard in Swyre on the morning of Saturday 18th October. Everyone is welcome. If you bring your own tools and protective gear, we will provide tea and coffee and cake. Starts at 9.30am but come any time to suit.

Best wishes from the friends of Holy Trinity Church.

### **Puncknowle Swyre & West Bexington Lunch Club**

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Dessert to follow**

#### **Future dates 2025**

18<sup>th</sup> November: Beef Bourguignon & Vegetables, Dessert to follow

9<sup>th</sup> December: Turkey Wellington with Trimmings & Roast Potatoes  
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All meals include fruit juice to start and cheese and biscuits with tea or coffee. Vegetarian option can be provided.

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## Long Bredy

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## Long Bredy 100 Club August Results

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## Village News

### June Clewlow

It is with great sadness that The Clewlow family announce the sad passing of their beloved mother June. June and her husband Roy moved to Streamside in Long Bredy in September 1983, both teaching in local Weymouth schools and colleges. They quickly embraced village life, involved in many village events supporting cake sales, fetes, and church flower arranging to name a few. June was very much the Matriarch of her large family with all her children, grandchildren and respective spouses cherishing fond memories of life at Streamside. In later life she demonstrated tremendous strength and fortitude caring for Roy during his dementia illness. Most recently we believe she was the oldest, and regular, customer of the 'Come Along Inn' at the age of 95. Unfortunately, in March she was diagnosed with debilitating heart failure, passing away peacefully on Friday 15th August the day before what would have been June and Roy's 73rd Wedding Anniversary.

A celebration of June's life took place at her home with a dress code of Bright and Smart, as June always was. 'June's last cookery lesson', a menu for life, love, family and food was a beautiful tribute to June from her family. The tribute took the difference aspects of a meal, taking you through the starter, the main, the pudding and finishing with petit fours and coffee of June's life. It is clear that through unconditional love and the importance of family, June has left a family with very close ties and wonderful memories of time spent together that will help them over the coming months

The family, especially Tessa, would like to send heartfelt thanks to the many villagers for their support during this very difficult time.

## **Come Along Inn**

The weather was wonderful for the August Come Along Inn although as the evening drew in it had a Autumnal feeling. The last of the summer BBQ's was held and enjoyed by a good number of people, not only from the village and Bride Valley but various extended family visitors. The evening also saw a new bar man join the team. When asked about the new apprentice, the comment was he was doing ok but struggled to reach the top shelf! At least Sam now has someone who is nearer to reaching the bottom shelf.

## **In Memory of Rick Cook**

Dan Cain, Rick's son-in-law will be running the Bournemouth Half Marathon on the 12th October and will be raising money for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Rick Cook who sadly died in July 2024. On his just giving page Dan states "Rick was very special to me and all of our family and I want to help raise vital funds to help others affected by heart failure or heart disease." Rick was special to many people and the village of Long Bredy was very special to Rick. If you would like to support Dan in Rick's memory, please donate through his just giving page which can be found under Daniel Cain, supporting the British Heart Foundation.

**Health and Wellbeing:** We have a number of residents who are currently coping with ill health and mobility challenges. We wish them a speedy recovery and all the best for visits to hospital and potential operations.

**Long Bredy Community Network:** The Community Network keeps everyone up to date with things relating to the village including sourcing help when needed. They send out information by email, Facebook or letter and all contact details are kept confidential. If they are contacted for help this is also confidential.

If you would like to be kept informed or need help please contact:

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Jackie: cainjackie@btinternet.com 01308 482379

## Grand Draw

Enclosed in the BVN this month are tickets to buy or sell for our Grand Draw which is in aid of St Peter's Church. Please support this if you are able. Magnificent prizes – including; £100 cash, Cheese Hamper, Christmas Cake, Three x £40 vouchers for a meal in a local pub, A Ham. To name but a few. Many thanks to some of our sponsors including, Bride Valley Exterior Cleaning (Tel Sean 07787597871 and Ford Farm. The Draw will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Coffee Break in Long Bredy Village Hall. Please can money, counterfoils and unsold tickets to be returned to Jackie Cain or Ruth Cullingford by 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## New Starts

We hope everyone who has started the next stage of their education last month has settled well into their new school, college or university. That they are enjoying the challenges this brings, whether it is making new friends, starting a new subject or adjusting to a new timetable.

## St Peter's Church

We now provide refreshments for anyone visiting the Church – please help yourself to tea/coffee/biscuits that can be found in the area near the pulpit. Craft activities are also available and the Church quiz.

**Church Bells:** This year's Open Tower Day in support of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers' Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund raised a very welcome £1,886. This money goes towards grants to help with the repairs and maintenance of church bells, of which St Peter's has benefitted in the past. Our church was chosen as one of the towers to be open for ringing and we welcomed twenty three ringers, not only from the Guild but there was a fair representation from neighbouring associations and some travelling from places as far as Hereford, Redditch, Yorkshire, Norfolk and Bangor in North Wales.

One lady, Chris Brakston from Hereford, said Long Bredy was the highlight of her day as some of her husband's family are resting here.

Many thanks to Pete Dewhurst for running the session, the three ringers from the guild who came to help, Jackie and Ruth for laying on refreshments and Bruce for the parking.

## Future events

**Coffee Break:** This month's coffee break will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 12.00noon. Long Bredy coffee break is known for its wonderful refreshments and a warm welcome and is open to all in the Bride Valley and beyond.

**Come Along Inn:** The Come Along Inn will be opening its doors on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm to 9.00pm in the Village Hall. As the days get shorter what a great way to meet up with friends, enjoy good company, delicious food and drink. For more information, email [aking44634@aol.com](mailto:aking44634@aol.com) or ring 01308 482270. The team look forward to seeing you there.

**Village Cafe at LATCH:** On Saturday 1st November - 10.00am-1.00pm the village cafe will be in aid of St Peter's Church. As well as the normal cafe refreshments there will be a Table Top Sale - stall holders selling various items - craft, jewellery, wood, 'new to you, bee items, herbalist. Grand Draw Raffle tickets will also be on sale. An opportune moment to shop early for Christmas! Help would be very welcome setting up Friday evening and help on Saturday for further information please contact Jackie Cain, [cainjackie@btinternet.com](mailto:cainjackie@btinternet.com) 01308482379

**Remembrance Day:** Long Bredy joins with Littlebredy on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am by the memorial in Littlebredy for this service. Everyone is welcome - either at the memorial at 11.00am or after at the service. St Peter's is beautifully decorated for the fallen from our village at this time and the Church will be open during the day for visits and time for reflection.

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



My dear Nephew Darren,

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far. Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" - We do not have a Sunday School.  
 "We have an enthusiastic choir" - We have a choir totally out of control.  
 "Our youth group is always eager to learn" - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.  
 "The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.  
 "While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" - We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.  
 "Plans for church renovations are in hand" - The building is in imminent danger of collapse.  
 "We have a large range of church groups" - You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.  
 "The vicarage is being refurbished" - The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.  
 "There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" - No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.  
 "The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" - He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, *caveat emptor*. Let the buyer beware! Your loving uncle, *Eustace*



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October	First Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 16	Second Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 17	Third Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 18	Fourth Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Bible Sunday
Burton Bradstock	11.00am Morning Worship and Harvest Festival	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Café Church	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Breakfast Church
Chilcombe		5.30pm Harvest Festival		
Litton Cheney	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Worship 4.00pm Community Church at LATCH
Puncknowle	11.00am Morning Praise	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest festival	
Swyre	6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving.		11.00am Holy Communion	
Shipton Gorge		9.30am Breakfast Church		
Long Bredy	11.00am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00am Holy Communion		
Portesham	10.00am Harvest Festival 4.00pm Community Church at Portesham Hall	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Abbotsbury	11.00am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Communion and farewell to Reverend Margaret
Langton Herring	9.00am BCP		10.00am Holy Communion and Harvest festival	7.00pm Evening Prayer
Corton			3.00pm Harvest Festival	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock 11.30am followed by a light lunch.				

