

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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To enquire about Baptisms, Marriages or Funeral arrangements in the Bride Valley Churches of Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Littlebredy, Long Bredy, Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle or Swyre please contact

Rev'd Rawding by phone (see above) or

email rectorbridevalleychesil@gmail.com

You can also use www.acny.com for Baptism and Marriage enquiries.

Contact Rev'd Margaret Preuss Higham by phone (see above) or email revmph@gmail.com for enquiries in the Chesil Churches of Abbotsbury, Portesham or Langton Herring.

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community. responding to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. If you need help please contact the Churchwardens, Helen Fry, Benefice Administrator (01308 897260) or one of the Lay Pastoral Assistants who are:

Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169, 01308 898327, Jenny Malyon 01308 898768 and Liz Orza 01308 897451.

Home communion is available by arrangement. Please contact any of the LPAs.'

From the Rectory

Dear friends,

What harvest are you reaping this year? Here at the rectory, we've had rhubarb, blackberries, elderberries, mulberries, apples, plums, mint and crab apples. We also have an abundance of tasty nettles. I tried eating raw nettle leaves as a 'superfood'. I've not crunched any crab apples, but look forward to the figs. This month we are celebrating Harvest in our churches: giving thanks for the plentiful food available to us, for farmers and all who provide it; remembering in our prayers those who are struggling to get food and any struggling to run the farms that too often we take for granted. We will also be gathering food to give to local food banks. Please do come along and help make a difference.

We are fortunate at the rectory that our harvest from the garden has not taken any work on our part – it is all a wonderful free gift of creation and those who have tilled the soil before us. However, I am challenged to reflect personally on the seeds I am sowing in my own life, in my family life and in the lives of those I meet. Am I through my words and actions sowing seeds of kindness, acceptance and hope? Am I rooting out any harmful weeds of unforgiveness and selfishness? If not, why not? What holds me back from being generous and gracious giving freely to others?

We've been reflecting on this in our church Bible readings recently. Jesus challenges the religious leaders and the 'haves' to spend less time pointing the finger, criticising, judging, plotting, keeping up self-righteous appearances, and more time changing inwardly to reflect God's heart of compassion towards the 'have-nots'. We have sung: 'Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.' As a result, I've been reminding myself of the need to be intentionally grateful; to acknowledge all the free gifts of goodness around me in the beauty of creation and daily accept the free gift of divine forgiveness. From a place of humility and gratefulness, I can then sow seeds of generosity in what I say and do to contribute to a harvest of love for others, as well as for myself. What about your harvest?

Andrew

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

Summer Fun Activities at the Bride Valley and Chesil Churches

This summer we had a range of activities available in our churches, and trails and activities for our churchyards. We don't know how many people visited, but we had some lovely feedback about the sort of things that people enjoyed - why not have a look back through our photos on our Facebook page to see some of the crafts and activities being used. We hope that it provided some fun during the holidays...and please look out in December for Christmas Activities!

From the Registers

Baptisms

Rowan Loxton and Amie Bullard, at Shipton Gorge 25th August
Ada Taylor Litton Cheney 1st September

Weddings

Lucy Alice Robinson and Joshua Alexander Hutchison
21st September, Burton Bradstock

Funerals

Edwin Stevens, 12th September, Burton Bradstock

Church door challenge

In the August BVN it was noted that the Benefice was looking at the ways into church! We hope our entrances were welcoming and we welcomed you all in to have a look at our churches and to take a photograph of a church door.

Sue Lang took the photograph used for the front cover of this BVN, and notes that the door is 17th century. It bears the nail studs RN, which refers to Sir Robert Napier. The Napier family were, for several generations, owners of the manor in Puncknowle, which the church served. They were responsible for some reconstruction of the original 12th century church in the 17th century. The 17th century lock is still in use!

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.



Donations 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.

Cheques (made payable to '**Bride Valley Churches Team Council**'), or cash, in clearly marked envelopes, 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 Friday 7th November, in order to meet the printing deadline for the December edition.

The donations will be shared between the BVN and this year's charity which is **Heart Response**, based in Puncknowle, a registered UK Christian charity

that primarily supports the ministries of the Good Samaritan Church, Ocna Mures, Romania. The Romanian church was birthed in 1990 following the overthrow of the socialistic/communist party of the time. It was evident that there was a tremendous need among the poorest of the gypsy people and something needed to be done to help them. Various ministries were therefore established, some of these ministries included an orphanage, gypsy children feeding programmes and elderly support work.

Heart Response regularly sends money for different projects in Romania. Over the past year it has been able to fund a day trip to the zoo for over 40 very poor gypsy children, it's sent money for a medication fund, which was used primarily by the elderly who struggle to pay for their prescriptions, and it also approved a grant request for two mission teachers' salaries, these ladies work in the gypsy children feeding programmes and work with up to 500 children on a weekly basis, many of which do not attend school.

*Registered Charity in England and Wales no.1185649, Heart Response, 3 Clay Lane, Puncknowle, Dorchester DT2 9BJ
07880 607684, email at info@heart-response.org.uk
Tish Robberts, Charity Team Leader*

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



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.

I write this at the end of the first full week and the school is now back into full swing. It has been a joy to see the children after their holidays and to welcome our new families. We still have 4 classes at Burton; EYFS including preschool (The Nest), KS1 (Robins), Lower KS2 (Kingfishers) and Upper KS2 (Owls). Across the whole school we now have 95 children.

Since starting back, we have been extremely busy across the school with all classes starting their new topics and learning and going out of school either for welly walks, visits to the leisure centre, forest school or to the library. Spending time in our local community is such an important part of our curriculum and the children thoroughly enjoy getting out and about!

Owl class has been taking part in a project with Thriving Wild, Oops Wow Messy Art and the National Trust team at Hive Beach, looking at the impact of climate change on our coastline. For their first session they looked at 'chain reactions' and created their own Rube Goldberg machines which showed how our need for new 'things' impacts on our climate.



Robins Class enjoyed having a go at orienteering in our local park and playing field this week. The children worked in teams to find each checkpoint by reading a map. At each checkpoint they collected a sound. Then they looked at the sounds and worked out what they spelt.



Kingfisher Class painted self-portraits using water colours inspired by Quentin Blake. They are now on display in the hallway for the whole school to enjoy.

The Nest had a wonderful first welly walk of the year revisiting old friends including 'the fossil house', 'the tree with eyes'.



I look forward to writing again next month and updating you on our first church service of the year and our vision for spirituality across the school.

If you would like to visit our friendly village school, please contact our school office via email:

office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

Please feel free to check out our Facebook page and school website:
www.burtonbradstockprimary.org

Adam Gough
Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

The sun has shone and all the children have returned to school full of energy ready for this new term! It has been wonderful to see all the little ones in particular come in to school so confidently. Our Reception class has 18 new children in it this year and we are thrilled to see them settle so well and enjoy all the activities and new experiences that starting school brings with it. Thank you to all our Reception class staff and all parents for making this start of term such a happy and positive experience for the children.

Both the little ones and the older classes have hit the ground running with archery lessons, football coaching, guitar, drum and keyboard lessons as well as a creative writing workshop with Bridport company 'The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares'. The staff are busy running "after school" clubs from Messy Church to Jewellery Making and from Football to Art Club. Our Choir has also started up again and we hope to add Netball and Tag Rugby to our list of clubs shortly too.

As you will have seen, the newly installed solar panels are up on LATCH, and we are delighted to see them working in this new term. Again, a huge thanks to all who were involved in gathering support, writing letters, making applications for funds and those Governors and Villagers who ensured the installation went so smoothly in the holidays. They really are fantastic and a brilliant example of what can be done with everyone working together. On a similar note, after some upgrades to our boards in school, we are awaiting the installation of our EV Charger in the front car park in the coming months as well. More details to follow on this shortly from Mr White and the Eco-Committee. We hope to be able to extend use of this fast charger to local residents when school is shut - more details to follow in due course.

Sadly, over the summer it has become very clear that our swimming pool is in need of repair. Now drained, it will need some repair to the floor, a new liner and some other smaller maintenance work. The TSA and school have been saving over the last few years for this eventuality and we are in discussion with other local groups to raise the remaining funds required. We will likely need to raise a final slice of the overall cost from some fundraising activities and we will be advertising these in the new year. Our local pool company, Cresta Leisure, have been out on site with me over the summer and they have kindly agreed a works timetable to ensure the children will be swimming again in summer '25 as usual!

We are glad to hear that our leavers from last year have settled in well into their new schools and we wish them all the best as they start Year 7. This year we have 101 pupils and it is the first time we have been over 100 for 20 years which is lovely to see. We hope all those who have started with us this year enjoy being part of Thorner's and can now begin to add their own chapter to this 335 year-old story. It is a real thrill to know that a school that was founded in 1690 can still 'hit a century' in 2024!

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

A Message from Dorset Council: Check if you are eligible for Pension Credit

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual payment to help you with heating costs during the colder months. The Government announced in July 2024 that, from this year onwards, to be eligible you must have reached State Pension age and also receive a qualifying means-tested benefit e.g., pension credit, universal credit or income support.



The last possible date to make a successful backdated claim to receive the Winter Fuel Payment is 21st December. Applications for Pension Credit can be made on the [How to Claim](#) page on GOV.UK or over the phone by calling 0800 99 1234 (Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm). There is also a [Pension Credit toolkit](#) to help spread the campaign message to your audiences.

Our Night Sky in October 2024

Saturn rises in the east about 19.00hrs, just after Sunset, followed by Jupiter at 21.00hrs. Both will be visible during the night, with Jupiter being by far the brightest object in the night sky. You might just catch Venus before she sets shortly after the Sun.



I talked about Gravitational waves in the last issue, and this present information about how some are caused, is further explanation how SOME

waves are caused; however, there are countless millions of galaxies containing too many stars to imagine, and all of these will contain supernova stars which themselves produce waves. In fact, scientists reckon that our Universe is full of ripples of waves, continually passing through us, formed by such explosive events from the very beginning of time. The following is an explanation of how some waves are formed.

Two black holes orbit around each other and generate space-time ripples called gravitational waves. As the black holes get closer, the waves increase in frequency. Within a rotation, the black holes merge completely. One lower-frequency wave, ripples out after the merger.

Perhaps they will give you a gentle night's sleep as they gently nudge you up and down!

Finally, please note my talk on **The Latest from Space** on Friday 11th October to the Burton Bradstock Village Society. For details, please see the Society entry in the Burton Bradstock section.

Bill Turnill

The Bride Valley WI

The Bride Valley Women's Institute usually takes a break during August but this year has seen a very busy month. Firstly, we were treated to a very sumptuous 'afternoon tea' in the early evening at Made and Found in Abbotsbury. Sadly, the weather was not kind to us and the fog and drizzle prevented us from enjoying the spectacular view of St Catherine's Chapel. Obviously the sugar hit and some bubbles made up for the weather. Thank you to Karen, one of our members, for a lovely evening.

The 2024 Melplash Show provided a first for our WI. Several of our members were part of the "Craft Together" group entry in the home craft Tent. The overall theme was "Food Heaven" with the members choosing to



depict an “afternoon tea” for our entry. Quintessentially British and very WI! Members had to produce a minimum of 6 craft items for display with each item being individually judged, the whole entry was judged on overall presentation and range of craft techniques. We are proud to say that we won, not only gaining a first prize certificate but also the Bride Valley Fielding Perpetual Challenge Cup. This will be proudly displayed at all our hall-based meetings, before being returned for the 2025 winner. A big well done to all the members involved; some of our members are already thinking of ideas for next year’s entry so you never know it could be back.

Our August walk, the last evening excursion of the year, took us around Dorchester and was extremely informative thanks to our members, Val, Sarah-Jane and Emily. We started at the Colliton Club, down Glyde Path Road passed Hangman’s Cottage, out to the northern water meadows across Blue Bridge then east to Cokers

Frome, through Exhibition Fields to the Old Swimming Baths. With late swallows still swooping overhead, we progressed through Fordington by the River Frome, noting architectural and historical changes. We followed the Mill stream (pictured on the right) alongside swans and the allotments and returned full circle for refreshments as dusk fell on a previously sunny and warm late summer’s evening.



The October meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October at Puncknowle Village Hall starting at 7:30pm, “Crime and Punishment in the Bride Valley”. This will be an open meeting with all welcome, both men and women. There will be a £5 charge for non-members. Come and join us for what we are sure will be an interesting evening.

Skittles continues at the White Horse but with competition in the air!!!!

If you think the Bride Valley WI is for you, come and join us on the third Thursday of each month at Puncknowle Village Hall from 7.30pm. Contact us at bridevalleywi@gmail.com.

Events in the Bride Valley

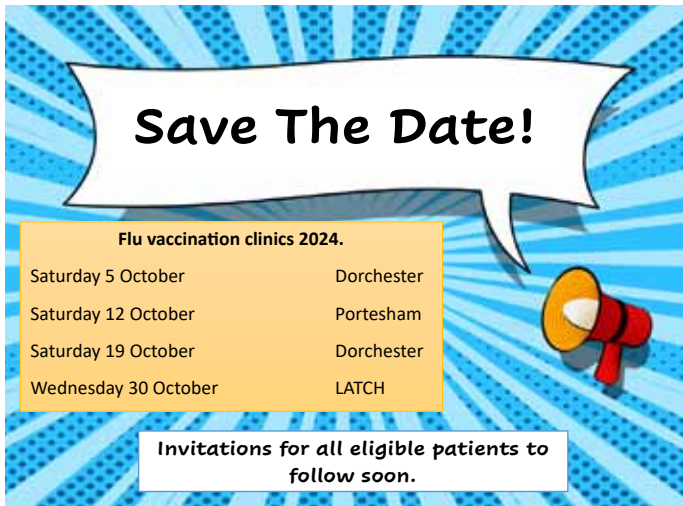
Book Now! Artsreach at LATCH presents **VRĭ**, following their sell-out appearance at the Edinburgh International Festival.

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

Tickets £12.50 or £6.00 (u18s) from Patricia (07799 612 941) or online from artsreach.co.uk

Refreshments available (cash only)

VRĭ means 'uplifting' in Old Welsh. Patrick Rimes (viola, violin), Jordan Price Williams (cello) and Aneirin Jones (violin) sing and play unique old and new songs, drawing on Welsh identity and struggle. Like "audio archeologists", they have unearthed long-lost nuggets shedding light on a vibrant folk tradition. It harnesses the raw energy of the fiddle with the finesse of the violin, and the beauty of chamber music with the joy and hedonism of a pub session. Sung with powerful vocal harmonies, the songs create a wonderful and unique soundscape that connects across the centuries to give us a sense of belonging, community, and uplifting freed



Save The Date!

Flu vaccination clinics 2024.

Saturday 5 October	Dorchester
Saturday 12 October	Portesham
Saturday 19 October	Dorchester
Wednesday 30 October	LATCH

Invitations for all eligible patients to follow soon.

Bridport & District U3A Invites You to Come Sing with Us!

The U3A Singers are a very friendly group, singing primarily for our own fun and to enjoy the well documented benefits of coming together to have a really good sing and to enjoy the sound we produce! We sing a wide variety of songs from folk songs to songs from the shows to pop songs and more. There is no audition and it's not necessary to be able to read music!

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 10.00am, to sing from 10.30am to 12.00noon. There is plenty of space for newcomers and a very reasonable termly fee of approximately £19 (can vary slightly depending on membership numbers), but most music is provided.

If you are not already a U3A member you would need to join, but are very welcome to give us a try for a session first.

Further information from Heather Harvey (group leader) Tel: 01308 425219

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library
Fund-Raising Luncheon
on **Saturday 16th November** in
The Village Hall



Menu: ham, cheese, jacket potato, salads, etc
choice of puddings

Bar Raffle Book Sale

Doors open at **12.15pm** and **not before**

Tickets £12

Details of availability to be announced



Bride Valley Gardening Club

Bride Valley Garden Club - Wildflower Wonders

If you've been to several of this year's talks, chances are you may have heard Julian Sutton (Desirable Plants, Totnes) in April when he was tolerant enough to sit through our AGM and then go on to entertain us with his talk 'Twelve Shrubs'. More recently you may have heard that he's coming back again – much sooner than anticipated!



Earlier this summer I received the sad news that our October speaker Bob Gibbons was very unwell, so much so that he advised me to have someone else on standby in case he couldn't make it. Knowing Julian sufficiently well to share this with him I asked if he might be this person and he generously agreed although we both hoped it wouldn't be necessary. Regrettably I've had to call in this favour and Julian will again be our speaker, this time at our next meeting on Monday 21st October.

Bob was an exceptional man in many ways; as an internationally renowned photographer, author and wildflower expert around the world. He would have introduced us to some of the wildflower wonders of the world – he wrote a beautiful book with this title – and I suspect he would have focused on the stunning floral displays of the NW United States. I was lucky enough to go on one of Bob's small wildflower tours which included Oregon State and Julian also shares a love of this part of the world and the amazing flora it offers. It seems fitting that his talk will be 'Oregon Matters', based on the wonderfully diverse flora of the American State he knows best and why plants from this part of the world are so important to gardeners.

Please come and join us at LATCH, School Lane, Litton Cheney, on Monday October 21st. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, for drinks, plant sales and chat. Visitors of course are welcome for the small charge of £2.

Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)

Bride Valley Book Group Review

Companion Piece - Ali Smith.

We were uncertain what to make of Ali Smith's "Companion Piece". Several of us enjoyed it but found the overall structure and narrative a challenge. Ali Smith is an acquired taste and her style is very distinctive. We did wonder whether this was a "companion piece" for her recent seasonal quartet, certainly some of the same issues crop up in this (much slimmer) novel. We

reflected on the various set pieces in the novel but felt that these did not always join together to form a whole, and some of us found this very frustrating. There is a contemporary story, linked by the (fictional) intricate wrought iron Boothby Lock, to a Middle Ages story about a female blacksmith and her exclusion from society. This narrative is also linked by two plagues, one historical and one (Covid) contemporary. The portrayal of the later stages of Covid lockdown were immediately recognisable; being unable to visit close family in hospital and having to rely on a nurse's phone bulletins - and the fear and nervousness experienced when confronted by anti-vaxers and people who cheerfully refuse to don a mask. Ali Smith often tries to put her finger on aspects of current social malaise and early in the novel we hear about a character stopped at border control and detained without their passport and phone in a windowless room - a kind of post-Brexit feverish nightmare. We did not all agree on what we found humorous but I laughed at the pushy twins who invaded the narrator's home speaking in preferred gender pronouns and social media acronyms. Some of us enjoyed the recurrent word play and sections of fine writing in the novel. We had a lively discussion about what Ali Smith was trying to achieve but, overall, we found it a novel of parts - which ultimately did not cohere into a whole. Perhaps this was Smith's whole point - puzzles do not always have one clear undisputed solution.

Liz Pinfield

Notice to Owners of Poultry and other captive birds

The BVN has been asked by Dorset Council on behalf of the UK Government to publicise for following requirement notice from the Ministry of Agriculture. Unfortunately, in the September issue this was included in the Bride Valley Gardening Club entry in error, for which we apologise. Full details of the requirements are available at the government website noted below.

***Ultra-Important: if you are the owner of poultry and other captive birds –
You Need to Register***

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-as-a-keeper-of-less-than-50-poultry-or-other-captive-birds>

Long Bredy

Village Correspondent: Rebecca Grove
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Village web-site: www.longbredy.org.uk



Long Bredy 100 Club August Results

£30.00	No. 46	R. Maltby
£15.00	No. 118	E. Scothern
£5.00	No. 64	J. Greener

In Loving Memory

Rick Cook

On Wednesday 14th August 2024 we came together to say a final farewell to Richard (Rick) Cook at St Peter's Church, Long Bredy, which held many memories for Rick and was where he wanted to finally be laid to rest.

Rick grew up in Long Bredy, a place that held a special place in his heart. His early years were spent at The Camp, followed by the Rookery, and later Springfield, where he had recently returned to.

Rick was a larger-than-life character, unforgettable to all who knew him. He had a wealth of knowledge of the area which he would share with those he met. He participated in local community events and had many interests.

Jenny, John, Claire and family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters, flowers and made Rick's funeral such a tribute to him. He would have loved seeing you all there, the tractors and all the delicious food at his bunfight. The community made him proud.

We as a family were overwhelmed with the love and support that we have received and are still receiving. Please accept this as a personal thank you to you all. Rick has left us far too soon, but his memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Coming up in October...

Long Bredy Defibrillator Training

Our next defibrillator training event is on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 7.00pm in Long Bredy Village Hall. Anyone can use the defibrillator, you do not need training, but if you want to feel more confident using it and/or have any questions then the training sessions are a perfect opportunity for this. No need to book, just come along.

Candlelit Supper at St Peter's Church

On **Friday, 4th October**, the monks of St Peter's Church invite you to join them for their candlelit supper with food, drink and entertainment!

Your place at the table for the evening will have a charge of £12 towards the fare and you can book through Brother Kinghorn: aking44634@aol.com, 482270; Brother Cain: 482379 or Brother Cullingford: 482562. The monks will also be making their favourite brews available along with wine from the vineyard.

Coffee Break

The Coffee Break will take place on **Saturday, 12th October** from 10.30am – 12:00noon in the village hall.

Join neighbours and friends to catch up and enjoy some refreshments. All are welcome.

Come Along Inn

The 'Come Along Inn' opens its doors on **Friday, 18th October**. Opening time as usual 5.30pm – 9pm and there will be a hot supper available. For further information or to book supper please ring 482270 or email: aking44634@aol.com.

Please note

Again, this year Poppies will be available in October at the 'Coffee Break', 'Come Along Inn' and the Church so please look out for them. The 'Coffee Break' on Saturday 9th November will also be for the Poppy Appeal and we shall be holding a raffle during the morning. All donations go to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Church News

Thank you to all who have participated in the craft and nature trail in the Church and Churchyard this summer - we hope you have enjoyed the activities throughout the Summer. It is probably something we will provide next Summer. We also will have Christmas activities available - watch this space!

Morning Worship on Sunday 20th October

The morning worship service on Sunday 20th October will be at 11.00am to fit in with the clergy rota.

Note your calendars...

Would I Lie to You?!

This year's Long Bredy Defibrillator fundraising event is **"Would I Lie to You"** on **Saturday 2nd November** at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm) in Long Bredy Village Hall.

A fun evening involving 3 men, 14 strange objects and guessing who is telling the truth and who is lying. Due to the possible "blue" content, this is an evening for over 16's and open-minded people.

Tickets are £10 each and include a **light supper**. The **Come Along Inn bar will also be open** for all your refreshment needs. Tickets can be purchased from

Charlotte Kinghorn, 07917182337, charlottekinghorn@hotmail.com or Ruth Cullingford, 01308 482562, ruth.cullingford@btinternet.com.

At the request of the Would I Lie to You team, donations on the night will also be gathered for the Dorset Air Ambulance.



Burton Bradstock

Village Correspondent: Pat Grafton
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Village web-site: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.



St Mary's Church

Songs of Praise for Harvest

Celebrate Harvest with us at the Songs of Praise for Harvest Service on Sunday 6th October. The Service starts at 11.00am with traditional Harvest hymns and readings and lasting just under one hour. This is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited. We will collect non-perishable food and money for the food bank. The Service will be followed by refreshments where we are hoping to offer Harvest cakes and coffee.



All welcome!

Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am -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.

If you would like more information please call Pauline (898327)

Tots Time

Postman Pat has moved house during the summer holiday along with his black and white cat and his beautifully constructed postbox. He has moved next door to the school to aid their Christmas postal service.

It was great to welcome some new Tots today (September 13th) with their families. We enjoyed catching up with everyone's news in the warm sunshine over drinks and nibbles. Tots painted their portraits with amazing skill,

including green hair, blue eyebrows and striking red ears. We thought about listening, heard the Bible story of Samuel listening to God and then Wilf and his mum dramatised it for us, receiving a round of applause. Of course, we sang 'heads and shoulders, knees and toes' and other songs.

It is such fun being out of doors. Parents say they feel better after sitting out in the sun for an hour and the Tots have so much exploring to do... leaves ... woodlice grave stones not to mention the official toys.

Do come and join us. For further information contact Audrey on 897227, Heather on 897780 or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com.

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 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 9th October Greenfingers Gardening Club (A newly formed Burton Bradstock Group)

Wed 13th November Burton Bradstock School

Burton Bradstock Films

'Wicked Little Letters', will be showing on Friday 25th October in the Village Hall

This is an incredibly funny, true story starring Olivia Coleman and Jessie Buckley and follows a series of bizarre events as the pious Edith receives a string of crude letters, supposedly from her neighbour Rose, who is charged with the crime. However, as the town's women investigate, they suspect that something is amiss and that Rose may not be the culprit after all.

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. This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on the following Thursday.

Date For Your Diary

'Save the Cinema' - Friday 29th November. The story of a Welsh town's fight to save their cinema and have the good fortune to enlist the help of Steven Spielberg.

Diary dates

For those that like to plan ahead here are the dates of key Hall organized events in December.

Saturday 7th December Christmas Market & Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th December Christmas Quiz (by Sue Moores & David Edwards)

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

September 2024 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£34.60	No 146:	Mrs Judy Stanford
2 nd	£17.30	No 33:	Mrs Jane Fearn
3 rd	£8.65	No 25:	Mr Geoffrey Spencer-Smith

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October 2024 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £3 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Burton Bradstock Village Society

On Friday 11th October we have a change of speaker from that advertised in the membership programmes and last month's BVN as Claire Dunne has unfortunately had to postpone her presentation until the 2025 season. Fortunately, Bill Turnill is returning with a talk entitled "**The Latest from Space**". This is an entirely new presentation incorporating the latest discoveries such as images provided by Hubble, the James Webb and Euclid telescopes and the talk will consist almost entirely of the latest NASA images of not only the Solar System planets in breath-taking detail, but also delving back to the Big Bang and the beginning of our Universe.

Bill is an accomplished speaker with a wide knowledge of his subject as those who have heard him before or know from his articles in the BVN.

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. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served, and there will be a raffle and wine available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your friends.

On Saturday 26th October the Society will be holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Post Office. Planning for this is in its infancy but there will be further publicity on the website, posters and in the newsletter.

Please forgive us for mentioning Christmas but Richard & Val Ferre are making Christmas Tree Baubles again this year and are accepting orders from those interested, £5 per bauble which will be hung on the tree for three consecutive years. There are 3 designs and you can have your own message on the back. The money raised will go towards the purchase of lights for the tree which tend to only last 3 years. If you are interested, please email rwferre99@gmail.com or phone 01308 897648.

From Heather Rogers

A huge thank you to all who supported my final cycle ride, in memory of our daughter, Rachel, on 28th August. Over £250 has been sent to Macmillan and £246 will shortly be making its way for the Good Bread Bakery in Kyiv, Ukraine. At least 25 people came to support me on the day and not one wet sponge was thrown.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

It has been a busy summer in the Library, with volunteers still having to cope with problems with the new computer system, and more enjoyably we have held our two activity mornings for the children. Our Lego morning on 27th August was really well attended



and the children made a variety of constructions which were put together to form a village at the end of the morning (pictured above).

Our Coffee Stop and Book Sale on 11th September were very well supported and in total we made £267 for the Friends of the Library. Thank you to all who supported us. The sample table quiz seemed to go down well with some Friends and it is hoped that we can provide a monthly table quiz in the Library – more details to follow.

On Saturday 16th November we will be holding our Fund-Raising Luncheon in the Village Hall, with doors opening at 12.15pm and **not before**. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm. Tickets will cost £12 to include a meal of ham, cheese, jacket potato, salads, etc., a choice of puddings, and drinks will be on sale at the Bar. There will be the usual Book Sale and donations of books can be left in the Library in the preceding week. Details of ticket availability will be issued to all Friends later this month by email and posters around the village.

As mentioned last month, the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library are reminded that their annual subscriptions are due on 1st October. Letters have been distributed to existing Friends but perhaps you might consider becoming a Friend or asking new neighbours if they would join? The minimum annual subscription is just £5 but feel free to donate more! Sue Harrison will be delighted to hear from you and application forms for becoming a Friend are available in the Library. We are so lucky to have our own community library in the village and we rely heavily on the Friends' subs for income. Please help us to continue to serve our community.

Burton Bradstock Community Library opening times are:

Monday 2.00-4.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am-12noon

Thursday & Saturday 2.00-4.00pm

burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com

www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library

01308 897563

Sue Brown

Chairman of Trustees

Burton Bradstock WI

It was nice to all be back together again in September at our first meeting after the summer break and to catch up with what everyone had been doing. Our speaker, David Taylor, gave a very informative, illustrated talk about the Dorchester Tunnels. Who knew what lies beneath our feet when we are busy doing our shopping in our County town - apart from tunnels, an Elizabethan banqueting hall, a WW2 firing range and a police station with cells!! Think of that next time you are in Dorchester!



October looks to be a busy month again. Seven of our members will be off to The Lighthouse Centre in Poole for the Dorset Federation Annual Meeting on 17th October. Our President, Alison Hawes will be representing our WI by carrying our banner in the grand parade of all of Dorset's WI banners. Hold it high, Alison!

I am pleased to say that one of our two quiz teams have qualified for the Dorset Federation Quiz final on 4th October, so we wish them good luck. Our commiserations go to the other team who sadly didn't make it, but we are sure that they enjoyed the fun of taking part nevertheless.

Several members are hoping to go bowling at Freshwater in October and the Lunch Club are planning a trip to the Hare and Hounds at Waytown.

We shall also be busy making items and preparing for our Early Christmas Coffee Morning and Market, which is to take place on Saturday 9th November. There will be Craft items and Christmas gifts, books and puzzles for sale so do come along and support us. It'll be a good opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and of course there will be lots of delicious cakes on sale too.

Our meeting on 8th October at 7.30pm will feature a talk by Sarah Hillier on "Plant Medicine". Do come and join us.

Janet Pearson
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Burton Bradstock Greenfingers Club



Thank you to everyone who came to the first meeting on 13th September when Ian Bark gave a very informative talk on Burton Bradstock's Allotment orchard.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th October, when Mark Bugler from Groves, will talk about Winter Hanging Baskets, feature three different types of design & will have plants (from Groves) to sell, too! At a time of year when colour is in short supply, come along to be inspired, meet with familiar faces, or ask any burning basket questions. Don't forget any spare plants (proceeds to Weldmar Hospice). There'll be Tea, Coffee & a Raffle! Entry: £1

Cilla's October Checklist - Cut back herbaceous perennials, leave seed heads for the birds this winter. Divide fibrous-rooted perennials to increase stock. Clear Alpines of fallen leaves & protected from wet with open ended cloche/recycled plastic container. Sow sweet peas in greenhouse or frame. Plant cyclamen/spring bulbs (except tulips - wait until November or early December). Tender perennials, e.g., fuchsias & pelargoniums, can be potted up & protected over winter. Lift & store tender summer bulbs & tubers. Clean greenhouses. Plant garlic & sow hardy broad beans & peas under cloches. Add organic mulches of well-rotted manure & compost to any cleared areas. Sow green manure on bare vegetable beds to deter weeds. Bring pots of herbs under cover to maintain crops during the autumn.

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.

Supper Club

This month's Supper Club will be held on Monday 14th October. For further information please phone Mags Chue on 07790811905.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Allotment Plots Available

An allotment isn't just a space for you to grow fruit and vegetables, it's also a place where you can relax, be part of a community and get some exercise. With luck, patience and hard work, you'll be rewarded with delicious, home-grown crops, not to mention the satisfaction of having grown them yourself. Interested? Please contact clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

Community Apple Pressing Event

All welcome for an afternoon of apple pressing fun, delicious freshly pressed apple juice, and a wonderful sense of community.

Date: Saturday 12th October

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Rectory Garden

We hope to see you there!

Road Safety

Dorset Council has rejected the application by Burton Bradstock Parish Council for a new pedestrian crossing on the B3157 near the public toilets. Dorset Council has withheld the details of the survey it carried out when making the decision to reject the application. It has offered a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss alternative means of improving the safety of pedestrians when crossing the coast road.

Dorset Council has also rejected the Parish Council's application for speed indicator signs on the B3157 at the eastern and western entrances to the village. The results of speed surveys paid for by the Parish Council showed that less than 15 per cent of vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more within the 30 mph zone, and less than 15 per cent of vehicles were travelling at 46 mph or more in the 40 mph zone, which are the thresholds Dorset Council has set for qualifying for speed indicator signs.

The Parish Council is currently exploring an application to Dorset Council to create a 20 mph zone in the village. For more details please contact Leanne Way, the Clerk to the Parish Council, on clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

A Date for your Diary in the Christmas Spirit Artsreach at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

David Mynne in *A Christmas Carol*
Sunday 15th December, 7:30pm
Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Artsreach

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Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Dickens' timeless, transformative story: *A Christmas Carol*. Bah! Humbug!

David Mynne is a veteran Cornish actor and a founder member of Kneehigh, Spend an evening in the company of a mean, tight-fisted, squeezing, grasping, clutching old miser. This is Dickens' original words with added silliness. Suitable for adults and older children (9+)

Tickets now available online at <https://artsreach.co.uk> or telephone David Witham on (01308) 897403. Adult tickets are £12.50, under 18s are £6 and family tickets are £35.

Down on the Farm: News from Pete & Gill Mayo

Meet the new ram, a Texel, and the bull for this year's calving who is a Red Angus. These are the latest pictures from Maydown Farm. We hope to have more farm news on the next edition.



Littlebredy

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During October we shall say a sad farewell – or au revoir, we hope, rather – to Ben and Charlie, who are departing The Old Parsonage for points north. Ben has lived here for just over 15 years, during which time he has made a fantastic contribution to village and local life, as well as in his distinctive professional works all over the country, including locally in Poundbury nearby. For a slightly shorter period, Charlie’s green fingers have carried all before them at local and regional Shows, and his crops in the Parsonage Garden will have been a source of envy to many. Together too they have combined in Instagram postings and numerous press and magazine articles to put views and descriptions of Littlebredy on the wider stage, which has reaped benefits in worldwide interest and financial support for (in particular) the church roof repairs a few years back. More importantly, though, they have been wonderful neighbours and generous supporters of village events and they will be much missed. Our loss is the Orkney Islands’ gain, but we hope they will revisit when they can and they can be sure of a welcome here if they do. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Many congratulations also to Tim Laycock of No. 1, Riverside Cottage, to whom the English Folk Dance and Song Society has just awarded a Gold Badge.

These awards are very rare, and recognise “unique or outstanding contributions to national folk music, dance or song, and/or exceptional contributions to the Society’s work”. Many of us will have encountered Tim’s musical talents on local stages or elsewhere will recognise why he has been honoured in this way. Among other past recipients, he shares this particular award with the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, by the way, which is no mean feat. An accolade indeed.



*Tim pictured at the door of
Hardy’s cottage*

Tim also has very long-standing connections, as many will know, with the New Hardy Players, the local theatrical group which has revived the traditions of the original Players formed by Thomas Hardy himself to perform stage versions of his works. His swansong in that field has just been as joint Director of the recent production of "Six Men of Dorset", a play written for the BBC in 1935 to dramatize the story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Its original run in Dorchester's Corn Exchange and Old Crown Court during the summer was so successful that several extra performances have been necessary recently, thus postponing Tim's well-deserved retirement from that role. We suspect that both performers and audiences will miss his theatrical touch.

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/>

SHIPTON GORGE
VILLAGE DIARY

You'll 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 and the Parochial Church Council.

Village Hall

Good news! Dorset Council has granted planning permission for the improvements Trustees wish to make to the building in order to provide 'Access for All'. Now the hard work begins! Watch this space (and the noticeboards) for further updates.

September 2024 Village Hall 100 Club Draw results

1st 104 £25 Larry Davie
2nd 53 £10 Dorothy Leith
3rd 81 £5 Bill Beeton

Congratulations to all winners.

Graham Garner

Village Society

Bingo

The Village Society are holding a Bingo Evening on Saturday 5th October at the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm.

All prizes will be paid out in cash. Everyone is very welcome, from the village or from the Bride Valley.

Should you wish to join us, please bring along your own drinks and nibbles.

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th. November Quiz night with fish and chips in the interval

Saturday 16th. November Race night

St Martin's Church

Floodlight sponsors for October:

The lights are shining over Shipton Gorge, thanks to:

Sally Parker – in memory of Steve Larkin (2 years on 14th)

Geoff & Carolyn Hall

Ann Crowe in memory of her brother-in-law, Barry Darville

Christine & Terry – in memory of Christine's dad

David the Gent

Sincere thanks to our floodlight sponsors. The dark nights are with us now and we really need your sponsorship to keep the St Martin's floodlights glowing across the village, so please, if you enjoy seeing the church lit up, why not sponsor them for a special occasion. At present, we have very few sponsors for November and December. For a suggested donation of £5, you can light up the church and have your occasion mentioned in the BVN.

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

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club

The winners in the September draw were Kate Chomacki and David Bass. A bottle of gin has been delivered. Congratulations to both of you.

Saunders Richardson Wood

As the wildlife makes some preparations for the winter ahead, we will be helping them by installing a few more nest boxes in the wood over the next few months. We also have a number of small trees to plant up in the wood or to fill in some gaps in the hedges. One of our trustees did make a special walk out around the village one evening in August to look for glow worms and was successful – we must be doing something right, as they were spotted near the Saunders Richardson Wood and in the Orchard.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

A reminder that you are welcome to pick the fruit in the orchard, however, don't forget to check the tree plan on the notice board to see what is likely to be ready this month – and what they can be used for – appearances can be deceptive. The long grass has now been scythed, making access to the trees much easier. The maintenance days are currently planned for Monday 14th and 28th October 11.00am–12.00noon. We will need to do an apple picking session – look out for notices, but could be one of these dates. Apples will then get taken off to Dorset Nectar Farm for processing. If you would like to help, please do come along.



The **Apple Day Produce Sale** will be held in the Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 19th October. Homemade jams, chutneys, and cakes, etc. will be available. Children's activities including pressing apples for juice and a prize for the longest apple peel. Craft stalls and a raffle, also, a competition for best Dorset Apple Cake – so get your mixing bowls out. Look out for posters for more details. Any donations for the produce stall or plant sale will be very much appreciated. Please come along and support us.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635, or email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com. Details as usual on our website:

http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage__16417.aspx
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

Shipton Gorge Parish Council

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm in the village hall. We are going to have an open forum starting at 7.00pm before the formal meeting, so do come along to discuss any issues or ideas to help Shipton Gorge become an even greater village. At 7.30pm, the meeting will follow the usual format, where there will be democratic time for attendees to raise any matters they wish.

As a reminder, your councillors are Simon Crafter (Planning), Lizzie Forte (Highways, Transport, Rights of Way), Christine Huxtable (Finance), Martine Simmonds (Climate and Resilience), Paul Thimont (Chair, Playing Field). We have four vacancies and some unfilled portfolios, so even if you don't want to join us formally, but could still help out, please let our clerk Lucy Beasley know (clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk).



Artsreach presents

Lev's Violin

Greg Lawson & Phil Alexander

Thursday 5th December, Shipton Gorge Village Hall 7.30pm



Born with a beautiful sound, but no name, Lev's Violin was valued as worthless. Although its origins remained a mystery, many tales were attached to Lev's Violin, some true and some wonderfully untrue. Old and worn by its travels, it eventually broke a few years ago, and the instrument became the

subject of a book by Helena Attlee and a BBC Radio 4 reading. It has since been through an extensive restoration, and, having passed through the hands of countless musicians, travelled continents and played the music of many cultures, it is now in the possession of violinist Greg Lawson. Joined by former Moishe's Bagel bandmate and accordionist Phil Alexander, follow the violin's journey and hear some of the music from its past – from Bach and Arvo Pärt to Armenian and Macedonian music and Klezmer.

Suitable for all ages

Tickets £13, £7 (u18s)

Tickets available via Ticket Source at www.artsreach.co.uk / from Mark on 01308 897649

Please note: A pre-event supper will be available at the New Inn, Shipton Gorge – 5.00pm–7.00pm, a 5–10-minute walk from the venue – please book direct on 01308 897302.

Litton Cheney

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St. Mary's Church

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at a service of Holy Communion on **Sunday 6th October at 11.00 am**, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. All very welcome and gifts will be donated to the Bridport Food Bank.

Starting on the 13th October, there will be a said Holy Communion service at 8.00am on the second Sunday of the month. This will be an experiment to see how popular it proves to be, so if this is a something you would like to continue, do come along.

Ride & Stride – Many thanks to all who donated/sponsored Rector Andrew Rawding and Martyn Brooks in their striding and riding between the Valley/Chesil Bank churches in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

Many by now will have heard the sad news that **Ian Jackson**, husband of Janet, has died from cancer. A cremation will be held at Weymouth Crematorium at 1.00pm on Friday 4th October. An internment of ashes and memorial service will be held at a later date, details for which will be made available when known.

Parish Council

Grateful thanks to Rural Housing Enablement's Jacqui Cuff who presented to the Parish Council on this important subject at their September meeting. Much to consider as a result.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th November at LATCH when the 2025/2026 Precept and budget projections will be discussed. All welcome.

As mentioned in previous issues of the BVN we are seeking a Parish Clerk who can take over from present Clerk Lucy. There is an opportunity to combine this position with a similar post at Shipton Gorge, a situation presently in place. For details of the appointment see <https://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/news/vacancies/vacancy-for-parish-clerk-and-responsible-financial-officer-2>

BENCHES & Bridges to cross

The newly renovated bench from the sports field has been installed at Chalk Pit Lane, and the existing one moved to the Snicket. This seems to conclude the Bench project for now and we have ended up with six strategically placed around the Village for us all to use and enjoy. Many thanks to all who have contributed and helped especially Russell and Chris Randall.

All attention now to Chilcombe bridge. At the time of writing we are awaiting news from Dorset Council as to when we can start collecting the generous donations already pledged and whether they'll accept a quote from our Bridge Builders in Residence - guess who?

Quentin Blacke

Full Fibre

The rollout continues throughout the village, although availability remains sporadic depending on postcode, and even then, in some instances, Openreach are having some issues with the sharing of poles, with the owners having not yet given the necessary permissions.

At the time of writing Openreach plan on the 11th September to take the supply down to White Cross from School Lane. To check availability of your property, go to www.openreach.com and enter your postcode and address details. This will let you know if you can be connected to Full Fibre. If you can and wish to connect then contact your existing provider for a quote. You may even find a better deal with another supplier!

For more details, updates and assistance visit the Litton Cheney village website – www.littoncheney.org.uk

Rob Matthews

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) - October

Weekly:

Mondays: 3.30pm – 4.30pm Big Q Church (Term time only)

Tuesday: 4.45pm Short Mat Bowls – starts mid-October (Ron Davidson 482661)

Wednesdays: 4.45pm - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661/Paul Kingston 482162) 7.00 pm – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Thursdays: 9.15am – 11.15am First Steps Toddlers (fortnightly, term time only)

Special:

Thursday 3rd Film Night – “**One Life**” Doors 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

Saturday 12th Artsreach production – **VRi** - see separate announcement in Valley Notes

Monday 21st 7.00 pm Gardening Club meeting – last of the season

Sunday 27th Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Wednesday 30th Portesham Surgery Flu Clinic – booking essential

Thursday 31st Film Night – “**Wicked Little Letters**” – see details below

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 – contact me to book a date.

Hall Bookings/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com

Solar panels now adorn the roof of the community hall, and as a result, during periods of sunny weather(!), our energy demand from the national grid has been minimal. Our thanks to Low Carbon Dorset for providing a 50% grant and making the installation possible, and also for financial assistance from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Requests have been submitted for an Indian Summer.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS – Forthcoming films at LATCH

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER - ONE LIFE ‘a remarkable true story’

Starring **Antony Hopkins**, **Johnny Flynn** and **Helena Bonham Carter**, the film tells the true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London banker who rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis on the brink of World War II. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families

who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed?

Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky is still haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children – now adults – that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

The film has two narrative strands. Johnny Flynn plays the younger Nicholas then Sir Anthony Hopkins the 1980's Nicholas. Cert. 12 1hr.45”

THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER – WICKED LITTLE LETTERS *'the British comedy of the year'*. Inspired by the real life scandal that rocked 1920's Littlehampton. When deeply conservative Edith (**Olivia Coleman**) and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose (**Jessie Buckley**) is charged with the crime. However, as the town's women begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and Rose may not be the culprit after all. Perfectly cast with Timothy Spall, Anjana Vasan and other famous faces. Cert.15 1hr.40'

Doors Open: 7.00pm. Films start 7.30pm. TICKETS: £5.00 (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) **Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.**

Flu Clinic – October 30th – LATCH

A flu clinic will be held at LATCH on 30th October – see poster in Valley Notes for more details, and if eligible ensure you book soonest.

Art Classes will begin again from 10.00am on Friday October 4th in the Meeting Room, LATCH. For more details contact Ann Gray 01308 482216.

Could you Write for the BVN?

We would like to extend our coverage of the Bride Valley into both more general and specific topics, and if you could contribute please let the editor know or contact your local village correspondent. Contributions between 250 and 300 words please, and we can include a picture of two as well. Now is the chance to get into print!

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

Village Correspondents:

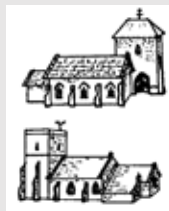
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Annual Memorial Service at St Mary's, Puncknowle, Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm

We shall be remembering our loved ones and lighting a candle in their memory at a simple service of prayer and recollection on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm, St Mary's, Puncknowle. Please let us know if you are planning to attend - contact admin Helen by 1st November (email bvchurchesta@outlook.com or phone 897260). If you are unable to come, but wish your loved one's name to be read out at the service, please let a churchwarden, the Rector or Helen know. There will be refreshments provided afterwards. If you would like the name of someone departed, even if a long time ago, to be included please contact one of the Churchwardens, Jethro Truscott or Sue Lang.

Welcome

Welcome to baby Gus Bond who was born on 20th August to Chris and Ellie at Jubilee Cottage.

Puncknowle Harvest Festival

On Sunday 6th October you are welcome to join us for Puncknowle HARVEST FESTIVAL. The service starts at 11.00am and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at the Village Hall. We will be decorating the church on Saturday 5th. Feel free to join us for the church service, or lunch, or both. Donations of food given at the service will be donated to the Bridport Food Bank.

The Fete / Garden Party/ Village Event

After the successful Garden Party held this year in place of the fete, there will be a meeting in the Crown Inn on **Thursday 24th October** at 7.00pm to discuss next year's event. Come along to help decide whether to hold a Fete again, or the Garden Party, or both. Andrew, our new Rector will be overseeing the meeting and is keen to hear what we decide. It would be good to hear everyone's views on this matter as it is important to the village.

After the successful Garden Party at the Crown Inn in July, the Church Council has decided to contribute some of the money we raised for the church to Lyn's Cancer Charity as a thank you to her for allowing us to partake.

What's on at Puncknowle Village Hall in October		
REGULAR EVENTS		
Mondays	10.00 am - 11:00am	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
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Tuesdays	6:00 pm - 7:00pm	Tripudio Contact Ali on 07968 370485 or by email ali.russell@hotmail.com
Wednesdays	10:00am - 12:00noon	Table Tennis Contact Brian on 01308 897987
Wednesdays	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Table Tennis Contact Eonne on 07891 210739
OTHER EVENTS		
Thursday 3rd	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Craft Club Contact Brenda on b.oliver@btinternet.com
Monday 7th	5:00pm	Planning Steering Meeting More information: https://puncknowle.net/neighbourhood-plan/
Tuesday 8th	6.00pm	Tripudeo Contact Ali on 07968 370485
Thursday 10th	6.00pm	Allotment AGM
Thursday 10 th	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Whist Drive Contact Jenny on 01308 897863

Monday 14th	7.00pm- 9.00pm	History Group Contact Paul Bullen Email paul.bullen@icloud.com
Tuesday 15 th	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Luncheon Club Contact David on 01308 898492
Wednesday 16th	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting More information: https://puncknowle.net/ neighbourhood-plan
Thursday 17 th	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Bride Valley WI Contact: bridevalleywi@gmail.com
Saturday 19th	10.00am- 4.00pm	Planning Community Session Open Meeting
Friday 25 th	10:00am – 12:30pm	Art Club Contact Sally on 01308 897987

Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Important Announcement

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council will be working with Dorset Council and Dorset Community Action to carry out a **Housing Needs Survey** over a 4-week period in November 2024.

This is an opportunity for you to directly influence the future housing and planning strategy for this area and the results will help guide the Neighbourhood Plan. We need as many households and relevant individuals as possible to complete the survey, for data accuracy and better decisions can be made based on direct feedback from the community.

Please encourage anyone with a local connection to complete the survey (even if they have already moved away or do not live in the area), especially if they are unable to move to or within the Parish, due to lack of affordable properties to buy or rent.

We would also encourage responses from people who can afford to move but are unable to downsize or move into larger family homes because of lack of available properties.

The survey will be available online, with printed copies available on request, and help to complete surveys will be available. We will follow up this communication with more information and guidance through October and November.

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Part-Time position – 30 hours per month

Applications are invited for the part time post of Clerk to Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council.

The role requires excellent interpersonal and communication skills along with good organisational and numeracy ability. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel are needed; a qualification in Finance would be beneficial. The work is primarily home based. A laptop and printer are provided. Training can be arranged, including New Clerk Training. To find out more, please contact clerk@puncknowle-swyre-pc.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 30th November 2024

Invitation to Make Grant Applications

The Council operates a S137 grant aid policy, under which certain groups may apply every year to be considered for a grant payment. The deadline for this year is 31st October 2024.

For more information, please read the Council's Grant Award Policy which can be found on the Puncknowle.net website, <https://puncknowle-swyre-pc.gov.uk/grants/> or email the clerk for a copy clerk@puncknowle-swyre-pc.gov.uk.

The survey can be completed anonymously and, for those who have a potential housing need or would like to discuss housing further, it would be useful to have your contact details so that we can follow up.

A full copy of this notice is available online at:

<https://neighbourhoodplan.puncknowle-swyre-pc.gov.uk>

If anyone has any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Jacqui Cuff, Rural Housing Enabler for Dorset on 07421 994590 or email jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

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



My dear Nephew Darren,

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

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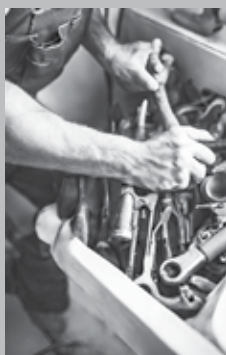
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