

Bride Valley News



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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

Holy Trinity: Swyre

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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

It's okay to have questions about faith!

Yesterday in our Sunday worship we were reading about 'doubting' Thomas. You may know the story of Jesus' disciple who wanted to see for himself the marks on Jesus where the nails had been hammered through his hands and where the sword had pierced his side. Thomas was looking for evidential proof.

But Thomas said "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nails holes and stick my hand in his side I won't believe it." John 20. 25 from The Message

Church tradition has it that Thomas went on to become a powerful missionary used by God, to the glory of God, travelling as far as India, spreading the gospel of Jesus. He was martyred for his faith, ironically, killed by a sword piercing his own side. Personally, I've always thought it unfair that the thing Thomas has since been remembered for is 'doubting' when he clearly just wanted to explore the evidence for himself before he believed.

As I write this to you, it is just a few days since His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip died. We are thinking of Queen Elizabeth and the royal family at this sad time and the television and radio are paying their own tributes.

Having just listened to the former Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, being interviewed on the Radio about Prince Philip's Christian faith I couldn't help being struck by the similarity to the story of Thomas. The observation was made that Prince Philip's was a faith seeking understanding. Whilst he had no doubt about death and the resurrection of Christ and that the church wants to invite people into love, his was not a blind unquestioning faith.

The Archbishop gave an example of a conversation over lunch at Sandringham Palace after he had preached on Jesus' first miracle, turning water into wine. "He wanted to know in more detail why this happened, he had a curiosity, he asked me lots of questions to explore what he believed."

Prince Philip's feet being rooted in Christ meant he could admire those who hold other beliefs. He was an ambassador for taking care of the planet and would apparently say that anyone looking around could see the universe "is charged with the grandeur of God" so we should take care of it like our cathedrals".

Jesus’ disciple Thomas had questions, Prince Philip had questions, yet clearly they were both men of deep faith. I’m sure there are others whose personality means they also have questions about faith. And it’s ok to have questions.

Across the Bride Valley I want our churches to be the kind of places people can come with their questions and find answers and then see how their faith can make a concrete difference to their lives.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride valley)

Services in the Bride Valley May 2021

Ascension Day: Thursday 13th May, an outdoor service at St Mary’s Church in Litton Cheney at 11am followed by a bring your own picnic lunch (weather permitting)

***ZOOM:** The code for our Zoom service is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBOT09)
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Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240 Passcode: 180461

The Bride Valley weekly telephone service can be accessed each Sunday from 9.30 am and throughout the week thereafter on 01305 293062

FROM THE REGISTERS		
Funerals		
March 31st	Edward (Eddy) Fry	Litton Cheney
April 1st	Steven Spurrier	Litton Cheney
April 6th	Kelvin Pike	Puncknowle
Eddy Fry		
Mrs Sheila Fry and family would like to say thank you for all the kind words of support and sympathy after the loss of Eddy.		
Both at the funeral in Burton Bradstock and the lined Main Street in Litton Cheney, it was most comforting to see the many people paying their respects and to hear the bells ringing – all Eddy would have wanted. You did him proud – Our most grateful thanks.		

Burton Bradstock Community Library

Serving the Bride Valley

The library, run by volunteers on behalf of the community is supported by Dorset Council, and part of Libraries West. For Bride Valley residents it offers a range of services, with easy access in the centre of the village.

The Library is OPEN on
Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Browse and borrow books & jigsaws, obtain photocopies & DVDs.

The Library Porch is OPEN on
Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm
To return items and collect pre- ordered books & jigsaws

You can manage your account online from home, or use the library App to order books & DVDs on the Libraries West Catalogue. We will let you know when they are here to collect at Burton Bradstock.

All items are quarantined prior to delivery.

The "Friends" Collection of Jigsaws, donated by the local community, has something for everyone. If you would like to borrow a jigsaw or need help ordering from the Library catalogue call Rose on 898049.

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

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

Please note opening hours may vary due to Covid-19.

The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR
✉ info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library
web: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

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:

Sort code 30-91-21

Account number 00074071

.....and quote BVN!

Thank you for reading this

Ultra Fast Fibre for the Bride Valley

For all those interested in having Ultra Fast Broadband brought directly into their home or business, and capitalising on earlier bulletins in the BVN, a new scheme was launched on 8th April confirming various grants available for those putting their names forward.

The good news is that, as before, if enough local residents get involved, the cost of Ultra Fast Fibre installation could be covered by the grants. We already have an initial offer from Openreach which we think will be reactivated.

Further discussions are ongoing with Openreach, and we have now secured the active support of our constituency MP, Chris Loder. More details will be available shortly either in the BVN, village websites and Facebook pages. If you are interested in participating in this scheme, and dwell in the Bride Valley, look out for updates and be ready to apply for your voucher as soon as the process is open.



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



April 2021

Our April meeting was via Zoom and seven of us managed to assemble and discuss “The Librarian” by Salley Vickers. Most of us were familiar with this author especially for “Miss Garnet’s Angel” which has a wonderful blending of Venice, its churches and some notable angels from the New Testament Apocrypha.

The novel is set in the late 1950s and it is evocative rather than nostalgic for this time of austerity and rigid social attitudes. Sylvia, a young and newly qualified librarian leaves her somewhat claustrophobic family home and takes a job as a children’s librarian in a small market town. Although under the nominal management of the senior librarian, who is distinctly unwelcoming, the children’s library is dusty and neglected. It is full of books which children would not want to read. Having the financial independence of a dedicated budget - she sets about buying new stock and succeeds in making the library a place where children want to visit. She rents a cottage and soon gets to know her neighbours, the Women’s Institute, local school teachers and the handsome (married) GP with whom she has an affair. If this sounds like a Mills and Boone plot line then the narrative quickly departs into darker issues. The social divisiveness of the 11+ exam, the crime of arson being wrongly blamed on a hapless boy whose future path in life is irrevocably altered, the manipulations of the doctor’s precocious (and amoral) daughter, Marigold, censorship, relationship deviations from the social norm not being accepted or acknowledged, war time hasty marriages becoming unhappy - and much more.

We all enjoyed reading this - and it did prompt discussion of our own early library experiences. It goes without saying that the reading habit has endured! At the end of the novel Sally Vickers lists the books which could be found in Sylvia’s fictional library - and we enjoyed recognising so many of them - titles which stand the test of time and are still being read today.

We are hoping to meet - following the current rules - in one of our gardens in early May - fingers crossed for clement weather.

Liz Pinfield

Our Night Sky in May 2021

If you look very carefully on the 15th of the month, you might just be able to see Mars very close to the top left quadrant of the newish Moon. Mars is no longer as bright as it was last year, and so binoculars will be helpful. For the early risers, Saturn and Jupiter will be visible in the south east from about 0300 until dawn overtakes them, while Venus remains hidden in the Sun's glare.

The Robotic Mars rover Perseverance has taken its first cautious drives around its landing site, and has just started to deploy the helicopter from under its belly, where it was safely stored under a heat shield to protect it from the searing temperatures endured during the descent. Mars provides both the advantage of a lower gravity than Earth, but the disadvantage of very low atmospheric pressure for the rotating blades to obtain lift.

The first attempts at flight will last just a few seconds as the operators have to be cautious, especially since real-time control is impossible because of the time delay in sending and receiving signals; the craft thus has to fly autonomously, having been previously given operating instructions from Earth.

Meanwhile, NASA's Perseverance rover has had a busy first month on Mars's surface.

From Jezero Crater, [where Perseverance landed](#) on 18 February, it has been doing as much geology as it can — snapping pictures of its surroundings and analysing the rocks nearby. Already, team scientists have determined that several of the rocks are chemically similar to volcanic rocks on Earth, and that wind and water have eroded some of them.

However, so far there have been no indications of any life forms, alive or extinct.

More about this incredible explorer next month.

Bill Turnill

Our April meeting was another Zoom meeting with 14 members taking part. Good to meet up this way as we all get a chance to exchange news as well as learning something different—this time making Scotch Eggs!!! Once again a big thankyou to Jill for her endless patience especially when we didn't quite understand and had to ask for a re-run of what she had just done!!!! And a big thankyou also to Jill for letting us into her kitchen yet again even if only on Zoom.

The Scotch eggs were mostly successful and certainly tasty. Something to add to our cookery repertoire.



After the lifting of some of the Covid restrictions a number of our members enjoyed a lovely Sunday morning walk to the Fleet — socially distanced of-course.

Another is planned for next month so that is something to look forward to.

Our May meeting hopefully will be our last Zoom and will be our AGM. After that our meetings will be in outdoor venues all being well.

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



Bride Valley Gardening Club



We continue to welcome new members to the Club and hope that it won't be too long before we can meet and put faces to the names.

That forecast for snow at Easter wasn't too far out, it missed the weekend and we had a beautiful Easter Sunday but the hail arrived today (Tuesday) so I hope everyone heeded the warning and protected those vulnerable plants. At this time of year it's still worth keeping the fleece at hand, just in case of a late frost.

Keeping that in mind here are **Jobs to do in May:**

Harden off tender plants (flowers and vegetables) before planting out.

Support perennials – it's better to put supports in early.

Plant out dahlias.

Prune early spring-flowering shrubs once the flowers are over; take cuttings from tender perennials e.g. pelargoniums and fuchsias. Finish planting summer-flowering bulbs.

Keep fruit bushes, trees and strawberries well-watered.

Begin feeding containers with a weekly liquid feed.

Continue successional sowings of vegetable crops.

Plant up tomatoes and peppers in their final containers.

Protect crops from carrot root fly.

Sow coriander outside, sowing every 2 weeks to maintain a fresh supply. A good way to increase your supply of herbs is to divide pots of your favourite ones from the supermarket and repot them to grow on.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

MARTINSTOWN CRICKET

Cricket has resumed. After all the preparation the focus now will be on supporting our teams and coaching sessions whilst at the same time following the very strict guidelines laid down by the English Cricket Board.

Last year saw the installation of a defibrillator at the club which was the culmination of a tremendous effort spearheaded by Tony Jacobs. His initial idea soon gathered pace and in a short space of time the funding was achieved. Support from club members was tremendous but along the way there were some outstanding contributions from Maria Maltby and Kelly Stewart supported admirably by their families.

We are also indebted to local businesses for their support on the project, The Brewers Arms and the Village Shop. The latter seemed to find an endless supply of customers for the Mini Easter Eggs with covers produced by Linda House which did much to both raise money and to promote the fund raising .

All in all a fine example of how readily our members, both adult and juniors can respond to a worthy cause.

Once again our thanks to everyone involved and particularly to Tony Jacobs for instigating the project. The installation of the defibrillator is an important addition to the club's facilities.

Finally a reminder that we are always pleased to welcome new players at the club. We cover all age groups both adult and youth with the recent inclusion of a ladies/girls team. Coaching is provided and we are fully compliant with the current English Cricket board Covid regulations. Our aim is to always ensure that we provide a friendly safe environment in which to enjoy cricket at all levels.

Full details are available on the club website:
www.martinstown.play-cricket.com

David Gargrave - Chairman



THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



A highlight of the children's return to school one morning this term was the discovery of some unexpected guests on the school football pitch. Some sheep from a nearby field had decided to take up temporary residence on our football pitch and were tucking into some of the freshly mown grass. Thankfully, after half an hour or so, the sheep were gently rounded up and persuaded to move back down the lane towards their intended home.

Alongside the edge of our football pitch we have now completed the first phase of our "Recovery Garden". This is a long-term project to mark hopefully the end of our school lockdowns and the beginning of a new gardening initiative that will encourage the children to grow their own flowers and produce in the raised beds.

Enormous thanks go to Barney Stevens of Digby and Grae, Pete Tewson of Tewson Building and the Bridport, Dorchester and Poole branches of Jewsons, who were so incredibly generous with their time, knowledge and materials. Without their donations, it would simply not have been possible to get this project off the ground and we are tremendously grateful for their time and effort. The children will now add to the garden area in the coming months and get planting! Should anyone locally have any surplus cuttings or plants, I'm quite sure Oscar and Ben, our two budding garden designers, will be able to make great use of them.

At the end of term the children of course learnt more about the Easter story and it's lasting rich message of hope. Through drama, art and storytelling they all engaged with the story of Jesus's last few days on earth and what it means to us now.

From those moving up to secondary school to the little ones starting out on their school journey, each took home a keepsake based on their class work to celebrate both the Easter message and the end of a very short but very important term for us all.

We look forward to returning for the summer term shortly and, alongside normal lessons, helping the children make the most of their chances to go

swimming, sailing or, like the sheep, simply be outdoors together on the field in the sunshine.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster





Burton Bradstock CE School



As the Spring term drew to a close we appreciated being back in school and having the opportunity to continue with our learning face-to-face and spending precious time with our friends. This year's Easter service, although virtual, was reflective of this celebratory mood. To watch our Easter service please follow the link: <https://vimeo.com/531631590/81cd563bc1>

The start of the Summer term, and the arrival of warmer days, heralds the start of our new half termly topics.

In our Early Years, the children will be exploring and learning through their topic 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'.

In Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 their topics will find them travelling back in history with Robin class learning about 'Magnificent Monarchs' and Kingfisher class kickstarting their 'Emperors and Empires' topic with a hands-on Roman day.

Our oldest pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 will be finding out about food and farming with their topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm' and are looking forward to a trip to the allotments!

We continue to celebrate pupil achievement with our 'Stars of the Week' and we congratulated 'Bexington' Beach Team for winning the trophy, again, last half term for achieving the most beach team points.

Points are awarded for behaviour, attitude, attainment and progress. A special well done to Henry, Natalie, Anya, Elsie, Evie, Poppy, Harvey, Alfie, Imogen, Lacey, Joshua, Jaxson and William for earning the most beach team points across the school.

Following a review of our school values last term, we have now amended them to reflect the views of children, parents, staff and Governors who took part in the activities and survey.



Four of the six values chosen were ones that we had previously - Respect, Love, Happiness and Friendship.

In addition, Courage and Hope have been adopted. These are the values that best represent our school during the current times as voted by those involved in our

school community. However, we appreciate that there are other values which are important and we will continue to foster them all with the children throughout our teaching and in our everyday lives.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple
Headteacher

Easter

Kingfisher
Class



Easter

Early Years

LITTON CHENEY

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Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk



St. Mary's Church

Easter Day was celebrated with a "live" service in church, beautifully decorated with spring flowers, ending with all the congregation singing the final hymn outside in the sunny churchyard. Wonderful!

We're hoping that services will continue in church from now on as the restrictions ease. Sadly, there will not be a Fete at the end of May...but maybe next year, who knows!

The Annual Meeting and election of a new Churchwarden will take place on **Tuesday 18th May** at 19.00 at St. Mary's. All those on the Church Electoral Roll can vote.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be the council's Annual Meeting involving the election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the year ahead. Instructions on attending this meeting will be displayed on the meeting agenda promulgated several days before the meeting.

The **Annual Village Meeting** will be held in July, and subject to Covid restrictions will be an *actual* meeting held at LATCH. At this meeting on Tuesday 13th July it is hope to begin a dialogue regarding how local residents see the village evolving in years to come. Please begin to develop your thoughts and bring them along to this meeting.

Village Litter Pick

Our thanks to all those who joined in the recent village litter pick, and helped clear the village of unwanted litter much of it thrown carelessly out of car windows by those not of this parish. Our thanks also to Dorset Waste Partnership for providing the necessary litter picking kit, and for collecting and disposing of the spoils.

Village Benches

The Parish Council are hoping to place village benches at suitable locations around the village so that residents and visitors can sit and enjoy our beautiful views.

We are looking for donations, sponsorships and also offers from landowners regarding suitable sites, so if you are interested in helping please call Quentin Blacke on 07919905588 or email quentin396pc@yahoo.com

Village Kiosk

Over the coming weeks the kiosk will be given a new coat of paint and a thorough spring clean, courtesy of Beverly and Pete Dennis, and Liz Pinfield. Thereafter shelves will be fitted and the kiosk re-purposed. Not long now!

Steven Spurrier

Bella and family would like to thank local residents who attended St Mary's churchyard on the occasion of Steven's funeral to pay their respects. The family were immensely touched by the gesture, and by that of many others for their support and messages of sympathy.

As a tribute to Steven and in celebration of his life we will be holding a wine tasting event at **LATCH** on **Saturday 23rd October**. It will be 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 "**The Judgment of the Bride Valley**" and how to reserve your judgment will follow shortly, and of course will be dependent on restrictions in place at the time.



**Litton and Thorner's Community Hall -
LATCH**



The Meeting Room will be open as a **Polling Station on Thursday 6th May** for the election of a Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset, with Covid restrictions in place – please bring your own pencil/pen to mark your ballot paper.

The first **Sunday Yoga** session is in the morning of the **23rd May**.
Contact Nadiya Wynn if you would like to join:
nadiyasime@hotmail.com

The Village Fete will **NOT** be taking place again on Bank Holiday Monday but hopefully some sort of village get-together may be arranged later in the year if circumstances permit.

From 17th May outdoor gatherings of up to 30 will be allowed, with further restrictions being lifted from 21st June, all being well. Bookings can now be taken for events in the coming months with the hope that things will be almost back to normal, fingers crossed!

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Our thanks to Kieran for an amazing **DUCK RACE** (to be found on the Litton website)...it will never be the same again without that wonderful commentary!!

We wish you all the best “oop north” and do check out the Manchester Ship Canal as another possible venue for the Ducks to have an outing!!!
Quack!.Quack!

Covid19

Within the Bride Valley we continue to experience an extremely low level rate of infection, and long may it remain. Whilst certain elements of life may be returning to some sort of normality there will be the need to remain vigilant, follow the rules and most importantly ensure others perhaps less able than you are ok. An occasional check on your neighbour would not go amiss.

Thank you to all in the Bride Valley and beyond who have helped make our lives more bearable during these uncertain times.

The White Horse – Come, Raise your glass – We’d love to see you!

At time of writing, we are busy preparing to open the pub again on **Friday, April 30th for the Bank Holiday weekend**. It's been a bit tricky to see into the future, but we finally decided to give the weather a chance to warm up and are planning to start back slowly and build things up as we see how they go, particularly with numbers of holiday makers in the area. With that in mind,

we will still be doing just fish and chips, takeaway or eat in, on Friday nights and will continue with the Saturday Specials, at least initially.

We will be open for the four days over that first weekend, with live music in the garden, weather permitting, at 3pm on the Monday afternoon and Sourdough Ted pizzas available. Although it's no longer a requirement to buy a meal with a drink, simple, good value basket meals will still be available lunchtimes and Saturday nights for anybody requiring food. We will then open the following two weekends, after which time we will be able to welcome customers inside again and will open further and expand the menu.

That's all we know at this stage, apart from we look forward to welcoming all you lovely people in the Bride Valley back to The White Horse. Stay safe, keep well.

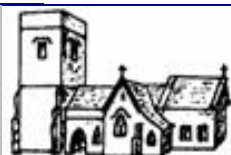
Best wishes Andy and Liz xx

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100Club

March 2021 Draw

£30.00	No 17	R. Dowell
£15.00	No 61	M. Bailey
£ 5.00	No 140	L.Hemsley and S. Evans

Plant sale

Plants will be on sale at **Manor Farmhouse barns** (on the road from Long Bredy to Little Bredy) on **Saturday May 22nd between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.**

Payment will be by donation with either cash or cheque; details for cheques will be available on the day.

Plants will be spaced out to facilitate social distancing and proceeds will be shared between St Peter's Church, Long Bredy and a local charity.

If you have spare plants to contribute, these will be very welcome. Please contact Jackie Cain, Ruth Cullingford or Sue Dyer or leave them with Jackie Cain before the event if possible.

Annual Litter Pick



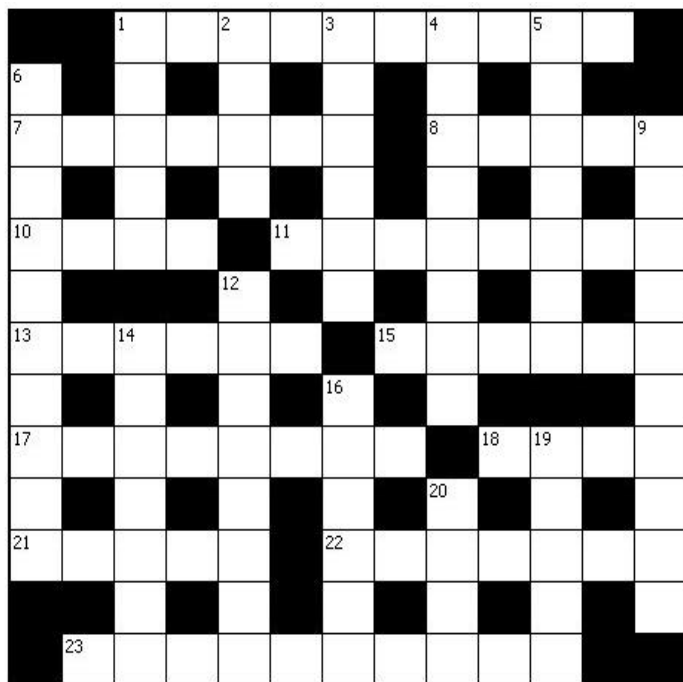
On Saturday 27th March residents of Long Bredy and Kingston Russell turned out in strength to carry out a socially distanced Spring Clean.

The volunteers, which included a number of village children, scoured the highways and byways and collected around a dozen bin bags of litter.

Councillor Charlotte Kinghorn, Chair of the Parish Council said “ It was an excellent turn out and, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to express my thanks to all of those who volunteered. It was a shame that we could not gather afterwards for tea and cake but hopefully next year we will be able to socialise once again after the event.”

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 or on 01308482647. Steve will be very happy to discuss what the role entails, the terms and conditions and the time commitment involved.



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1** Sense of right and wrong (1 *Corinthians* 8:7) (10)
7 Coming (*John* 11:17) (7)
8 'All I have is —, and all you have is mine' (*John* 17:10) (5)
10 Smarten (*Acts* 9:34) (4)
11 Hold back (*Job* 9:13) (8)
13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
15 At ague (anag.) (6)
17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
18 So be it (*Galatians* 6:18) (4)
21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)
22 Empowers (*Philippians* 3:21) (7)
23 Imposing (1 *Samuel* 9:2) (10)

Down

- 1** Healed (*Luke* 7:21) (5)
2 Central space in a church (4)
3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus* 2:12) (8)
5 Bravery (*Acts* 4:13) (7)
6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philipian jail (*Acts* 16:26) (10)
9 Transgression (*Psalms* 36:1) (10)
12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the —' (*Genesis* 1:2) (6)
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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

All being well, St Martin's should be back for regular communal worship this month. At the time of writing, which services will take place are yet to be confirmed.

Please check the Bride Valley News and the Church notice board, just to ensure when the services are scheduled.

The Floodlights Sponsors for May are:

Ed & Linda Buck

Jo Warren

Nova & Pete – Looking forward to seeing everyone again

Anon.....You know who you are!!!

There are still lots of spaces for the months ahead. If you would like to light up St Martins, this could be for a special occasion or maybe just because you enjoy seeing the church lit up, Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. (please mind your fingers. It's new!) A suggested donation of £5 per entry is much appreciated.

A big thank you to all our sponsors and to those who have asked to remain anonymous

A big Shipton Gorge thank you to Barbara Chambers for having been our BVN correspondent for so many years. Thank you for the time you've given to this – it's 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

April 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st £25 No 53 Hazel Stanton
2nd £10 No 140 Yen Bradshaw
3rd £5 No 90 Anne Jones

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

As we look forward to coming out of lockdown the Village Society is pleased to announce two events this summer:

- **On 26th June all villagers and friends will have an opportunity to celebrate freedom at our Picnic in the Paddock, which is being run in conjunction with the Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Socialise with all the friends you have missed over the last year. We will provide the live music and you are invited to bring your own food and drink.**
- **On 7th August we have the return of the Village Fete and produce show at the Village Hall and paddock. With the usual array of competitions and prizes, an entertainer for the children and stalls, raffle etc. As always everyone will be welcome.**

On 7th July we will hold our AGM at the Village Hall, to which all villagers are invited. This will include the election of committee members and officers and will be followed by the first meeting of the new committee. As always seems to be the case we are looking for new blood and new ideas on the committee, so if you wish to get involved in village activities and have the drive and energy to help organise them please make contact with Sally Parker on 01308 897168 or Tony Lock on 01308 898215. Alternatively contact any committee member.

A reminder that the Shipton Gorge marquees are again available for hire at incredibly favourable rates – only £35 for villagers or £70 for those further afield. And with each hire you will get a visit from the famous Shipton Gorge erectors whose skill, good humour and willingness to help is legendary.

To book please contact Graham Garner on 01308 897357.

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The **May Parish Council** meeting will hopefully be the last to be held without meeting in person. We hope that, all being well, we will meet again from July in the Village Hall as normal.

The May meeting agenda is on the parish website and the items listed will be discussed by emails between councillors as before. Anyone who has comments to make on any agenda items, or who wishes to bring something to the Council's attention should do so by contacting the clerk clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk or any parish councillor.

Please continue to check our website pages for any information or updates to information.

[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)
or contact the Parish Clerk on 898189 or clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk

Our **Annual Litter Pick and Tidy Up** will be taking place again this year and is on **Saturday 5th June**. Meet at the New Inn from 10am and help us clean up the village for the Summer.

The **Annual Parish Assembly** will take place on 23rd June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will again be an informal affair with wine and nibbles, where everyone can get together and discuss anything. There are so far three subjects that the Parish Council would like discussed by parishioners and these are –

- How everyone felt the village coped during lockdown, what can we learn and could anything have been done differently?
- Update on progress of the Village Appraisal 2019 which has been delayed due to the pandemic.
- Proposal to provide allotments in the village and how this might be taken forward.

We would like views on these subjects from everyone, so please come along and enjoy an informal but enjoyable evening at the same time!

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Times have been hard for charities but events and fundraising are starting again !

Here are the dates of planned events that we hope you will support.



12th June - Plant stall and Coffee Morning at the Village Hall

7th August – We will have a stall at the Village Fete

9th October – Autumn Produce Sale at the Village Hall

26th November - Christmas Bingo in the evening

These dates are in the new Shipton Diary and also on the website
http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx

We are also pleased to announce the introduction of our **Heritage Gin Club**. We will shortly be selling tickets at £10 each for a whole year's entry into a raffle that will take place monthly for a bottle of Craft Heritage Gin. There will be a different type each month and it will be either a more unusual variety or a locally produced gin. Don't worry, we haven't forgotten that some people either don't drink or dislike gin, so for those who would prefer something different we will be making up a Heritage Hamper to the same value with locally produced food items.

Contact any trustees for further information or to purchase your tickets.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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St Michael and All Angels

During April we have said farewell to Daniel and Emma Barrett, who have lived in Gardens Cottage since 2009 and brought up Matilda and Jude there. They have moved to Preston (Weymouth, not Lancashire), so not very far away, and near enough to return regularly to village events we hope. We wish them all the very best of good fortune and fulfilment in their new home.

It is legal for the Church to be open for public worship again, so we were able to hold services on Good Friday and Easter day, as well as the fourth Sunday in April. Covid precautions like social distancing and face coverings were (and remain) in force, but as things stand we are resuming our pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month – which in May means the 9th and 23rd.

Liz Eaton is ready to open the gardens again shortly, and news of dates, etc., can be found on the village website.

We trust the influx of visitors to the Bridehead Grounds will not be as explosive as at the end of the first lockdown last summer, and that incomers will be as responsible and sensible as we would expect.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village
Hall

Finally we have a date for reopening the hall
(assuming Boris doesn't change his mind!).

From Monday 17th May the hall will be available for bookings within the covid
guidelines.

Contact Liz on 897751 or Jill on 897479 or jill.neill@live.co.uk

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington village hall 100 club

March winners

1st prize- Liz Slater

2nd prize- Yvonne Buckland

April winners

1st prize—David Buckland

2nd prize—Chris Gregory



And we're back

Yes we have reopened our fabulous garden and we are serving drinks and we will also be continuing with our takeaway menu for you to either eat in the garden or take home with you. As we are going to be very weather dependant we have decided to not take bookings it will be purely if there is space you are welcome. Our hours may vary but we are looking to be open 12-8 pm daily but please keep an eye on our FB page as it is the most up to date. Thankyou for all your support throughout these challenging times, onwards and upwards. Bring on the sun! Stay safe.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Sunday 2nd May 2021 after the 11 o'clock service at approximately 11.45 am. The meeting will be subject to any COVID restrictions applicable at the time.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity.

Assuming lockdown restrictions ease as promised, the Hall will re-open for Covid secure activities on Monday 17th 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 choose to restart is entirely down to the organiser.

Prior to this the only activity will be the local Police and Crime Commissioner elections, which have Government dispensation to run on Thursday 6th May in a covid secure way.

We hope all normal activities are free to resume from June 21st onwards, but again 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 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.

We are planning (fingers crossed) to resume Covid secure coffee mornings between 10:00-12:00 on Wed 19th May for permanent Village residents only. It will be run by the team of volunteers familiar with the Hall's Covid-19 guidelines and will include Val's famous bacon Rolls on the menu.

The next date after that will be Wed 16th June which will be run by the same team.

Thereafter we will endeavour to follow the previous schedule of monthly events, although who will run them and format is yet to be agreed.

Defibrillator Grand Draw.

The Hall Trust is mid-way through running a Grand Draw to raise funds required to keep our defibrillator functional. Details can be found on page 35 in this publication and on Posters around the Village.

Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased from the Post Office or any committee member listed below.

Graham Moody, Richard Ferre, Tina Huggins, Linda Knapp and Fiona Lomax, who can also help with bank transfer payments.

First prize is £100 in cash, with many more high value prizes.

The Draw will take place on Monday 31st May, the day we normally would have held our Village Spring Fayre.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

April 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.40	No 84	Sue Ouseley
2nd	£18.20	No 98	Mr John Cullen
3rd	£9.10	No 121	Mrs Joyce Roberts

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £8 – 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

To enable us to use the Village Hall appropriately under the current planned release of some Covid regulations, we have moved back the Village Society AGM until Friday May 21st at 7.30pm. The Plant and Cake Sale will be held the next morning Saturday May 22nd from 10am until 12 Noon.

Necessarily attendance at the AGM will primarily be via Zoom, but there may be an opportunity for a small number to attend in person. Needless to say, we will at all times keep safe by adhering to regulations in place at the time.

The Village Society Flower and Produce Show remains planned for Saturday 17th July. Schedules will be available at the Post Office and Library nearer the time, but we hope that as many entrants as possible print their own Application Forms from the website when they become available. We look forward to a gradual easing of restrictions and a more sociable and enjoyable sequence of summer events in 2021 compared to the barren wasteland of 2020.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL) Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th May in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Subject to any restrictions which are in place at the time, we are intending to run a meeting which combines 'limited attendance' in the Hall together with a streamed live Zoom feed which will show presentations and allow on-line questions to be asked. All papers will be circulated to Friends of the Library in advance of the meeting. Full details of the arrangements for the AGM will be sent to Friends of the Library nearer the date and there will be posters in the village giving all the details.

Nominations are now invited for election as Trustees. Nomination forms are available from the library, or on request to the Secretary by telephoning (01308) 897421. Completed forms must be received by Thursday 20th May.

For details of the current and planned library opening times and services please see the information provided in Valley News on page 6 of this issue.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Calling all allotmenters! Once again we are having a pumpkin competition to see who can grow the largest PUMPKIN. Entry is free but all pumpkins must be grown on the allotment. They have been sown from the same packet of seeds and entries will only be accepted if they are of the variety 'Atlantic Giant'.

The plants will be available to pick up when ready in the carport of 103 Southover. Please leave your name, telephone number and plot number on the sheet provided. There will be posters on the allotment gates as a reminder.

Please do enter as it's just a bit of fun and nonsense, and who knows, we may all be able to get together in October for the weigh in. That makes it sound like a horse race!!!

Good Luck everyone.

Sandy & Sue

Tree Planting at Corncrake

The new Corncrake Management Plan got off to a great start on Saturday 20th March with the planting of 250 native trees to create a series of small copses along the Common Lane boundary. The Bridport Tree Group kindly provided trees, tree guards and their expert volunteers to get the planting underway and a group of Village Volunteers came along in the afternoon to finish the job.

Now we need to make sure the new trees are looked after through the summer, keeping the grass down and watering if we get a long spell of dry weather.

The new Corncrake Management Plan can be found at:

<https://burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/council-property/corncrake/>

We are grateful to Joe Hackett Bridport Tree Group for this photo of their volunteers in action.

Dave Dixon





BURTON BRADSTOCK

GRAND VILLAGE

DEFIBRILLATOR DRAW

The Village Hall Trust maintains the public use Defibrillator sited at the Village Hall. It was purchased some 5 years ago after a fundraising campaign. Surplus funds have been used to maintain the machine and run free "how to use" training. Almost all of these funds have now been spent and the money raised by this Draw will go towards future costs.

TO GET YOUR NUMBERS

- Select and pay in the Village Post Office and Shop.
- Contact any of the following:

Linda Knapp	897300
Tina Huggins	897384
Jan Clark	897412
Richard Ferré	897648
Graham Moody	898548
- To purchase by bank transfer (min £5): please email fionalomax55@hotmail.com who will provide transfer instructions and allocate numbers.

NUMBERS

Numbers in the Grand Draw cost £1 each and are available now until 30 May. The Draw will take place on Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st May.

FANTASTIC PRIZES

Some suppliers have generously donated prizes. All other prizes will be paid for from the Draw proceeds, all in a way which directly helps local suppliers.

PURCHASING NUMBERS

You will be able to purchase numbers from the Post Office, via contact with members of the organising committee or via email and bank transfer – see adjacent panel.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please contact any member of the team.

First Prize: £100 Cash

Meal Out Prizes

Vouchers for:

- The Three Horseshoes*
(Sunday Lunch for two with a bottle of wine)
- The Parlour*
(£35 Voucher)
- The Seaside Boarding House*
(£25 Voucher)

Other Prizes

£25 Vouchers for:

- Modbury Farm Shop*
- The Village Shop and Post Office
- Groves Nurseries
- Ashley Chase Cheeses

* kindly donated

Please make sure you get your tickets before the 31st of May!



Hopefully, by the time you read this the lockdown rules will have been eased as planned and you will have been able to meet up with a few friends and family members at last, albeit outside!

How nice has that been!? The weather was certainly in our favour during the first week that the rule of six came back into being and it was wonderful to be able to sit outside with others to chat over a cup of tea and cake, which I know some of our members took the first opportunity to do! It certainly made us feel better and more positive about the days ahead and almost seemed that we were just carrying on from where we left off....., the somewhat gruelling days of lockdown beginning to fade into the background at last.

Obviously we still have to be very careful and continue to take the necessary precautions but we are delighted to say that plans for our first meeting on July 13th are well on track. Usually during the year we have a range of competitions, which have obviously not been able to go ahead due to lockdown. However.....we have decided to go the “whole hog” and hold all of them on that first evening so we shall be able to see how busy our members have been during our enforced stay at home.

Firstly there is the Photographic competition entitled “ Reflections”, which will be interesting to see as hopefully members will have remembered to take photos whilst they have been out and about for their daily exercise – or even when we were allowed to go on trips further afield. Remember those days?

Secondly there is the Handicraft competition which should have lots of entries this year as I’m sure everyone has been busy knitting or crafting to while away the hours. There are separate sections for knitting and for other handicrafts so, again, that will be interesting to see. Maybe members have even been trying something new.

Lastly there is the Painting competition, which hopefully will attract more entries this year as we have all had extra time on our hands. There are two sections for this, namely Watercolours and also Acrylic, pen and ink or any other medium, so let’s hope all our artistic members have been busy as it is always a pleasure to see their amazing work.

In addition to the competitions there will be our “Green hearts” display

which usually takes place in February when our meeting is dedicated to thinking about looking after and treasuring the environment.

All in all it will be an evening of celebrations with appropriate refreshments available as we catch up with friends that we haven't seen for such a long time. An exciting evening to look forward to!

If you wish to join our WI do come along on this evening as it would be a good opportunity to meet new friends and to get an idea of the activities we do. You would be most welcome as we are always looking for more members.

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

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 you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters. You can contact the Parish Council by email or post. Details below.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday 5th May 2021- 7.30pm** via zoom, see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings is available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings

burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/ We will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Weds of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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

Speed Watch

The Speed Watch Team are back in action - Please Drive Carefully through our village.


CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MAY 2021					
	1 st Sunday 2 May 5 th Sunday of Easter	2 nd Sunday 9 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	3 rd Sunday 16 May 7 th Sunday of Easter	4 th Sunday 23 May Pentecost	5 th Sunday 30 May Trinity
	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 United Valley Service On Zoom* Details on Page 5 of this issue
Burton Bradstock			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Chilcombe	11.00 Holy Communion by extension	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	
Shipton Gorge	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by extension	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion by extension	
Swyre	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
Puncknowle	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship		
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