

# **Bride Valley News**



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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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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.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 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.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.

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

In my study is a large blue box which is very special and precious to me – it contains my ‘memories’. It has in it all sorts of bits and bobs right from my childhood days up to the present – all sorts of paraphernalia, photos, certificates, mementos! It has my old badges, wedding photos and my nurses buckle from my days as a nurse. It has baby name tags and little first size bonnets and booties. All precious memories which tell the story of my life and which have often been used to do just that as I have moved from place to place in my ministry in recent years.

I’m sure many of you will have something similar, maybe up in the loft, or perhaps have your memories on display all around you at home, souvenirs from holidays in exotic, or not so exotic places; photographs placed lovingly on shelves and tables to remind you of good times and significant events, friends and those you love. Sometimes it is good just to spend some time with our memories, to remember and reflect on all that has been good in our lives, and especially having lived through this last year of enforced separation, to be thankful for the memories that have often kept us going.

Our Bible is full of memories too, written down with love and care to remind us of the story of God in the lives of so many through the age; Memories of encounters with God in the Old Testament, and with Jesus in the Gospels, memories of friends made as the new followers of ‘The Way of Jesus’ began to grow in number with the spread of the early Church. Memories of the difference encountering God had made to their lives. St Paul, separated from the people of the newly planted Church in Philippi, spoke with deep affection in his letters to them:

***‘I thank my God every time I remember you.’ Philippians 1:3***

Of course, the memories we have made during this last year may not all be good ones. We may have had more time on our hands than we were comfortable with and some have found life challenging and lonely with just their memories for company. Inevitably, there will be others known to us living in care settings with dementia who have lost precious time with loved ones and who have suffered irreversible memory loss over the course of the pandemic. Connections lost that can never be retrieved – and there is great sadness in that which should be acknowledged.

As we gradually ease back into a life of connection again in person – the first coffee with friends, the first barbeque with family, that first hug with

grandchildren and those we have missed so much, let's not forget to start making fresh and lasting memories again. Memories we can look back on in the future with great gladness and say with confidence 'I thank my God every time I remember you'.

I'm praying for a summer full of making good memories for us all.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley).

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

Geoffrey Longstaff                      Littlebredy.

**A message about producing the Bride Valley News**

Whether you live in the Bride Valley or are just visiting you'll find plenty to do and see in the area, and you will get a flavour for that, and of our community from within these pages.

The Bride Valley News (BVN) is one of the keyways that we keep in touch and communicate as a valley community. Sponsored by the Bride Valley Churches, it is delivered to every home in the valley and carries, not only news of our local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. From the editor to the front door all are volunteers.

Would you consider supporting the production of this valuable means of communication and news? Just £6 per household would ensure we are available throughout the summer months and help us to keep going.

If you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:

**Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'**  
**Sort code 30-91-21**  
**Account number 00074071**  
**.....and quote BVN!**

**Thank you for reading this.**



## BRIDPORT MUSEUM LAUNCHES BRAND NEW EXHIBITION FOR 2021

Bridport Museum reopened its doors on Monday 17 May, with a brand new exhibition which asks visitors what they value about the museum and its collection.

'The Right Stuff' is an exciting 3.5 year collections review project which seeks to engage the local community in helping shape what the Museum collects now, and in the future. The Museum aims to be bold: asking what we should keep and why.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'We only display about 5% of our collections in the Museum. We have around 20,000 objects in our stores- many of which are of national and international significance like our rope and net and fossil collections.'*

*The remainder continues to be a challenge to manage, costly to maintain and in some cases, difficult to justify. We want to ask our community some tricky questions- why do we have certain things? Should we have them? If not, where should they go?*

*We also want to create space for future collections- how would Bridport like to represent itself for future generations?'*

The exhibition introduces people to some of the challenges that the Museum faces in caring for its collections- with lots of opportunities for people to have their say!

Entry to the exhibition is included in a Museum ticket: for opening times, visiting FAQs, information about ropemaking demos and guided walks visit [bridportmuseum.co.uk](http://bridportmuseum.co.uk).

Our meeting in May was hopefully our final Zoom as our next few months are all outdoor meetings and then hopefully we will be back in Puncknowle Hall in the Autumn.

This month was our AGM and there was an excellent attendance where we were reminded of all we had done since the last AGM.

The 4 Officers were re-elected and a further 3 members volunteered to be on the committee.

The programme for the next year was outlined and further details to be confirmed as soon as bookings can be made. Watch this space!!!

Our monthly evening walks are continuing and are being led by various WI members and are much appreciated especially as the evenings get lighter and hopefully brighter!! We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful valley. Picture on the front cover of this issue of BVN was taken by one of our members looking at the view from the Valley of the Stones in Little Bredy.

The WI is still endeavouring to keep going in these trying times and **if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email**  
[Bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

Church Administrator

The post of Bride Valley Benefice Team Administrator advertised in April 2021 BVN has now been filled. Thankyou to all who applied.

The successful candidate is Helen Fry and we wish her every success in her new job. Contact details below:

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## **Burton Bradstock Community Library**

### **Serving the Bride Valley**

The library, run by volunteers on behalf of the community and supported by Dorset Council, and is part of Libraries West. We offer all the services you expect from a main library, but with easy access and parking in the centre of the village.

During the present restrictions the library is **OPEN** on:

Wednesday Mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Saturday Afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, collect reservations, obtain photocopies and DVDs

You can also manage your account online, including reserving books & DVDs from the Libraries West Catalogue to collect in Burton. We recommend that you download the Libraries West app for your mobile phone. You will be notified when ordered items become available.

E-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-comics and e-newspapers, are free to read on-line using your library card.

Free Wi-Fi may be accessed outside the library, but currently the public PCs are not available.

Please note that opening hours may vary in line with changes to covid-19 regulations.

**The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR**

 **info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk**  **Friends of Burton Bradstock Library**

**web: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)**



# Artsreach returns to the Bride Valley

**A date for your diary – advance notice - Thursday 26th August**



We are delighted to announce that the **Artsreach promoters in BURTON BRADSTOCK, LITTON CHENEY and SHIPTON GORGE** have joined forces to get an evening of entertainment from the Artsreach summer programme. Covid regulations have dictated that it had to be held outside, so **LATCH** was chosen as the only venue which had sufficient outdoor space.

**The shows, actually a double bill, are called THE PIRATES TAXI and RIPE, and will be unlike anything we have seen before in the Valley!! Don't miss it.**

The former is from the designers of an aerial circus show, with mechanically ingenious sets featuring an old London taxi whilst presenting extraordinary aerial circus acts, all to live music. The latter features Tilly, a singing, dancing, aerialist performer, combining trapeze, dance and text. Tilly has a first class degree specialising in static trapeze and physical theatre!

**LATCH** is the venue, and the performance will start at 6.30 on Thursday 26th August. Booking will be direct online with Artsreach and more details will be in the BVN closer to the date.

*Bryan Brown Ron Davidson Kate Chomacki*



## Ultra Fast Fibre for the Bride Valley

Since September 2020 a few of us have been collecting names of local people who may be interested in improving the internet speed and quality covering the Bride Valley.

Some may say my internet is fine and I don't need more speed, which is fine but we live in a community and many others in our community are getting very poor coverage.

May we ask you to think of the community as a whole and also think of the many small businesses and schools in our area who are struggling. We have heard a report that the Government has given BT OPENREACH (BTO) permission to swap onto fibre from copper anyway, so why don't we go for it now.

Copper cables are fine for telephone conversations but the data signal down copper seems to drop off significantly with distance from the exchange. Speeds are measured in mbps (the speed per second you can send data) and with copper, in general people get about 0.05 up to 40mbps. With fibre it is 50 up to 1 Gbps (1,000mbps)

In recent years green boxes have appeared in villages. These are known as FTTC (fibre to the cabinet). BTO have run fibre from the exchange to a cabinet in each village and then copper from therein.

This improves slightly the signal for people close to the cabinet but not for those at a distance. FTTP is fibre to the premises (home) where the fibre is taken into your home, to your BT socket.

There are two groups working very closely together in the BV trying to organise this for us all.

The LBLC; Long Bredy, Litton Cheney, parts of Little Bredy, Kingston Russell, and many from 01308 482 Long Bredy exchange.

Then the PBB; Puncknowle, Burton Bradstock, Swyre, West Bexington group.

The depressing news is that mostly it takes 2 years+ to get this installed. That's better however than doing nothing and waiting 5 +years!

## What will it cost me?

Let's divide the costs into installation and monthly contract.

There are grant vouchers per household available for BTO to claim and if we get enough people who are willing to put their name forward then economy of scale should mean that the grants should cover the cost of installation. In the end it will be up to each individual to decide.

This has been done in many other areas and with your help we are aiming to get free installation to our homes.

**Monthly contracts.** We pay this already to our Internet service provider. Some ISPs may not be able to provide ultrafast so you may have to change ISPs but many are now offering this service.

Information on this is limited as it's not on offer until you actually have fast fibre. We can't tell the cost but we've seen internet pages in areas that have it, like Askerswell for example, and the prices are similar to what we have but with a much bigger choice, **not just 0-50 but 50-999mbps.**

## **IMPORTANT**

Our MP Chris Loder is actively involved in helping us with our bid and has asked that anyone interested in obtaining superfast broadband fibre directly to their door participate in the survey on the following link  
<https://www.chrisloder.co.uk/broadbandsurvey>

Your participation will help considerably in providing the necessary information identifying the areas most in need.

If you need to test your present broadband speed try  
<https://www.speedtest.net/>

The information is given with the best intention for the community as a whole and whilst we try to give correct information, you may also wish to check the information for yourselves as at this point we would throw in the standard disclaimer and indicate that any inaccuracies are somebody else's fault.

## **News from Portesham Surgery, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **COVID vaccinations at The Atrium Health Centre**

The good news is that Dorset was top of the vaccination league country-wide this week! We have vaccinated nearly 730,000 patients (75% of our population) with the first dose and over 250,000 of these have also had their second dose. More than two-thirds of those have been done at the various Primary Care centres run by GP practice staff and volunteers.

Our deliveries currently are mostly for 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccinations at the moment but we have this week invited all patients over the age of 40 for their first vaccination so we are progressing well, and we expect to be offering more first vaccinations from early June once we've completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose programme.

### **GP Work**

This is the less good news. I'm aware that patients are sometimes finding it hard to get through to the surgery by telephone, and we are told that you can't understand why we are so busy.

The reasons are probably a combination of patients who have put off contacting us earlier on in the pandemic, and those we are having to manage in primary care while they await referrals to secondary care, plus an impression that a lot of people are feeling rather anxious and contacting us sooner, and more frequently, than perhaps they would have done pre-Covid.

In spite of this we continue to assess and deal with all urgent requests for help on the same day, bringing patients in for a face-to-face consultation or booking a less-urgent appointment within days when clinically appropriate. We cannot currently offer face to face appointments for all, without triage, as due to the level of cleaning required after each patient and the social distancing in the waiting room we would only be able to offer a small number of appointments per day leading to even longer wait times.

For non-urgent problems we are asking everyone who has access to the internet to do an eConsult as this gives precise information to the GP and helps them to deal with your query promptly (often saving you from coming to the surgery or taking time off work), as well as freeing up the phonelines for emergencies and the elderly or vulnerable who may not have internet.

However we are struggling to keep pace with the workload. One day last week the duty doctor had 63 patients on their list. The British Medical Association's guideline for safe working for GPs is 35 patients per day. At 15 minutes per patient this is already more than an 8-hour day (not allowing for checking and filing lab results and hospital letters, signing scripts or even, sometimes, eating or drinking). All our doctors, and our practice nurses and I, are working at home in the evenings, days off and at weekends in order to try to keep on top of the workload. This level of demand is simply not sustainable.

We are not alone. One local surgery now insists on ALL queries being dealt with through eConsult and there is no email address on their website at all. Another has put out a message on Facebook asking their patients to be understanding and kind as they are under so much pressure. Another sent a 16-page letter to their patients explaining why they can't cope with the workload. We have all had receptionists in tears because people are impatient or rude, which is hard to take when we are all trying to do our best to help with the resources we have to hand.

#### What you can do to help

You can help by doing eConsults for less urgent problems. You can help by ordering your prescriptions in good time using SystmOnline so you don't run out, which puts pressure on our dispensary team who are also almost overwhelmed by the workload. You can help by being succinct on the phone and in your consultation with the GP, and if you request a same-day phone call for an urgent problem please make sure you will be able to answer the doctor's call so they don't have to keep trying to get hold of you. Consider going to a minor injuries unit for minor ailments, or visiting the pharmacy to get advice from the knowledgeable pharmacists who can often suggest over the counter treatment for simple ailments such as a sore throat or rash.

Above all please remember that if you're having trouble getting through to us it is not because we can't be bothered to answer the phone, but because we are all already dealing with patients. If you can be patient we will get to you as soon as we possibly can, because all we want to do is help you and keep you all safe.

We all hope things will calm down soon, and with your understanding and patience we will overcome these new challenges in time.

**Alison Dunbar, Practice Manager**



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Many thanks to those of us who took part in this zoom gathering. There was some mutual catching up whilst we assembled. We then got down to business to discuss our current book

**“Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate.**

This read like a work of fiction but in fact it is based around real events in the 1940s and 1950s in Tennessee. Children from “broken” homes were removed from their family environments and placed in very austere children’s orphanages before being given up for adoption for lucrative fees. Younger children (especially blonde haired ones) were effectively sold for a premium. Some of the children’s families were lied to and manipulated into giving their children up. There were serial abuses, both physical and sexual, within the children’s homes. Many children were “re- named” in an attempt to obfuscate their origins. The adoption process itself was sketchily documented and many children learned in later life that they had been adopted and that there was no paperwork which allowed them to trace their birth parents. Often children were told that their parents had died and those who tried to get their sons and daughters back were thwarted by an absence of record keeping.

The narrative begins with a family of five children living with their parents, Queenie and Briney, leading a ramshackle but happy life aboard a houseboat on the various Tennessee waterways and bayou. Things go badly wrong when Queenie’s impending delivery of twins results in her being rushed to hospital. Rill, the oldest daughter, is left in charge of the other children but she cannot prevent them being taken the following morning to the orphanage. Rill’s story captures her distress at being unable to keep her siblings together and not knowing what has happened to her parents. The following chapter fast forwards to contemporary times and now the narrative voice belongs to Avery, a young lawyer and daughter of the state senator. Whilst on the campaign trail in a local care home she is approached by a resident called May who recognises a distinctive bracelet given to Avery by her grandmother. From this point on the chapters alternate between Rill’s story and Avery’s investigation into family secrets which not everyone is keen to have revealed.

This was not a novel of happy endings although some of the siblings do manage to reunite in later life - helped by the dedicated efforts of other

orphanage “alumni” who become detectives in trying to trace family connections. We all enjoyed reading this and found the story distressing but also compelling. Sadly these events find their echoes in adoption scandals closer to home. We had a lively discussion about the injustices of Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries, the British government’s funding of the “Oranges and Sunshine “ scheme which shipped thousands of children to Australia where, once again sadly, many were abused and brutally treated. We all remembered the horrors of Romania’s orphanages in the late 1980s and this prompted a number of very personal adoption stories amongst our own families and friends.

We anticipate that our June meeting will be back at Puncknowle Village Hall  
- Covid regulations permitting.

Liz Pinfield

## **Our Night Sky in June 2021**

You should be able to see Venus shining brilliantly low in the South West after Sunset, but she will have set about an hour later followed by Mars. Saturn and Jupiter will be rising in the South East about 0100 and Jupiter in particular will be the brightest object in the South Eastern sky during the night until the dawn sky overwhelms it.

NASA’s Ingenuity Mars Helicopter became the first aircraft in history to make a powered, controlled flight on another planet. The solar-powered helicopter first became airborne at 12:33 Local Mean Solar Time (Mars time) – a time the Ingenuity team estimated would have the best energy and flight conditions. Ingenuity climbed to its prescribed maximum altitude of 10 feet (3 meters) and maintained a stable hover for 30 seconds. It then descended, touching back down on the surface of Mars after logging a total of 39.1 seconds of flight. Ingenuity’s initial flight demonstration was autonomous – piloted by on-board guidance, navigation, and control systems running algorithms developed by the team at JPL.

Because data must be sent to and returned from the Red Planet over hundreds of millions of miles using orbiting satellites and NASA’s [Deep Space Network](#), Ingenuity cannot be flown with a joystick, and its flight was not observable from Earth in real time. The Perseverance rover not only acted as a communications relay between the helicopter and Earth, but also chronicled the flight operations with its cameras. The pictures from the

rover's two imagers will provide additional data on the helicopter's flight.

After this successful flight Ingenuity has made two more, and continues to set records, flying faster and farther on its third flight on Sunday, April 25, 2021 than in any tests it went through on Earth.

The helicopter took off at 12:33 p.m. local Mars time, rising 16 feet (5 meters) – the same altitude as [its second flight](#). Then it zipped downrange 164 feet (50 meters), just over half the length of a football field, reaching a top speed of 6.6 feet per second (2 meters per second).

The helicopter's black-and-white navigation camera, meanwhile, tracked surface features below, and this flight put the on-board processing of these images to the test. Ingenuity's flight computer, which autonomously flies the craft based on instructions sent up hours before data is received back on Earth, uses the same resources as the cameras.

This experimental helicopter has been astonishingly successful, and the control team are to be congratulated on its continuing success. I hope to bring you more details of this latest Mars Mission, with details of what the Endeavour Rover has also been doing.

*Bill Turnill*

### **BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.**

After the reference to local cricket appeared in last month's magazine, it seems appropriate to remind readers that we have our own flourishing local team.

The **Bride Vale Cricket Club** plays almost entirely non-league friendly fixtures on Sundays against local and touring oppositions.

The very picturesque (as you'd expect) ground is right at the east end of the valley, in Littlebredy, and new players, supporters, spectators and wellwishers are of course always welcome. For a 2021 Fixtures List, or to express interest in any other way, please e-mail: [pw@bridehead.com](mailto:pw@bridehead.com).

This month there are **home matches** (obviously weather dependent) programmed for the **6th, 20th and 27th June**, all beginning at 2.30 p.m.





## Bride Valley Gardening Club



Hopefully, by the time you read this, the high winds and the cold nights of early May will be a thing of the past and we can enjoy warm evenings in our gardens. We are planning to meet as a club outside next month, in two groups, at Charles Chesshire's Nursery in Symondsburry.

Providing the Government restrictions continue to be lifted we hope to meet again in Puncknowle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings in September and October. In the meantime there are plenty of things to be getting on with in the garden.

### Jobs to do in June

Early this month is a good time to cut back herbaceous perennials which will increase the number of side shoots to carry more flowers; take between a third and half the height of delphiniums, rudbeckias and heleniums (if you have a number of these plants leave some uncut to stagger flowering).

Plant out pot-grown dahlias and cannas; tender summer bedding; half-hardy annuals and tender perennials in containers.

Sow foxgloves, wallflowers and winter pansies in pots. Support and train clematis and climbing roses.

A few nettle patches will provide essential food for the caterpillars of some of our best known butterflies.

Keep sowing salad vegetables.

Plant out runner beans against supports, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes and sweetcorn.

Plant out brassicas and protect them from birds and caterpillars.

Sow annual herbs like basil, parsley and coriander.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*



## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



It has been very difficult since reopening to create the opportunities for sport we would normally like to offer the children. However, this term has seen the return of our football coach, Lee Cuff, who has been putting the children through their paces with a series of competitions, skill drills and games. The older pupils have enjoyed the chance to compete, albeit only in their bubble, and the younger ones have learnt new skills that will help with their development in both PE and the other core areas.

Another sport the children are really looking forward to is swimming. We are hopeful that, given the current guidelines, our outdoor (heated!) pool will be open as usual for pupils after the half term break. We try to ensure each child swims every day in the summer term so that they develop both their strokes and crucially the confidence in the water to continue with this brilliant life skill and form of exercise out of school.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Portland Sailing Academy and Andrew Simpson Sailing for enabling a group of 20 pupils (both past and present) to go sailing every Monday night in Portland Harbour. As well as our more experienced sailors, many novices are coming out on the water for the first time to work towards their RYA levels and develop the confidence that comes with sailing independently. Again, many thanks to all parents who have supported us with this and lovely to see former pupils come down to share their enthusiasm with our current group of children.

Off the sports field, the children have been busy in music. In Bredy, our 7 and 8 year olds have been having virtual Ukulele lessons through the brilliant Dorset Musicianship Scheme. Each child receives their own Ukulele for 12 weeks and they have weekly lessons online and with their class teacher Mr White (who also plays Ukulele). If a child is interested in continuing then school can provide further lessons and children can work towards either graded exams or simply play for fun.

Given the success of this scheme, we are looking to provide similar taster sessions later in the summer for drums and keyboard so that children have the chance to experience a range of instruments before committing to learning one.

The other classes have also been learning a range of musical techniques such as body percussion and composing pieces with instruments from around the world.

Lastly, thank you again to all those around the village who have donated cuttings and plants for our raised beds. We would be grateful for any donated plants and these may be left at the school front door at any time.

Thanks also to Mrs Cox here who has always looked after the school's gardening initiatives and who has been instrumental in getting the children stuck into working outdoors and growing things from seed wherever possible. As many of you will know Mrs Cox is sadly retiring at the end of this year after over 30 years of service at the school. We wish her well in her retirement and are certain that many generations of Thorner's children, past and present, will join with us here in thanking Pat for her enthusiasm and dedication to both the children and school life in general over the years.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to a hectic, jam-packed last summer term.

Mike Sitch  
Headmaster



**Burton Bradstock CE School**



We were pleased to hear the Prime Minister's announcement in May reporting that we are still on track with the roadmap out of lockdown. This has given us hope for a more normal end to an unsettled school year. In response to the announcement, staff are now busy putting plans in place for events during next half term for the children to look forward to; events that were cancelled this time last year, such as Sports Week, our end of year trips and Leavers' celebrations.

The children have been working hard with their learning this term and are enjoying their topics.

In my monitoring of English this term the children have proudly showcased their work and the progress made since the beginning of the year is amazing. Following staff training, writing is now taught through the 'Talk for Writing' approach which has had a positive impact on standards. The children are now writing with more creativity, improved sentence structure and varied and ambitious vocabulary. As always, their presentation and handwriting are exemplary.



In our Early Years, the children have loved planting and growing as part of their topic 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'.

We were extremely grateful to Morrisons for their donation of gardening tools and seeds and the newly fitted 'mud kitchen' in the outdoor area has created much joy and a wonderful opportunity for role play and investigative exploration!

Our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils also enjoyed some role play when they took part in a Roman Day as a hook into their 'Emperors and Empires' topic.

The children spent the day immersed in Ancient Roman culture. They began with a fashion show, followed by a Roman banquet. They studied some Latin, played a game using Roman Numerals and created their own legionnaire shields.



In April we congratulated Mrs Steward and her husband on the birth of their new son, Henry. Both mum and baby are enjoying family time and we are looking forward to meeting the new arrival.

It has been an exciting year at the school as we also said 'hello' to Mrs Varndell-Paulley's baby boy, Wilf, who was born in January. Two new babies in one year!

Following my notice of resignation, The Minerva Learning Trust has been busy searching for a new Headteacher to replace me when I finish at the end of this term. I have had the privilege of leading the school for 12 years and now feel it is time to move on to pastures new.

After a successful interview, Mr Adam Gough has been appointed into the role. Mr Gough is already familiar with the school as he is currently the Deputy Headteacher of Bridport Primary School. Over the coming months we will work closely together to ensure that the transition is a smooth and successful one for the school.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple

## LITTLEBREDY

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### St Michael and All Angels

It was sad to learn of the passing of Geoff Longstaff at the beginning of May. He and Jennifer moved here from Kent (via a short spell in Burton Bradstock) in 1989 and settled in Basket Hill Cottage at the foot of the Valley of Stones, where they bred a succession of generations of pedigree golden retrievers.

Geoff, who had been a Magistrate in Tunbridge Wells, transferred his experience and wisdom to the Bridport Bench (in the days of genuine local justice) and later served through its various mergers and amalgamations.

In recent times his health has been failing, and for the past few months he was cared for in the Crecy Nursing Home in Weymouth.

We send all sympathies to Jennifer and grandchildren Ryan and Acacia.

Jennifer writes: "A very big thank you to all those in the village who have given such support in the last few months of Geoff's life. I am very grateful for all your help."

Sadly the female swan who has been living on the lake for two years has been attacked and killed on her nest on the island by an unknown assailant (a fox is the chief suspect), so there will be no family of cygnets to watch growing up this summer.

How the widowed male will see his future – here or elsewhere – is unknown at the present.

A great shame.

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

Our usual pattern of services continues and we're very much hoping that we will be allowed to sing in services again from 21<sup>st</sup> June. Choir practices have resumed so we should have a fine repertoire in place by the time we're allowed to sing again!

### Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, and for the first time in many months it will be an actual face-to-face meeting at **LATCH**. The meeting will be preceded by a Village Assembly (see below) at 7 pm. Play your part in the life of Litton Cheney, come along and have your say.

### Village Assembly – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm

This is an actual meeting – yes really! It will be held in the main hall of LATCH and will be the first chance in many months for “live” debate. Whilst this notice will be published in June's BVN, the intent is to serve as a reminder for local residents to please note their diaries, turn up on the day and have their say.

We want to know how you see the village evolving over the coming years. Current planning intents suggest it will be placed in tier 4 which means further development will be limited to affordable housing, community facilities and redevelopment of redundant farm buildings.

In recent times we have seen a number of young families move into the village to the point where the school is close to its maximum capacity. There is a possibility areas of Dorset could be in line to become a national park. What impact would that have on life in the village?

Options will be discussed and explained but if you want to influence the debate you will need to be there.

### 30 MPH Speed Limit

The second consultation has now taken place concerning the areas of the village that would be included in the speed restriction. Once finalised it will then be down to Dorset Council as to when they programme the work to have the various signs installed.

### Village Kiosk:

Following the Parish Council's decision to take over the telephone box from BT it is now in the process of being cleaned, painted and recommissioned for future use by the village.

Thank you for all your support, comments and ideas for its use. The general consensus within the village is to have a book exchange along with a box for puzzles, board games and children's small toys and also a box for seed sharing.

From Tuesday 1st June there will be a box just inside the kiosk for villagers to leave one or two books/puzzles/toys for exchange to help us establish a reasonable stock.

We hope the current Covid restrictions will be eased and the telephone box will be opened on Wednesday 23rd June 3-5pm. Liz, Beverly and Pete will be on hand during these times to give any further information on its use.

Please do visit the kiosk and we hope you can all make good use of this great new addition to the village. Our most grateful thanks to Beverly, Liz and Pete for their sterling work, thought and many hours of effort in putting this project together. Community spirit at its best!



**PLEASE  
Sponsor a Bench**



Your parish council is looking for sponsors so that we may place simple benches in strategic places around the village and within the parish.

There are spectacular views to behold and a bench offers the perfect place to simply rest and enjoy them.

Please contact Quentin Blacke 07919905588 or John Firrell 482313 to find out more.





## Litton and Thorner's Community Hall -



The hall is open again! Outdoor gatherings of up to 30 are allowed, but numbers are further restricted indoors, with social distancing and mask-wearing still required. Several of our usual events are starting up again and some new ones coming along soon as well – possibly an art class (see separate announcement)

Yoga with Anna Forrest should return from Wednesday 16th  
([annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com](mailto:annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com))

Yoga with Nadiya Wynn is on Sunday morning 27th  
([nadiyasime@hotmail.com](mailto:nadiyasime@hotmail.com))

Table Tennis may be re-starting on Wednesdays – watch for details on Facebook

Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 [wtlitton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

In celebration of the life of **Steven Spurrier** we will be holding a commemorative wine tasting event at **LATCH on Saturday 23rd October**.

It will be organised along the lines of the famous “**Judgment of Paris**” when, in 1976, as a result of a blind tasting carried out by recognised international wine luminaries and organised by Steven, the world of wine came to the shocking conclusion that fine wine did indeed exist beyond the confines of France and indeed Europe.

More details on what will be called “**Judgment of the Bride Valley**” and how to reserve your judgment will follow in due course, and, understandably, will be dependent on restrictions in place at the time.

### **Summer Art Classes at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall**

Drawing, watercolour, sketching, still life, landscape and natural world

Beginners and Improvers - Six week sessions

Small friendly group of up to six - Reasonable rates

Please contact Ann Gray

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## **ARTSREACH...LITTON CHENEY PROMOTER - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!**

I have been the Artsreach promoter for the village for more than a decade, and I will be RESIGNING following the August show – see July's BVN for details. My experience suggests that there should be 2 or 3 people, a "Main Promoter" and a deputy, or deputies. Whilst the tasks are not onerous it is useful to discuss and share them. I am truly looking forward to hearing from you and explaining further!

This is your chance to become the village impresario, bringing culture to the Rurals and allowing you to experience the roar of the greasepaint and the smell of the crowd.

Ron Davidson 482661

### **Ultra Superfast Broadband**

You will find a very detailed update on this subject in Valley Notes at the front of the BVN.

### **The White Horse - Light at the End of the Tunnel?!**

Well, here we are in June already and you're allowed back in the pub again, albeit seated and table service! But there is even hope that things will go back to normal on or around the 21st, though I suspect face coverings may still be needed. We have decided to stop the Saturday Special during this period of transition, but must say have thoroughly enjoyed cooking you different dishes from around the world every week, and thank everyone that has supported us during lockdown. We may well start it up again in the autumn when hopefully things have settled.

We have some great events coming up - live music on the Bank Holiday Monday 31st May and Sunday 13th and 27th June from 3 to 5pm. From 31st May, we will also be open Monday evenings for drinks and Sourdough Ted will be here to cook you some of his delicious Pizzas to eat in or take away.

We have a delightful Prosecco Rose just come into stock that is now on a special introductory offer until the end of June! Perfect on a warm sunny day.

Check for regular updates on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHorseLittonCheney>  
or our website <https://www.whitehorseinnlittoncheney.co.uk>

According to George Harrison "Here comes the sun!" Let's hope so.

Stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you all in June!  
Andy & Liz

### **Last but not least - Litton Cheney Social Committee – Duck Race – Will it Happen?**

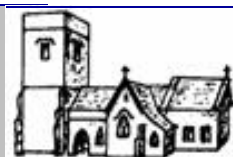
As I write, we, DUCKS included, await with baited breath to see if Boris pronouncements will allow our gallant waddlers to paddle and swim down the stream. If so, we will confirm a date, and it's off to the starting line! Wings and feet crossed.

## **LONG BREDY**

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## **St Peter's Church**

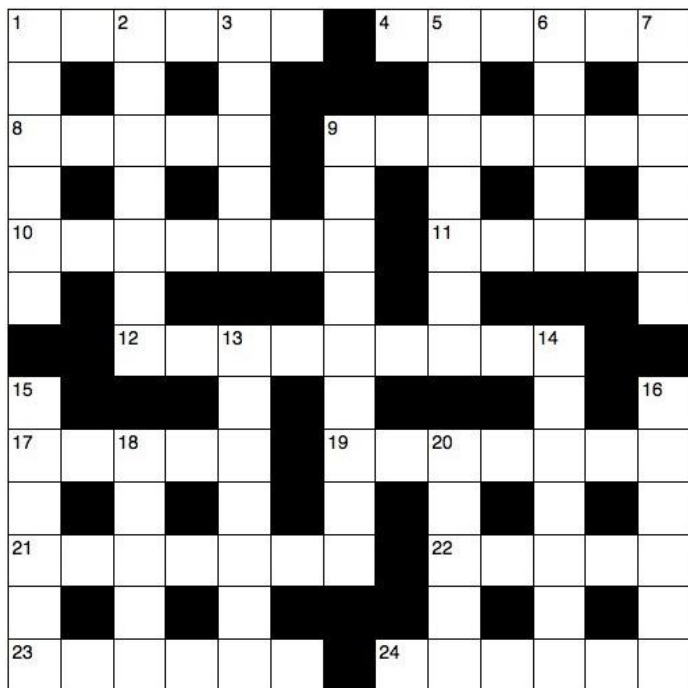
### **Long Bredy 100 Club**

£30.00	No. 33	S. Dyer
£15.00	No. 100	D. Andrews
£ 5.00	No. 60	A. & D. Crank

Drawn on 28.4.2021 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave, Ruth while social distancing.

### **Vacancy for Parish Clerk.**

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council are seeking to employ a new Parish Clerk. The role, which is part time, is interesting and varied and is home based. At this stage the Parish Council are seeking expressions of interest. If you feel that this is something that you would like to consider or learn more about, then please email or call the current Parish Clerk, Steve Evans, at email [krlb@dorset-daptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-daptc.gov.uk) or on 01308482647. Steve will be very happy to discuss what the role entails, the terms and conditions and the time commitment involved.



# CROSSWORD

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## CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

### Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

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## SHIPTON GORGE

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### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

It's not been easy over the last few months but slowly things are getting better. It's been good to meet up with family and friends where possible, albeit outdoors and now we should be clear to spend time together indoors, out of the rain....and there has certainly been plenty! As I write, if all goes according to plan, we can very soon enjoy a meal inside a pub or restaurant which I know, many folks have missed terribly. Church services have been going ahead but without singing although the last hymn has been sung outside at the end of the service. No doubt when this is allowed in church once more, the roof will be raised! There is so much to look forward to.

You may have noticed the Union flag was flown at half-mast throughout the week of mourning, marking the passing of HRH Prince Philip. Phil Hall ensures the flag is always flown appropriately and the church yard has been kept pristine.

It's been a pleasure to walk around the village and see St Martin's all lit up and for that we must thank our generous sponsors.

#### **The Floodlights Sponsors for June are:**

**Doreen to celebrate all those with Wedding Anniversaries**

**Janet, Brian & Millie for Prince Philip.**

**Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory of their daughter Beverley.**

**John & Sue Porter for their daughter Alison's birthday.**

**Nova & Pete who enjoy seeing St Martin's lit up.**

Unusually, we have no sponsors for July, August or September so would love to hear from you if you have a special occasion or just enjoy seeing St Martin's floodlit. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (a suggested donation of £5 per entry is much appreciated).



## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to [https://  
shiptongorgediary.co.uk/](https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/)

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.

### **Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust**

#### **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30 pm**

We were unable to hold an AGM last year, but with the planned lifting of all remaining restrictions later in Summer we are hoping to rectify this this year.

Please therefore join us in the village hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June, when we will briefly review our activities during 2019 and 2020 and elect trustees to the hall management committee.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or would just like to learn more about how the hall is run, do please come along. The meeting is open to all.

The AGM will be followed immediately by a short, first business meeting of the new committee of trustees.

***All are welcome to attend, with refreshments beforehand from 7:00 pm, meeting starts 7:30 pm***

*Tony Mallett,  
Chair, Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust*

### **May 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results**

**1<sup>st</sup> £25 No 40 Jean Ayers**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> £10 No 26 Geoff Adderley**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> £5 No 34 Hilary Cunningham**

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

**Graham Garner**

## **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY AND VILLAGE HALL**

### **PICNIC IN THE Paddock**

The Picnic in the Paddock will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. Bring your own food and drink and be entertained by a superb array of folk music provided by Acoustic Rooster, Ruby Dew and Hazel Williams. A limited bar including draft beer and wine will be available together with hot drinks.

We look forward to welcoming villagers and friends.

Please note that to safeguard all guests and the horses that use the paddock we are anxious to avoid the risk of broken glass so could you please bring unbreakable drinking vessels with you. Plastic glasses will be available at the bar.





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### ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Services are now able to be held in the church again with Covid guidelines being adhered to (masks and social distancing) and full details for the month can be found on the back page of this issue of Bride Valley News.

### Holy Trinity Church Swyre

We are very pleased to now be able to hold services each Sunday (as advertised on the back of the Bride Valley News) and also, our Julian Prayer Group is recommencing on every third Friday each month from 10 -11am. We are very happy to be welcoming a congregation again (albeit masked and spaced), at Holy Trinity.

### Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

Our rejuvenated hall is now open again for bookings within covid Guidelines. Lots of brilliant work has now been completed, a huge thank you to all those involved.

We would now like to put some lasting displays in frames on the wall, Do you have any memories or photos of the hall being used for past events?

We would love to hear from you please contact anyone of us

Liz 898725

Lyn-897234

Carol- 897751

### 100 club results for May

1<sup>st</sup> prize Jeff Litchfield

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Steve Main

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## St Mary's Church

### Churchyard Pop-Ups

St. Mary's are pleased to be able to invite residents and visitors to a Pop-Up Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard on Bank Holiday Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm. We hope it will be a lovely summer afternoon, but if the weather is against us we will transfer to the church, following all covid rules which apply at the time.

A take-away option will be available, together with a plant and produce stall.

All proceeds will be divided between the church and supported charities, the Church Mission Society and the Sudan Medical Link.

We will follow this up with further Churchyard Events on Wednesdays 30<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August.

*If you would like to help in these ventures, please contact Liz Orza (07799333205) or Carol Brown (07470090967)*

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall

### Village Hall Activity

All being well, the Hall will have re-opened for Covid secure activities on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Based on previous experience this could include activity classes such as Yoga, Pilates and keep fit that can conform to distancing requirements. It could also include Covid secure coffee mornings. When activities actually restart is entirely down to the organiser.

We hope all normal activities are free to resume from June 21<sup>st</sup> onwards,

but this will depend on Government relaxing restrictions and organisers wanting to restart.

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

### **Film nights**

Given the current situation, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until September 2021. Keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we originally planned to show last year.

### **Coffee Mornings**

The next Covid secure coffee mornings will be between 10:00am - 12:00noon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, for permanent Village residents only. It will be run by the team of volunteers familiar with the Hall's Covid-19 guidelines.

Thereafter we will endeavour to follow the previous schedule of monthly events, although who will run them and format is yet to be agreed, however, they will run in one form or another.

*Richard Ferre*

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club” May 2021 Draw**

Congratulations to the winners:

<b>1st</b>	<b>£36.40</b>	<b>No 123:</b>	<b>Mr Stephen Beardshall</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>£18.20</b>	<b>No 85:</b>	<b>Mrs Sue Ouseley</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£9.10</b>	<b>No 28:</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Toms</b>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £7 – 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

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW** on **Saturday July 17th** in the **VILLAGE HALL** at **2.15pm**, assuming the roadmap out of lockdown continues to go to plan.

If you've never entered before, come and give it a go. The classes range from **Vegetables, Flowers, Chutneys and Jams** to **Childrens' Bakes** and there's one for **Men only** involving a **Chocolate Cake**. Other classes are for **Handicraft** and **Painting**.

Use your literary skills in our **Limerick Competition** - '**Mobile Phones**' - and get your artistic juices flowing with our **Photographic Competitions** - '**Fun in the Sun**' and '**Three of a Kind**'.

The entry fee is only **50p per exhibit for entry forms sent prior to Thursday before the Show**, 60p for late entries on the day and exhibitors must stage their entries on **Saturday July 17th between 8am and 9.30am**.

Those wishing to exhibit must obtain a schedule from the **Post Office or Library** which are available **from June onwards** or you can download applications from our website <http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk/flowershow/>

For those who still have the Trophies that they won in the 2019 Show, I would be grateful if after giving them a clean you could contact me to arrange their return. (01308 897304)

We hope to see you there - it should be a wonderful day.

The Village Society is also playing an active role in the **Village Party in the Park** a week later on **Saturday July 24th**, of which you'll be hearing lots in the coming weeks. It should be a great re-opening event for the village to celebrate.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Council are here to support our Parishioners. We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if

Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

Please note there will not be a parish meeting in June due to virtual meetings having been ended and Covid restrictions not yet allowing a full Parish Council meeting to take place face to face.

Presentations are available, in person or via Zoom, and if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council would like to say a thanks to all who helped Bridport Tree Group plant up on Corncrake and the great response to watering the saplings after all that dry weather.

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## Burton Bradstock Volunteer Group

### Volunteering – IT'S ACTUALLY FUN

Some of you may have noticed that a band of willing volunteers meets regularly to ensure that the beauty of our Village is sustained. The group was formed in 2012 and has gone from strength to strength. That said, we will always welcome other folks willing to spend a little time to add their contribution to the community. The volunteering group undertakes activities approved by the Parish Council, to ensure that their projects relate to the Parish's five-year plan.

You can choose what you wish to do from the activities that are listed in an email distributed prior to our volunteering days. If those days happen to be inconvenient, then there's every reason why you can undertake the effort on another day to suit yourself.

We are fortunate to have some very talented and enthusiastic volunteers, many of whom are members of the original group, and now in the ninth year. The scope of the projects varies considerably. You can choose if you prefer a light task, or perhaps one that is a little more strenuous. You can choose the time and day that you wish to spend with us. We acknowledge that you are volunteering, and respect your wishes where possible. We usually meet on the mornings of the first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month.

Well – what we have done and continue to do? Enhance the area of the bus stop, plant trees and wildflower seeds in the Corncrake meadow adjacent to the recreation ground, collect litter (and poo-bags) from around the Village, clear water courses (drains and ditches) to lessen the risk of flooding, manage the Forest School area in Corncrake for the primary school children, clear weeds from pavements, trim shrubs, maintain recreation area benches and assist with maintenance of the playground and lots more. Some volunteers elect to manage a project in the Village, which offers the scope to undertake work when they so choose. Perhaps there's an area of the Village that you think needs improving or regular maintenance?

The Council provide most of the tools and safety clothing. We are currently working under the Covid -19 regulations and are insured by the Parish Council.

Why not come along? We really do have fun together while we're working. It's also very satisfying to recollect your contribution to the community as you traverse the Village streets.

Not convinced? Need more details? Then why not chat with one of our volunteers when you see them leaning on their shovel (oooops, I meant working) or ring 897 043.

*The Burton Bradstock Volunteer Group*



## **PARTY IN THE PARK - SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

**Sports Field – Gates open at 1.30pm**

**FREE ENTRY to an afternoon and evening of fun and games for all!**

**Open to all Burton Bradstock Residents,  
Children from BB's School and their Families**

**To include:** Formal opening of the new Playpark  
Stalls – Plants, Crafts, Books and School's Tombola  
Teddy Bear's Picnic with prizes  
Free Games for all ages & Children's Entertainer  
Burgers & Ices on sale Live Music from 5-9pm

**Look out for the Flyer in the JULY BVN for more information about the event and how to reserve your FREE tickets**

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## **Calling all Allotmenters**

Once again this year we will be organising The Best Allotment Competition as part of the annual Flower and Produce Show which it is being held on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. Judging will take place on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

Entry forms will be available from the post office and Sandy Adderley at 103 Southover at the grand cost of 30p.

Good luck everyone

*Sandy*

As I write this (in the middle of May!) it is nearly time for the Covid restrictions to be lifted and for us to be able to meet inside with our families and friends or to go inside a restaurant instead of battling the elements outside! How brave we have been though, wearing multiple layers and snuggling under blankets in order to meet up with others and to keep our friendships going.

It is a time we shall always remember and of which we are pleased to be finally coming through together. By the time you read this a restricted number of our WI Activities group (The Burton Bradstock Busy Bees – 4B's for short) .....will have had their first meeting! Yes, and seated happily inside the Covid safe Village Hall, albeit it still socially distanced and wearing masks. There probably won't have been much creative work going on as surely everyone will have been catching up on what they have been doing during the past year or so, over numerous cups of tea and biscuits.

Everyone is also certainly looking forward to our first full meeting in July when, again, there is certain to be much chatting and comparing notes on what everyone has been doing during lockdown. Hopefully there will be some actual evidence of this too as we shall be holding our Craft, Photographic and Art competitions in an attempt to catch up on what we have missed over the year.

We shall also be electing a new committee who I'm sure will be keen to start planning an exciting programme for the year ahead as well as rebooking some of the speakers who sadly had to be cancelled before. Such a lot to look forward to!

It has been particularly nice to know that even before we start back we have two new members who are eager to join us. Should anyone else be interested do give me a ring – or just come along to our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. We would look forward to welcoming you.

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# CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JUNE 2021				
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 6 June Trinity 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 13 June Trinity 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 20 June Trinity 3	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 June Trinity 4
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion
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	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion by extension
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion by extension

**Our weekly telephone service is available from Sunday morning at 9.30 and throughout the following week by dialling 01308 293062, calls are charged at local rate or free with most packages.**