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St Mary: Litton Cheney
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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.

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To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



FROM THE RECTORY

Since the middle of March, our entire nation has been in a state of getting and giving conflicting advice, contradictory notifications, and counsel which has left most of us feeling that we are being pulled in two different directions. How do we stay safe and yet have access to fresh food, supplies and medicine? How do we keep in contact with others when we have to stay indoors and possibly have not yet mastered new technology? How do we still prioritise the things which up until mid-March seemed so important and yet now are not available to us? How do we keep our mental health buoyant when others around us seem to be crumbling?

The Church here in the UK has come under a lot of scrutiny recently and many opinions have been aired as to what part churches have played in keeping us safe as a nation but also spiritually nourished. Many people have exceeded all expectations to ensure that worship continued during Lockdown, although possibly in a new way than has ever been seen before. This was a brief time in history when new skills had to be mastered and delivered at lightning speed and everyone was expected to work outside of their normal comfort zones. We have learned how to get the perfect angle for laptops, taught people how to turn their microphones and their camera on whilst helping people access Zoom and other online support. Some of us have even attended online choir practice and created the most beautiful sounds for use in our services so that we are able to have hymns even though we are not able to currently sing in our churches.

As we slowly see restrictions being lifted, new challenges arise and we have to make decisions as to what is best for our own context and circumstances. Worship has taken place in our churches almost without interruption for hundreds of years and yet we've realised that we cannot just re-open our doors for public gatherings and services like we did before we had even heard the word Coronavirus.

Various people from the congregations have discussed how we would be able to open for private prayer and public worship, putting into place all that needed to happen to do that safely for those who find the building a sanctuary and especially at this stage need to access the church and sit quietly.

What I have witnessed is a genuine concern to do the right thing and create a safe space for prayer and worship to continue, be that in our own homes via the telephone service or back in our church buildings.

My hope is that we carry on at our own pace discovering the best way for us all to encounter God, hear his still small voice and shine our lights for Jesus wherever we are. As we take small steps into the future, I am reminded of this prayer by Barbara Glasson:

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.

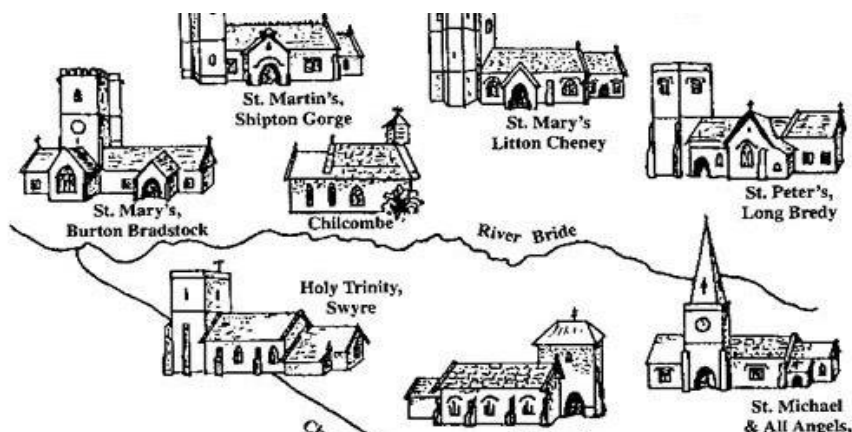
We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.

We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen.

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

10 July 2020 Yvonne Marjorie Legg St Peter's Long Bredy

21 July 2020 Eleanor Muriel Stroud Weymouth Crematorium

Our Night Sky in August 2020

Jupiter followed by Saturn will be visible as soon as it is dark, and will dominate the southern sky throughout the night. Mars will be following, rising about 2300, and again visible throughout the night, its red colour obvious as it approaches its closest to Earth. Venus will greet the early risers at about 0300 in the morning, rising as a brilliant “Morning Star” in the North East, and remaining a brilliant object until dawn breaks.

I wonder how many of you were fortunate enough to see Comet Neowise which appeared last month. The comet cruised just inside Mercury's orbit on July 3. This very close passage by the Sun cooked the comet's outermost layers, causing gas and dust to erupt off the icy surface and creating a large tail of debris. Comets are unpredictable objects, sometimes producing magnificent tails, and sometimes just a disappointing blob in the sky. This happened to the last appearance of the famous Halley's comet which when it appeared in the early 20th century, sported the finest tail seen for many years. However, on its much heralded return 70 years later it could hardly be seen at all, having exhausted all its ice on its previous encounter with the Sun.

Comets are cosmic snowballs of frozen gases, rock and dust that orbit the Sun. When frozen, they are the size of a small town. When a comet's orbit brings it close to the Sun, it heats up and spews dust and gases into a giant glowing head larger than most planets. Most originate in the Oort cloud which is the most distant region of our solar system. Even the nearest objects in the Oort Cloud are thought to be many times farther from the Sun than the outer reaches of the Kuiper Belt.

Unlike the orbits of the planets and the Kuiper Belt, which lie mostly in the same flat disk around the Sun, the Oort Cloud is believed to be a giant spherical shell surrounding the rest of the solar system. It is like a big, thick-walled bubble made of icy pieces of space debris the sizes of mountains. Because the orbits of long-period comets are so extremely long, scientists suspect that the Oort Cloud is the source of most of those comets. Comets are occasionally diverted into the inner solar system by a gravitational tug from one of the outer planets, and it is one of these that has not been round the Sun before that can produce a fine tail if it has plenty of ice from its birth. Comets are important since they consist of pristine material formed at the time of the birth of the Solar System 4.5 Billion years ago and, because they are so distant from the Sun, they have not been affected by its radiation.

Comet 67P/ Churyumov-Gerasimenko made history as the first comet to be orbited and landed upon by robots from Earth. The [Rosetta](#) spacecraft, carrying the Philae lander, rendezvoused with this comet in August 2014 and escorted it on its journey to the inner solar system and back out again. The comet's nucleus is thought to be quite porous, giving it a density much lower than that of water. When heated by the Sun, it is thought to emit about twice as much dust as gas.

When a comet transits the orbit of Earth round the Sun, it leaves a cloud of debris through which the Earth travels each year. This cloud of debris provides the meteors and meteorites that flash across the sky at regular times of the year, and August is famous for the appearance of the Perseids between 11 and 13 August. Well worth lying out on a sunbed, wrapping up well and gazing up at the sky to see these brilliant leftovers of a comet that passed through Earth's orbit long ago.

Bill Turnill

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - ANNUAL SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

Discussions have been held as to the possibility of running Ride & Stride this Year with 3 options being considered - to run it as normal, which is clearly not possible under the current restrictions; to cancel it or arrange a modified event. The decision taken was to run a modified event based on a careful assessment of all the factors.

Covid-19 has caused so many events, including fund-raisers, to be cancelled this summer. The situation is easing now. Dorset Historic Trust would like to provide an opportunity to have great day out in our beautiful county, on bikes, horses or on foot to raise some much needed funds for your church and churches across Dorset. Some may not want to take part this year, favouring other charities instead, but DHCT is keen to keep a traditional event going and not let it become yet another casualty of the pandemic. We hope that churches and their supporters will join in with a modified form of Ride & Stride which is being designed to minimise any risk of infection between people or contamination of churches.

We will be making it much easier for you to sponsor your chosen church through a new link on the JustGiving on the Trust website and also a dedicated bank account will be opened to facilitate bank transfers. More information to follow soon.

Our July meeting was another first with our speaker planned for October prepared to have a go at giving his talk over Zoom!!! No one could ever imagine at the beginning of 2020 that the WI would encompass new technology to enable our members to meet despite the restrictions in place for us all. It has certainly been a learning curve with the future possibilities of joining with other groups and learning new skills.

Martin Fielding gave us a great talk about his life and experiences as a country vet. It isn't the easiest medium to work in with the audience all on mute so difficult to gauge reactions but Martin did very well and there was a lot of laughter and appreciation even if he was unable to hear us. He has promised that he will come along again when we are back to face to face meetings so we can all laugh out loud!!!

We will meet in August this year, usually our summer break, to have an Outdoor Summer Social Evening but obviously with Social distancing. It will be good to see some of our members face-to-face instead of virtually!!! Hoping for a warm evening!!

In July Meryl led our walking Group up to the Valley of the Stnes on a misty evening so the views were somewhat shrouded but the local herd of cows were quite interested to see us!!! Another walk which some ladies had never done before. The next walk will be in September.



Hopefully we may be back at Puncknowle Hall for our usual meetings before too long, virus and restrictions permitting!!! Watch this space!

If you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, even virtually, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email

Bridevalleywi@gmail.com



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



I suspect there will be a number of people who have been bemoaning the fact that this has been the best year for growing flowers and vegetables (with all that extra time in the garden) and there has been nowhere to show off their successes with the cancellations of all the gardening shows. Our members are no different but we did manage 2 Virtual Show competitions where photographs were submitted on line and voted on by members. The first was the Fuchsia, which many members had been growing on from a plug plant provided by the Gold Club just as we went into lockdown. Despite the number of plants which had died, been eaten or just not progressed far enough to be entered, 11 people managed to enter their fuchsia. The competition was won by John Marsh (pictured on the right) with Veda Bull in second place and Hazel Stirgess in third.



The second was the Photographic competition on the theme 'Wildlife in my Garden'. There were 14 entries covering a wide selection of creatures and the winner was Bev Robbins with her beautiful picture of a pipistrelle bat. There was a tie for Second Place between Norma Millard's woodpecker and Liz Hemsley's deer.

Congratulations to all our winners and grateful thanks to all who took part.

Jobs to do in August

While August is the month when the club takes a break and encourages

everyone to 'take a well-earned rest and enjoy the garden' there are always jobs to do. Keep watering and feeding flowers to maintain your displays. Cut back hardy geraniums, prune lavender and rambling roses. New plants can be established from cuttings of tender perennials such as pelargoniums and fuchsias or by collecting seed from many border plants. Remove any seed pods from sweet peas to prolong flowering. Take cuttings from tender perennials. Keep camellias well-watered.

Feed salad crops in containers with a high-nitrogen liquid fertiliser; use a high potash feed for tomatoes to encourage ripening. Harvest or pinch out basil frequently for bushier growth.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

July Wordsearch Answers: Ten Dorset rivers?





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Time Travellers

EXPLORE THE HISTORY ALL AROUND
YOU THIS SUMMER...

 Bridport
Museum



While the Museum is still closed this Summer, why not get out and about and explore your town's heritage all around you?

The Museum has put its heritage trails available to download for free on its website www.bridportmuseum.co.uk.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'we hope we are able to open the Museum later this year, but in the meantime, why not unearth the history right on your doorstep... you never know what you might discover!'*

Historic Guided Walks

TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME
THIS SUMMER....

Bridport
Museum



Take a walk
back in time
this Summer
with Bridport
Museum

Bridport
Museum's
Historic Guided
Walks are back
by popular
demand this
Summer.

The volunteer
guides will lead
socially-distanced
walks around
Bridport,

sharing some of their fascinating insights into the town's unique past.

The walks will be running each Tuesday and Thursday in the school holidays beginning on Tuesday 4 August. The walks follow different themes: **Bridport Now and Then: Homes and Businesses Cheek by Jowl** (Tuesdays), and **Rope for Royalty: The Growth of Bridport's wealth** (Thursdays)

The walks leave from the Museum at 10am, and last around 1.5 hours. All is easy level walking, and cost £5 per adult. Under 16s are free. There is no need to pre-book, but numbers are limited to 10 per walk to enable easy social-distancing.

Please note: the Museum is only able to accept cash for the walks, so please bring the correct amount so no change is required.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'We're currently working really hard behind the scenes so we can open soon and safely. In the meantime why not discover more of the hidden histories all around you and join our volunteers on a stroll back in time? If you aren't able to join a walk,*

then you can download one of our heritage trails from our website and get out and about whenever you feel like it.'

For more information: www.bridportmuseum.co.uk or follow the Museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @bridportmuseum.

Rogue Ropemaking!

Bridport Museum's ropemakers are going 'rogue' this Summer.

Whilst the Museum is closed they will be making rope outside each Thursday during the school holidays when the weather is good.

Come along between 11.30 and 1pm on 30 July, 6, 13, 20, and 27 August at 3 September on the Arts Centre forecourt alongside Bucky Doo, and watch them twist their magic: you might even get a piece of rope to take away!

For more details and times visit the website www.bridportmuseum.co.uk or follow the Museum on Facebook and Twitter @bridportmuseum.



BakeBridport- the Star Bakers!

Well done to the winners of Bridport Museum's #BakeBridport competition!

Sarah and Isla Smith's Colmer's Hill biscuits take 1st prize, with Tracey Barclay's monkey's fist rope cake coming in 2nd.

Caroline Parkin from Leakers Bakery generously donated the prizes of £100 and a £25 Leakers Voucher. She was joined by Bridget Bolwell of Bridport Local Food Group to judge the entries. Both ladies said they were so impressed with the creativity of all the entries.

This is what they said about the winners: 'we liked the fact that the biscuits were cut in the shape of Colmer's Hill. We thought it was a really good representation of the Hill and very well observed - trees, clouds, path, colouring Although they are obviously in 2D. - there is a real aliveness to them which makes them into a 3D representation - good enough to eat!' and about the rope: 'we liked this because it speaks of Bridport's heritage and the Sea. We thought it was very clever use of the "rope" it was well coloured and intricately worked to create the fender. We also appreciated being able to see how the rope was built around the delicious looking Victoria sponge inside!'

Isla, aged 10, said: 'We decided to make these biscuits as Colmer's Hill is the most famous hill in Bridport and we have a picture of it at home. I helped make the actual biscuits and Mummy helped to decorate them as they were quite big.'

We've really missed The Museum being open and seeing the exhibitions, my favourite activity inside is the rope making where you can make your own piece of rope using the long machine!'

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'we loved seeing all your entries- everyone was so imaginative and creative- a slightly different way to share the things we love about our town's heritage!'*

A massive thanks to Caroline and Leakers too for the brilliant prizes- you're never far away from community spirit in Bridport. We're currently working really hard behind the scenes so we can open soon and safely. In the meantime we're still bringing the history to you- join in on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @bridportmuseum.'

Judges Caroline Parkin (left) and Bridget Bolwell (right) present Sarah and Isla with 1st prize



The winning entries- Colmers Hill Biscuits and a Monkey's Fist Knot cake.

Do you have a Museum Object for the Future?

Bridport Museum Trust is working with Bridport Lockdown to capture a selection of Covid-19 objects to add to its collection as a record of these times.

Over the next few weeks they will be asking people to submit photographs of objects relating to different themes. The photographs themselves will become part of the Bridport Lockdown digital archives. Members of the community will then be asked to select their favourite objects themselves to be archived by the Museum.



Eddy Pearce, who set up the Bridport Lockdown project, said 'This week, local people have already sent in photographs of their most creative NHS rainbows following a request from the Museum, and we've had some lovely submissions. Although our project is based around photos we are asking everyone to include in a few words to tell the story behind them. It adds so much to the overall picture when people share their thoughts on what the period of lockdown has meant to them and those around them, or what inspired the artwork and what it means to show support for the people who have worked so hard to keep our world turning and safe.'

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: 'we are living right through 'history'. It's the Museum's job to capture this 'history'- but we want the local community to help decide what we keep. We can't keep everything- we'd run out of space in our stores- but we do want to capture the essence and the heart of Bridport's response for generations to come. We've got some initial ideas for different themes, but we'd love to know if you can think of more- we want to capture objects that really tell the unique story of our town'

To get involved, keep an eye on both Bridport Museum's (www.bridportmuseum.co.uk) and Bridport Lockdown's websites (<https://www.bridportlockdown.org/sendphotos>), or their Instagram and Facebook accounts. @bridportlockdown @bridportmuseum

Dorset Council have been shortlisted for three top national digital awards and your vote is needed!

They have three finalists in the Digital Leaders 100 Awards 2020. The awards celebrate individuals and organisations from the private, public and non-profit sector, who have an innovative approach to digital transformation in the UK.

Sam McLaren is one of the finalists. He is a Service Improvement Analyst and has been shortlisted as Young Digital Leader of the year. Sam said it's good for Dorset Council to be recognised, for not only one award but three: "Dorset Council have the ambition to be a digital council in a digital place and for somewhere rural like Dorset it's important to improve the rural communities with better infrastructure and newer technology. "I think the main reason we were nominated is because we are passionate and ambitious and doing things outside the box, like developing a podcast or an internal network. "We developed the first digital local government podcast which we've been using to get our voice out and start having discussions about what digital is and how we can improve.

The local authority also has two finalists in the Digital Public Service Innovation of the Year category.

They've been working on the project 'supporting children and young people', to help identify vulnerable learners, giving them a better start in life and the right education at the right time.

The Project has also been shortlisted as a finalist this year in the Cabinet Officer Smarter Working Awards in the technology category under 'Small Scale Project'.

Deputy Leader of Dorset Council, Peter Wharf said:

"The recent COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the value that digital can bring to our lives and the need for collaborative working. I am proud to say that as a county we are clearly in good hands. What a great achievement to have three finalists in the awards this year, all of whom represent our vision to position Dorset as a leader in digital transformation."

Voting closes at 12 noon on Friday 28th August with the winners announced on 15th October.

To vote for Sam:

<https://digileaders100.com/young-digital-leader>

To vote for the two finalists:

<https://digileaders100.com/digital-public-service-innovation>

LITTON CHENEY

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Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk



St. Mary's Church

We're delighted to have the church open again and to return to our regular Sunday services, albeit in a somewhat different way.

Thanks to Paul Cheater's efforts our choir has been busy making recordings of hymns and communion music to use in services, as singing is not currently allowed in church. Some years' ago Paul recorded organ music for hymns with the help of a professional sound engineer, Michael McCarthy (with 2 BAFTA wins to his name) and these recordings have been widely used in the Benefice as well as elsewhere. Now, with the wonders of modern software we have been able to add "congregational singing" from our own homes, again put together by Michael in New Malden.

Being able to enjoy hymns in services makes a big difference, so if any other churches in the Benefice would like CDs, do let Wendy know (wtlitton@gmail.com or phone 482532).

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last meeting virtually on 14th July and the draft minutes can be found on the village website. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September, almost certainly virtually but instructions will be provided indicating how you can join the meeting whilst still sat at home.

Although there are relatively few planning applications within the village, links to details of any current application can be found on the village website and village notice boards. Unfortunately at some point you will need access to an online connection, perhaps via a friend/neighbour if you do not have access yourself.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh, on 01308 281561 who may be able to assist further.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



We have been putting in place conditions to enable us to reopen the hall in a limited way in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines, so we can accept some bookings from the beginning of August on a case-by-case basis. There are now additional Terms & Conditions of Hire and a new risk assessment that will be issued to all hirers.

Now that the school has broken up and the car park is not in use by parents, the gate will remain locked unless there is a hiring. If you are interested in booking the hall where you can be assured that all necessary precautions are in place please call Wendy Firrell on 01308 482532.

If you are down that way, you will see that at long last the hall has a name over the front door! This is down to some clever graphics work by Andy King – thank you very much, Andy.





Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Community Hall have been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation. The hope is that “**Judy**” will be postponed until Thursday 1st October and “**Knives Out**” postponed until Thursday 5th November. This will however be confirmed nearer the time on the village website and in later issues of the Bride Valley News.



Village Litter Pick – September

In line with the Great British Litter Pick being carried out during the months of August and September we will be organising our own village litter during the month of September. As for 2019 we will be splitting the village up into sections with an organiser for each section to do what organisers do so well – organise!

More information will be made available in due course but please stand ready to help, and, have no fear, it will be done with all due precautions in place. Please join in and help us clean up!

Children’s Playground – Village Playing Field

The playground is open again. Please ensure you follow all the necessary guidance given that will help safeguard your family and other users. Think also please of others even if you think you or your family are immune to infection.

Village Family Fun Event

The Social Committee is considering organising a “Family Fun” afternoon during August or September. This would be an outdoor event, at a suitable village venue, complying with Covid regulations of social distancing and bubble groups. We are looking for any ideas of fun activities, bring a picnic, etc. We assume that a Saturday or Sunday afternoon would be convenient for most people. Please indicate your interest and willingness to help by contacting Ron Davidson on 01308 482661.

This event has lots of possibilities including festivities extending into the evening, in partnership with The White Horse, but it needs your involvement.

Carer Support Dorset's 'Here to Talk' service helps unpaid carers in Dorset reduce their feelings of loneliness, isolation and anxiety during this time so that they can keep well and carry on caring for their loved-ones. We know some carers have not only struggled under lockdown measures, but in the aftermath of lockdown, when non-carers return to 'normality' whilst carers stay in a similarly isolated situation caring for their loved-ones.

We are recruiting volunteers who can support 1–2 carers each over the course of 12 weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Here to Talk service and information can be found at <https://www.carersupportdorset.co.uk/volunteer/>

Litton Cheney v Covid-19

Throughout lockdown and the gradual easing of restrictions the community spirit and willingness to assist others in Litton and other villages in the Bride Valley has been stupendous – thank you!

Whilst we hope that life will continue to become a little less frantic, there is still a great need to take care, stay safe and in many cases, wear a mask! Please don't take your eye off the ball as there may still be others who require assistance in a myriad of ways. Life as it was may never really return but one is reassured that whatever this wretched plague throws at us community spirit of the highest order will be there to combat it in Litton Cheney. Please continue to check on your neighbours.



The White Horse – Your Local Awaits You!

We are very happy to be open again and serving the lovely people of the valley with nice cold beer and wine. It is, however, a bit strange with the new rules and regulations, and we are doing our best at keeping everyone safe by regularly sanitising all public and staff

touch points, clearing and washing tables and garden benches as customers leave, providing several hand sanitising stations and, as a result, have had some great feedback on how safe people feel. They are even getting used to the current one way system and table service.

We can't repeat often enough that social distancing still applies to keep us open.

We have now got a simple food offering every evening, and are hoping to start opening weekday lunchtimes again soon, at least for the summer. **Fish Fridays** have been great and are here to stay! Give us a call to book your slot!

Sunday BBQ's will also continue through the summer holidays, weather permitting, then we'll switch to our ever popular **Sunday roast**.

Takeaway Curry Night is also going well, but we are planning to add a pub menu to that shortly. Watch this space.

Prescriptions can now be collected during pub opening times.

We hope you're all well and we look forward to seeing you in August – Andy & Liz.

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ST MARY’S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Margaret Girvan

Margaret moved to Puncknowle (Marylea)in 2013 to be with us and soon became known as “the lady who walks”. She must have walked all around the valley during her time spent in Puncknowle . She enjoyed her lunch club and church on a Sunday .

She died peacefully this morning (1 July) in Maumbury care home Dorchester .

Forever in our thoughts

Sheila & Colin Cullip

The Late Barbara Harper.

June 25th would have been Barbara's 100th birthday and so , according to her exact wishes, family and friends gathered on Chesil beach to scatter her ashes. She used to drive down regularly from her home in Yeovil to her caravan at Gorselands, and was a familiar sight; walking along the Chesil beach with her friend Anne and her dog.

She will be remembered with respect and affection.

Sue Taylor

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall 100 club

June winners

1st Prize Steve Neill

2nd Prize Liz Slater

It is now time to renew your 100 club membership or start a new one.
For details please contact me at jill.neill@live.co.uk

LITTLEBREDY

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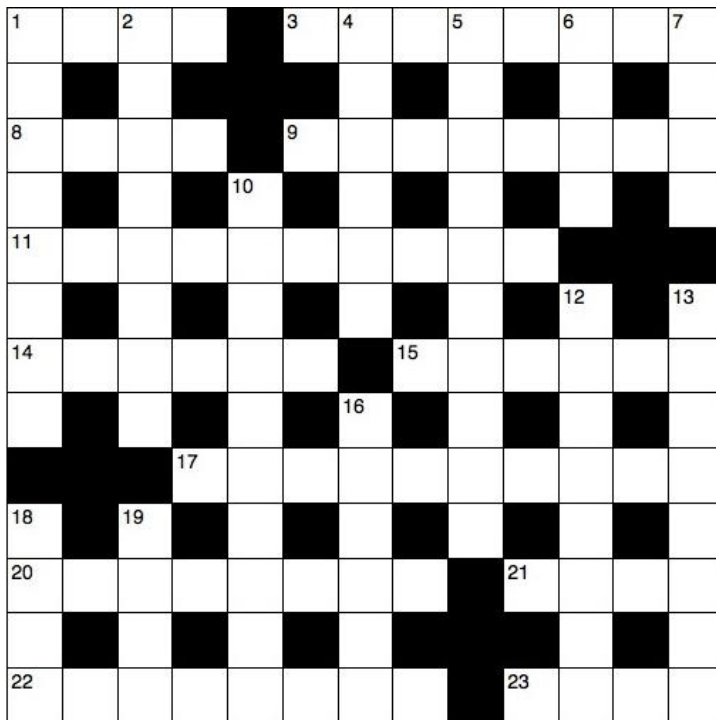
St Michael and All Angels

News, such as it is, in this edition will be much the same as in the last two – i.e. Covid-19 has effectively ended newsworthy events in the village pro tem.

All the same, it is good to have Church services resuming gently, and we enjoyed meeting Liz Howlett here for the first time in July.

With next month's issue likely to be a print one again, some of the items from the online editions will be re-hashed for – we hope – a slightly wider readership.

Stay safe and well and in good heart everybody.



CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 and 3
Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
3 See 1 Across
8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

August Floodlight Sponsorship

Thank you all so much for your response for floodlight sponsorship. It was heartening that folks do read the BVN online and the Village Facebook page and saw my appeal. You may have noticed that the lights have been shining at odd times recently because of a faulty time switch. This is now being fixed.

Our sponsors this month are:

Chris Griffiths-Harman & Mag's for daughter Louise's 40th birthday on 6th

Phil & Sheena for their wedding anniversary

Ann & Tony Jones for Martha's 2nd birthday

Shoshanna & George Harrow for Ashley's 50th birthday on 28th

and Ann & Tony in celebration of seeing family and friends again!

Thank you also to our sponsors who wanted to remain anonymous.

If anyone wishes to light up the church in the coming months, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

It is so good to have a little normality in life again even if it is still a bit different from what we are used to. Whilst the church has been illuminated every evening over the last few months, the building itself has been very quiet. However, the bell now rings again on a Sunday morning and the services are being held once more.

A big thank you to those volunteers who are sanitising and doing their very best to keep the building safe for everyone to worship in.

PARISH COUNCIL

We will for the first time since January be holding our **Parish Council meeting** in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12th August** at the usual time of 7.30pm. Social distancing and all other Covid-19 restrictions will be in place and the number of members of the public may therefore be restricted. Minutes from the meeting will be available on the website following the meeting along with reports of actions taken by councillors over recent months.

While the Covid-19 Restrictions have now eased considerably, there are residents in the village who are quarantined or still self-isolating..

The Self-Isolation Network and Buddy Scheme set up during March will continue to provide support for as long as necessary to these people and to any others in the parish who need assistance of any sort. So please do get in touch with any of the contacts if you, or someone you know, needs assistance.

We are still receiving reports of footpath and bridleway issues. If you notice any paths that are not easy to negotiate or stiles that need attention please contact our Footpath Liaison Office, Wally Axford, who lives at High Rigg in Icen Lane, by phoning 01308-425781

The Playing Field will be re-opened for everyone to use over the next few weeks but will still be subject to some limitations with regard to play equipment.

It will be good to see children back but please take notice of the signs explaining the actions you must take when your children use the play items, and remember that you will need to bring sanitiser wipes with you to clean items before and after use – and of course social distancing rules will still apply.

Mary Boughton

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

This is a trying time and sadly we have to report that one of our original founder members and supporters, **Pamela Bates**, died on 11th June. Both Pam and Peter had donated to the original purchase of the Orchard in 2006 and continued to support us every since. Pam had a great send off from the village and she will be sadly missed by very many people.

We also are very sad that we will shortly be saying farewell and bon voyage to our chairman **Philippa Young and husband Steve** as they will be moving from the village in the next couple of months. This means we will be short of not only two hardworking trustees but also leaves us without a chairman until our AGM in November.

If you are interested in helping us keep up our good work by becoming a trustee please do let us know. Contact details are on our website.

Having held **no fund raising events** since our Jumble Sale last November, we are now sorely in need of income so we can continue to maintain the Orchard and the Saunders Richardson Wood.

We are still hoping that we may be able to hold the Village Harvest Supper, in conjunction with the Parochial Church Council, in early October and a Jumble Sale in November, but of course these may still not be possible due to Covid-19 restrictions.

If anyone has any ideas, or indeed would like to organise any other fund raising events for us we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Mary Boughton

100 CLUB JULY DRAW RESULTS

1 st	£25	No 11	Cliff Stonestreet
2 nd	£10	No 36	Dave Curtis
3 rd	£5	No 54	Robert Bradshaw

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Church Services at St Peter's Church

These are now taking place again following the normal pattern of times i.e. at 11.00 am on the first Sunday of the month and 9.30 am on the third Sunday of the month. There are no hymns and social distancing is observed.

Village payphone - 01308 482295

Not many people realise that the payphone found in the iconic red box sited in the centre of the village takes debit cards, credit cards and phone cards. You can make reverse charge calls and all 0800/0808 numbers are free as are 111 non emergency medical advice; 101 police non emergency number; 105 power cut helpline; 116 freephone numbers; 118 directory enquiries and of course 999.

It has been out of order but the problem has been with the BT provider of payphone services, not the payphone, and if you have difficulty using it please dial 100 and the operator will help. If someone asks to use your phone as the payphone doesn't work, do spare a moment of your time to report the issue, it won't cost you anything and you will be doing the village a good turn.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

June 2020 Draw

£30 no. 30 B Holmes

£15 no 70 A Pitcher

£5 no 66 S&C Dyer

Drawn on 26/06/2020 At 11, The Gardens
By Charlotte, Dave and Ruth, while social distancing



In memory of Yvonne Legg

Recently we heard the sad news that Yvonne Legg had passed away at 94 years of age. Yvonne lived in Long Bredy for the majority of her life, she was born in Middle Farm on the 25th November 1925, and here she grew up and worked the farm with her Mother (Gran) and brother, David.

Her future husband Albert, lived at Lower Kingston Russell, they met, married and had three children all at Middle Farm. Albert was employed by Foots at

Manor Farm, but when David left to go to his own farm, Albert went to work alongside Yvonne. They lived and worked at Middle Farm until Gran's retirement, when Gran, Yvonne, Albert and the three children moved across the road to 6 Bedford Terrace.

After leaving Middle Farm Yvonne and Albert reared young stock at Ashley Chase, with Yvonne carrying on when Albert passed away. Yvonne enjoyed village events and for a few years played in the local skittle team with Norma Foot. Bedford Terrace was Yvonne's home until 2005 when she moved to a warm and cosy bungalow in Bradpole with her cat.

Here she had a very active social life and was out most nights playing whist and occasionally bingo. Throughout her life she enjoyed following all sports, particularly horse racing and snooker. Her daughter, Pam was keeper of the 'book' for the bets they placed. Sadly, Yvonne fell and broke her hip which curtailed many activities outside the home, but she managed to carry on enjoying her garden and watching sport on television. In mid-March Yvonne went to stay safe with son, George and his wife Barbara, in Dorchester.

Although she couldn't hear or see very well Yvonne was still very alert and was very keen on picking the winners in the horse races with George. This year she very much enjoyed watching the racing at Royal Ascot but due to the present restrictions she couldn't have the usual family bet of what colour outfit the Queen would be wearing!

Yvonne died suddenly after a short illness. A true country lady she was an unassuming, lovely, kind neighbour and friend who has been missed since she left the village. Our sincere condolences go to her daughter and son, Pam and George, and their families. Yvonne was laid to rest in St Peter's churchyard with her husband, Albert and near her family, including her daughter, Maureen.

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St Mary's Church

St. Mary's Mission Committee

At this time of year, we would normally be half way through a fund raising programme devised just after Christmas.

The Church Mission society has representatives in more than 50 countries world-wide, bringing the love of God in word and deed to those rocked by the current global storm. The Sudan Medical Link provides medicines and medical training to strife-torn South Sudan, one of the world's 10 poorest countries.

These charities, as all others, are desperate for the funds which we are not now able to deliver through our activities. The Committee therefore, now appeal to our Covid-weary supporters; please consider giving, directly to the charities, a sum which you would probably, in your generosity, have spent at a soup lunch, cream tea, or produce sale, which has not now taken place.

To donate directly to The Church Mission society please visit <https://churchmissionsociety.org/>

To donate directly to Salisbury Sudan Fund please visit <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link> where you can follow a link to their Emergency Appeal and also find news on the Medical Link

Any enquiries to Liz Orza, St Mary's Mission Committee Rep, phone 07799333205. email: lizorza@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall re-opening

All being well, the Village Hall will re-open for approved activities on Monday 3rd August. The Trust has had to carry out a detailed risk assessment then complete a range of actions to meet the Government advice on how to re-open safely. By that time permitted activities should include activities such as Art Classes, Yoga, Pilates, Indoor Bowls and small group activities.

The decision on whether an activity restarts will be entirely down to the organiser, who will have to abide by some new guidelines and carry out a risk assessment for that activity. At this time we do not expect many activities to start up before September.

There will be strict limits on numbers allowed in the Hall, 20 if full distancing can be followed with face masks optional, 25 if slightly reduced distancing with face masks mandatory. In addition the Kitchen will be closed until further notice.

We have been struggling to keep up with frequently changing Government guidelines, so all of the above is contingent on Government guidelines at any one time.

Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until the start of 2021. We hope to start off with the films we planned to show this year.

Richard Ferre

News from Friends of the Post Office/Farm Shop

Business continues via both bookable Food Boxes (01308-897243 – order Monday for Thursday delivery) and in the store.

We won't report progress here every month, but just when there is fresh news.

Thanks for keeping support up over this summer period, and best wishes.

John Grantham, Coordinator Friends of the PO/Farm Shop

The time to write the next article for the Bride Valley News seems to have come round again very quickly and as we still haven't been able to recommence our meetings there is unfortunately not really a lot to report.

However, some members were able to meet up recently in the playing field (strictly following Government guidelines and staying socially distanced) in order to bid farewell to Noreen Short, who was our much-loved President from 2013 until 2015. Noreen is off to live near her daughter and to start a new life in St. Just. As her garden backed on to the playing field it was easy to talk to her over her garden wall, to wish her all the best and to make a small presentation. It was also nice for a few members to meet together, albeit at a distance. We hope Noreen will be very happy in her new home and who knows – St. Just may be a good destination for a WI outing once the restrictions are lifted!

Apart from that, some small groups of members have been meeting up for afternoon tea, which is nearly verging onto normality! Others have been continuing with their own knitting and sewing projects now that scrubs and masks seem to be no longer urgently needed!

Another member, Susan Moores, has also been very busy and creative. With a little technical support from her partner David, she has devised and produced a “Gnomic Treasure Trail” around the village, for which you have to follow the clues and find the gnomes and where they live. In addition there is a picture quiz aimed more for children, both of which are interesting ways of exploring the village and having fun. There are cash prizes too and the proceeds will go to support the Village Shop and Post Office who have been doing an incredible job during this difficult time. The competitions run until the 1st September so there is plenty of time to get your entry forms from the Post Office – only £1 each! Thank you Susan for your thoughtfulness in doing this for our village – I think you may have started something here!!

Once again we were disappointed not to hear our speaker for July, David Stocks, who was going to talk to us about Beatrix Potter but as with the previous cancelled speakers, he is willing to be rebooked for next year. Something to look forward to.

With the reopening of the Village Hall in August we may, at last, be able to have a committee meeting and attempt to make a few plans for restarting our meetings with everyone’s safety in mind. Hopefully this won’t be in the too far distant future. Watch this space!!

Stay safe and well everyone.

Janet Pearson

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

July 2020 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£35.60	No 47:	Mrs Gill Robertson
2 nd	£17.80	No 59:	Mrs Linda Knapp
3 rd	£8.90	No 118:	Mr John Grantham

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £5 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

The Library will be **OPEN** on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm during August.

The library has been re-arranged and every effort has been made to ensure the safety of our customers and volunteers.



Although only books on our shelves are available to borrow at this time, we have a lot of books new to the library and some of these are on display for easy access.

The service offered will be kept under review, so please come and see us and follow the guidance of the library volunteers.

Summer Reading Challenge



For the children, this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** is happening online and you can see all the details [HERE](#), if you are reading the BVN online, or go to the Dorset Council website and search for libraries and summer reading challenge.

Sign up now, safely and for free, and join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

Digital books and comics are free with your library membership card. If you're not already a library member, [join online here](#) if you are reading the BVN online, or go to the Dorset Council website and search for libraries.

If you are unable to visit the library there are a range of [digital resources](#) freely available from home with your library membership card.

Stay Safe.

Rosemary Daniels

On Behalf of FBBL Trustees

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA OPEN!

The Play area was reopened on 4th July, please take note of the new government guidelines for social distancing in play areas, signage has been placed around the play area to remind users.

PLAY AREA PROJECT

The order for Phase 2 of the play area project has been processed and installation is to commence on 21st September all being well. A further grant of £5000 has been awarded to the project from the Leisure and Development fund, so this will enable a further piece of equipment to be installed. Thanks must be given to Cllr Elena Rees who has continued to work tirelessly to gather funding for this community asset on behalf of the Parish Council and Play area group. Well done Elena!

PARISH PLAN 2020

The Parish Council are still progressing with the updating of the Parish plan. A consultation survey will be circulated over the coming months.

BT PHONE BOX

Following the adoption of the BT Phone box and the request for its use, it was agreed at the last PC meeting to make it a “Community Exhibition and Information hub” with changing exhibitions on a 3-4-month cycle. We hope many of the village groups and societies will be interested in this community project, please get in contact to book your dates in the Calendar.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 2nd September 7.30pm via zoom, unless the guidance changes, there is no PC meeting in August, please see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting.

All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings is available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/ we will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Weds of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

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

Burton Bradstock are now on Twitter follow the link below take a look and follow us....

<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

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SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES AUGUST 2020

	1 st Sunday 2 August Trinity 8	2 nd Sunday 9 August Trinity 9	3 rd Sunday 16 August Trinity 10	4 th Sunday 23 August Trinity 11	5 th Sunday 30 August Trinity 12
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	5.30 Evensong	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by ext	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	5.00 Holy Communion
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	United Service at LATCH 11.00
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	