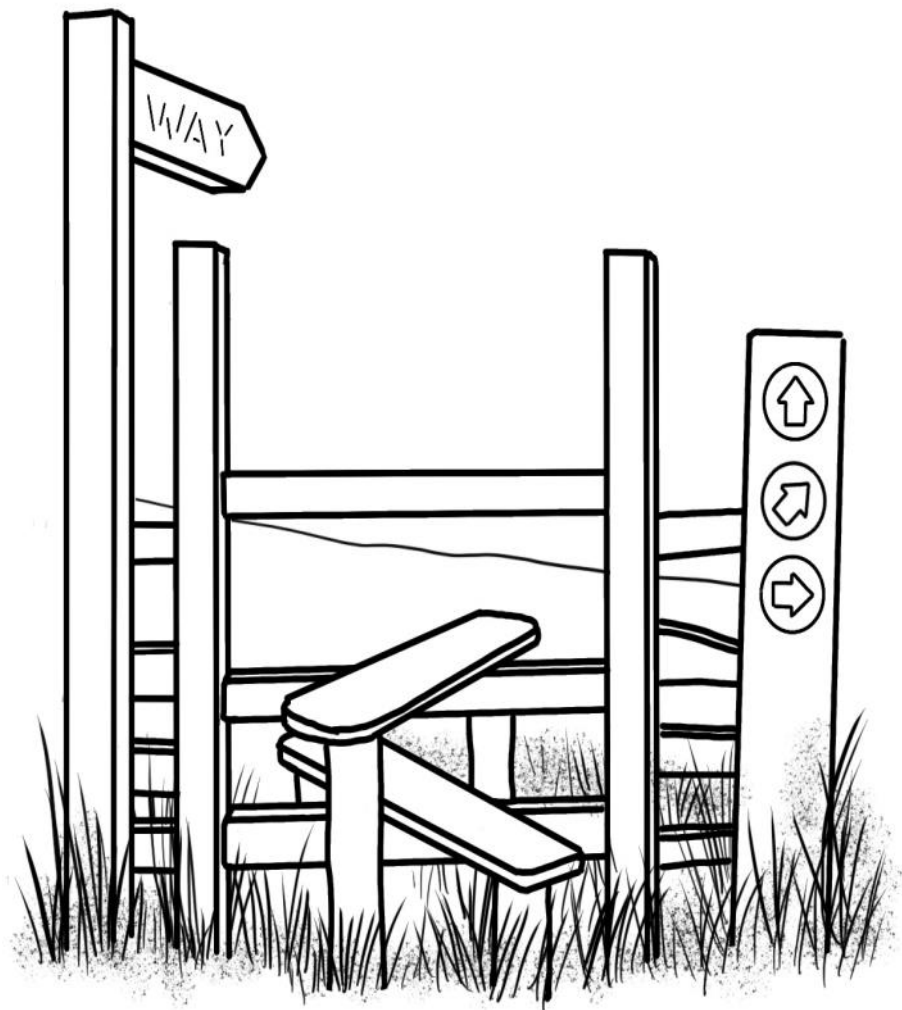


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www.westbexington.org.uk
www.littlebredy.com
www.longbredy.org.uk

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

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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

From the Ministry team,

I have one of the best views from an office window! I am standing at my desk in the office at Othona on the Coast Road, looking out over the grass and wide variety of trees and shrubs in our grounds and beyond that I can see Cogden Beach and the sea. Just now I can hear the song thrush that sings both morning and evening and in the last few days I have been hearing a lot of the green and great spotted woodpeckers that raise their young in our grounds. I feel very fortunate to live in such a place, close to an abundance of nature and enjoying wonderful night skies, with no street lighting to obscure the moon and stars.

It is hard to believe that when Miss Adela Marion Curtis bought this land a hundred years ago, it was just a scrubby field, with no mains water, sewage, gas or electricity. On it she put her first wooden hut that was her home at the time of the 1921 Census. Later, in around 1927 she built the main house as a family farm for her and her nieces to live in, but it was too lonely for the young relations, who wanted to live in London. Miss Curtis then turned it into a Bible Students' Colony and advertised for people to come and learn her form of meditation and to live the self-sufficient life on the land. This community (known officially as the Christian Contemplatives Charity) thrived during the 1930s and those who lived here were known locally as the 'White Ladies' because of the flowing white robes that they made and wore. After the war the community declined and by the late 1950s Miss Curtis was the only one living here in a small hut in the grounds. When she died in 1960 her nieces spent a number of years trying to find a charity that would be willing to take the property on.

Eventually in 1965, the Reverend Norman Motley, founder of the Othona Community, viewed the place and saw the potential it offered. Othona had begun in 1946 at Bradwell on the Essex coast, as a summer camp. He could see the main house here as a centre that could be open to visitors at all times of the year. He also saw the need for modern utilities, such as flush loos, which were put in early on in Othona's time here! The Othona Community has been a steward of this small part of Dorset for almost 60 years and we find we draw inspiration for the way we seek to live from both Adela Curtis and Norman Motley. Miss Curtis was utterly committed to natural ways of growing food – no artificial fertilisers would be found on her land. We don't grow a lot of food here but it is important for us that we use

locally grown vegetables and animals for our meals wherever possible. We also manage the land here for the wildlife, as well as for visitors. Norman Motley envisioned a place where people could become part of a community for the length of their stay and enjoy ‘work, worship, study and play’ together and that is still at the heart of why we are here.

I first encountered Othona almost 30 years ago, when I brought my then small sons here for a holiday. We all loved it and came back year after year as they grew up. I am truly blessed to find myself living and working here now, as well as sharing in the ministry across the Bride Valley with Jane, Sue, James and Mike and many, many others.

You can find out more about the Othona Community today by looking at our website <https://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk> and by talking to me!

With kind regards,

Liz Howlett
Associate Priest for the Bride Valley Churches

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral 1 st April	Helena Annan Hirst	Swyre
Wedding 2 nd April	John Draper and Lily Beck	Litton Cheney
Baptism 2 nd April	Summer Condliffe	Burton Bradstock

Source to Sea is the weekly pew sheet produced for the churches of the Bride Valley. It includes useful contact details, service details, prayers and readings as well as some weekly reminders of what’s on. If you would like to receive a copy via email, please request this-
from: bvchurchesta@outlook.com

You can also find out about the life of the churches via our Facebook page: [Bride Valley Churches | Facebook](#)

Our Night Sky in May 2022

Saturn, Mars, Jupiter and Venus will be rising in the East between 0300 and 0500 in that order, but Venus will soon be lost in the dawn sky. Now that it's not really dark until 10pm, you will have to wait to enjoy the summer constellations. This might be a good time to buy a simple book detailing the constellations that can be viewed from the UK during the year, and month by month. You can then enjoy identifying your favourites as they make their regular appearances during the year. A pair of binoculars will always increase the pleasure of observing.

Managed for NASA at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Centre for Near Earth Object Studies ([CNEOS](#)) accurately plots the orbits of all known near-Earth objects, predicts their close approaches with Earth, and makes comprehensive impact hazard assessments in support of the agency's [Planetary Defence Coordination Office](#) at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

Near-Earth objects are asteroids and comets with orbits that bring them to within 120 million miles (195 million kilometres) of the Sun, which means they can circulate through the Earth's orbital neighbourhood. Most near-Earth objects are asteroids that range in size from about 10 feet (a few meters) to nearly 25 miles (40 kilometres) across. The orbit of each object is computed by finding the elliptical path through space that best fits all the available observations, which often span many orbits over many years or decades. As more observations are made, the accuracy of an object's orbit improves dramatically, and it becomes possible to predict where an object will be years or even decades into the future – and whether it could come close to Earth.

The majority of near-Earth objects have orbits that don't bring them very close to Earth, and therefore pose no risk of impact, but a small fraction of them – called potentially hazardous asteroids – require more attention. These objects are defined as asteroids that are more than about 460 feet (140 metres) in size with orbits that bring them as close as within 4.6 million miles (7.5 million kilometres) of Earth's orbit around the Sun. CNEOS continuously monitors all known near-Earth objects to assess any impact risk they may pose.

An asteroid impact would have a devastating effect world-wide, causing widespread fires, tsunamis and clouds of dust thrown high into the atmosphere cutting off sunlight and causing a nuclear winter affecting all

higher life forms as well as any that rely on sunlight. The dinosaur era ended with just such an impact, but the smaller animals survived to become you and me. On which thoughtful note, I wish you the happiest of summers.

Bill Turnill



Bride Valley WI



At our April meeting we had a very interesting talk and demonstration on the basics of First Aid and resuscitation including how to use a defibrillator. It is to be hoped that we never have to put these newfound skills into practice in reality but we are certainly more confident in what to do. A big thankyou to our instructor Paul Bilke for making the evening very relaxed but certainly a learning experience.

Next month we will be at Kingston Maurward for a garden tour and talk so will not be in the hall at Puncknowle.

Our skittles team have been playing in the County Skittles League and have so far played 4 away matches with some success—played 4 won 4!!! Now it's back to the White Horse for 4 Home matches before the end of June.

Our monthly walks are continuing but are now early evening due to the lighter evenings. The walks are led by different members each month and it's interesting to see different parts of our valley.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.

Bridevalleywi@gmail.com





THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB

April Review



A SONG FOR ISSY BRADLEY by Carys Bray

It is an old maxim that to be safe one should avoid discussing religion or politics for fear of causing offence. This was completely unavoidable with this month's book choice. Carys Bray's novel aroused strong feelings - some of us were upset - some were angry and for quite a few of us it dredged up childhood memories - not all of which were comforting. I think it is a plus that we arrive at our literary discussions from a variety of personal stand-points in matters concerning faith, spirituality and human understanding.

Quite a few of us had knowledge of various "churches" and faiths outside the more conventional organisations we might find in our local communities. However the traditions, dogma and structure of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, also known as Mormonism, was not that well known to us. Carys Bray had grown up completely immersed in her local Mormon church with an unwavering faith - it was only in her thirties that she reviewed her position, this possibly coincided with her studying creative writing. She made a life changing decision and left the church behind. It is not clear how much of the novel is autobiographical but I think we can be confident that her portrayal of Mormonism stems from personal experience.

The eponymous Issy Bradley is a young daughter in a Mormon family of six. Tragically she dies of meningitis when her mother Claire, distracted and overwhelmed with organising a birthday party for Issy's young brother, fails to act on the seriousness of the child's symptoms. Claire is a recruit to the faith by marriage and it is very much her personal experience which propels the narrative. Other family members are also given their chapters which provide a vivid 360 degree and revealing sweep of what each of them is really thinking whilst continuing to pay lip service to the obligations (there are many) and routines of their faith. Ian, the father who is also a "bishop" to his local congregation, is the exception in having no doubts. He fails to put his family first and is conflicted by undercurrents of dissent and rebellion from within his own family fold. The inner lives of the children are convincingly portrayed, their ambitions, frustrations, grief and love for their family become painful in their telling. We mostly liked the circularity of the narrative beginning and ending on the local coast with its treacherous tides and sandbanks.

There was quite a debate about the ending of the novel. Claire is rescued by her family but we were uncertain what this portended. Some of us felt this to be an optimistic finale marking the healing reconciliation of parents and children - others felt this provided no respite from what was a desperately sad account of a dysfunctional family - and that if anything Claire was about to be denied any agency - even over that of her own life.

We were curious as to what exactly was the “song” in the novel’s title. There were references to singing in the book but if it was meant to suggest something celebratory then this seemed grimly ironic.

We commented on the shocking misogyny revealed in the plot - childcare is not the father’s job, teenage girls and boys have very different things expected of them with judgement being applied much more harshly to the girls.

Claire is constantly beset by criticism from her peers; her depression and grief is actively denied - and indeed hidden by her husband.

Carys Bray has cited the influence of Atwood’s ‘The Handmaid’s Tale’ and in this novel gives us a unnerving picture of family life within the “religious right”. We were all emotionally affected by this book.

Liz Pinfield

All change with Bridport Health Walks

As from **Wednesday 27th April** Bridport Health Walks will take place every Wednesday, meeting outside the United Church in East Street for a 9.45am start.

This gives us the opportunity to finish our walk relaxing by joining the Coffee Morning held in the Church Hall which is situated directly behind the Church.
Tea and Biscuits just £1.20!

Walks last approximately 30 minutes and are ideal for those wanting to get active and enjoy the company of a very sociable group.

Everyone welcome, no need to book, just turn up.

For further information please contact Sarah Davies on 01305 252222

Burton Bradstock Community Library Serving the Bride Valley

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

The Library is **OPEN** on Monday & Saturday afternoons 2.00pm to 4.00pm
and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm



In the Library you can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up
reservations, & return items, obtain photocopies and DVDs.

You can manage your account and order books from the Libraries West
Catalogue online from home (or on your phone using the Libraries West
App) and we will notify you when they become available.

Free Wi-Fi may be accessed both inside and outside the library, and the
public PCs are available on a 'first come, first served basis'.

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



To ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our
volunteers we are normally allowing up to four people at a time into
the library, and continue to encourage social distancing.

We ask customers to wear face coverings if possible and to hand
sanitise.

All information can be found on our website:
www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

For library enquiries during opening hours please ring (01308) 897563



Bride Valley Gardening Club



In April, at our AGM, we welcomed Peter Whight as our new Treasurer and Tricia Gates as our new Litton Cheney Village Rep. We extended our very grateful thanks to Chris Clarke who has served as our Treasurer through the challenging times of the pandemic. Our thanks, as always, go to all who serve on the committee and support the club in so many ways. The evening continued with Steve Griffith sharing his adventures, seed hunting and looking at plants in their natural habitat in North Myanmar.

On May 16th, at 7.30pm, Mike Burks will be talking on 'Gardening for Climate Change'. We are continuing to meet at LATCH for the present, to be able to provide social distancing for members and speakers.

Jobs to do in May:

Begin feeding containers with a weekly liquid feed.

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

Plant up hanging baskets and large pots for summer flowering and protect them from any late frosts.

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.

Keep fruit bushes, trees and strawberries well-watered.

Continue successional sowings of vegetable crops.

Plant up tomatoes and peppers in their final containers.

Sow climbing beans a few seeds every 2 weeks to provide a succession of crops. Plant out courgettes, squashes and pumpkins at the end of the month.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



At the end of the Spring term, we were grateful to be able to hold a traditional Easter service in the church. Our Reception class performed a springtime poem, Key Stage 1 wrote and performed an Easter song to the tune of 'London's Burning', our Year 3 and 4 class retold the Easter story and Year 5 and 6 performed some Easter poetry that they had written in class. It was also the first time since covid restrictions had been lifted that we had been able to invite families to join us. It was great to see the church full again.

As well as our Easter service, all our children took part in an Easter Experience during the last week of term. Members of our chaplaincy group and the church wardens set up different stations around the church which retold the Easter story. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and appreciated having some time to sit and reflect in the church. A special thank you to Pauline Woodford for setting this all up and organising the volunteers.

Another popular school event returned after a covid enforced hiatus. The Friends of School organised 'The Great Burton Bradstock Duck Race' which was held at the beginning of April. Over 800 ducks were sold and the event as a whole made over £1600 - a huge amount of money that will go towards redeveloping our school playground equipment. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event and to our wonderful Friends of School for giving up their time so generously to organise it.

Sadly, at the end of the Summer term, we say goodbye to Claire Procter who retires after 35 years of service to our school. Over her time at the school, she has worked with many different colleagues and her commitment and dedication to the children, school and community has always been outstanding. We will miss her very much. We are pleased to have appointed Mrs Heather Geraghty, who will join us in the Reception class September.

Next half term we are looking forward to the Jubilee celebrations, our Year 5 and 6 class residential trip to PGL, Year 3 and 4 starting whole class ukulele lessons amongst other things!

If you would like to keep up to date with what we are doing at school, please check our website and also our Facebook feed for up-to-date information.

Adam Gough
Headteacher



1: Almost 800 ducks in the river for our Duck Race!



2: Children's work on display in the Lady Chapel after the Easter Service



3: Wagtail class painted pictures of spring flowers



Thorners CE VA School



Thorners School Parents Association along with staff and children dedicated a tree to Mrs Cox (Pat) who worked at Thorners Primary school for 33 years

As well as her own children attending Thorners Pat was one of the first teaching assistants, in this area, to work with a SEN pupil in mainstream education, learning Makaton sign language, creating our own resources as well as reading books, as there were none available at the time and the first TA's in Dorset to gain HLTA status.

Pat has been an integral part of the Thorners school community working with many different staff and children.

Enjoy your garden your caravan, your grandchildren and all your new memories to be made.

We will miss you and Thankyou

BRIDPORT BIG BAND - JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Bridport Big Band, under the direction of Musical Director Matt Barge, will be performing at the United Church Bridport on Saturday 28 May at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The concert, arranged by the Rotary Club of Bridport, is to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Profits will go to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and other Rotary Charities.

Tickets at £12 are available from Bridport Tourist Information and Rotary club members.

Our club raises money for many needy and charitable causes including many in Bridport and the surrounding area. Details of some of our activities can be seen on our Facebook page <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1197> and on our website <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1197>



TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME THIS YEAR WITH BRIDPORT MUSEUM

Bridport Museum's Historic Guided Walks are back by popular demand this Easter. The volunteer guides will lead walks around Bridport, sharing some of their fascinating insights into

the town's unique past. The walks will be running on Thursday mornings from 7 April.

These popular walks leave from the Museum at 11am, and last around an hour. All are easy level walking, and cost £5 per adult. Children are free. There is no need to pre-book, you can just turn up.

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: 'Delving into Bridport's heritage: the buildings, the people and the stories: there is always something new to discover about our town. And, if you'd rather explore under your own steam, you can download trails from our website and get out and about when you feel like it.'

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

LOVE MY OBJECT

What would you save if the museum was on fire?

Bridport Museum's volunteers have displayed some special objects around Bridport for you to discover.

Everyone has a special thing. A family heirloom, your first Teddy Bear or perhaps a piece of jewellery. Anyone can see what it is, but why would you save that, and only that particular item from a fire?

The Museum Volunteers were asked this same question, with the twist that they could only choose something from the collection!



You can find the first Love My Object displays at Bridport Library, Bridport Leisure Centre and in the Museum from Tuesday 5th April.



Why not get involved by scanning the QR code and telling the Museum about the special object you'd save from a fire?

Alternatively, share a picture on social media and tag them on Twitter @bridportmuseum or Instagram @bridport_museum, using the hashtags #LoveMyObject and #TheRightStuff

Love My Object is part of the Museum's community project 'The Right Stuff', which asks some tricky questions -

Why do we have certain things? **Should** we have them? If not, where should they go? Find out more about the project by visiting their website www.bridportmuseum.co.uk.



Quiet Garden Movement
sharing outdoor space for the inner journey

The Fellowship of Meditation, Dorchester joins the worldwide Quiet Garden Movement

The Quiet Garden Movement is a global network of over 300 gardens in homes, churches, hospitals and schools. Quiet Gardens are made available by local hosts for people of all ages to experience silence, and spend time in prayer and contemplation. "We are delighted to be joining the worldwide Quiet Garden Movement. In joining we mark the importance of silence together in natural surroundings and will be exploring the health and spiritual benefits of taking regular times of quiet in nature.

We will gather together for our Quiet Days on Saturday 7 May from 2.30pm-4pm and again on Friday 17 June from 12 noon-4pm at Marian Dunlop House, 8 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. DT1 1PW", says Mrs Becky Dovey, Office Manager of The Fellowship of Meditation. Anyone interested in attending should contact me by either 'phone (01305) 251396 (an answerphone is always available to use) or by email: fellowship.meditation@gmail.com.

"The Quiet Garden Movement is about giving people permission to step back and experience a sense of stillness and wonderment," said founder Reverend Philip Roderick. "We live in a world where we are swamped by methods of communication and yet we find ourselves unable to communicate. Silence is the missing and vital ingredient. Even as little as five minutes can be restorative and healing." The world's largest study into the links between rest and wellbeing, published in 2016, showed that 'being alone' and 'in the natural environment' were rated in the top three most restful activities

ABOUT THE QUIET GARDEN MOVEMENT The Quiet Garden Trust is an ecumenical Christian charity that facilitates the Quiet Garden Movement, with the primary aim of nurturing low cost, accessible, outdoor space for prayer, contemplation, rest and inspiration in a variety of settings, such as private homes, churches, schools and hospitals. Find your local Quiet Garden and events at: www.quietgarden.org Also find us at: www.twitter.com/quietgardens | www.facebook.com/quietgardentrust

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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St Michael and All Angels

During April we have said farewell to Jennifer Longstaff, who has left Basket Hill Cottage after 35 years in the village, the majority of them shared with her late husband Geoff. She moves to Sussex, to be nearer to members of her family and the remaining friends she knew before they moved here from Kent in 1986. She has been a familiar figure walking almost daily in the Valley of Stones with one or more dogs – many of them golden retrievers bred by herself in former years – and leaves many local bridge players short of a partner or an opponent. We wish her (and Ruby) well in whatever the future holds.

When news of the recent discovery of the well-preserved remains of “Endurance” in the depths of the Ross Sea in Antarctica broke, people may have wondered what if any family connection there may be between the explorer Ernest Shackleton and Jasper at Top Parts. The answer is that there is one, but it is very distant. Kinship yes, apparently, but details are complicated by various Shackletons often sharing the same forenames over the years. So the village can’t claim much of a connection to the significant event – a pity.

May will contain consideration of ways in which the village can mark the Queen’s official Platinum Jubilee Commemoration during the extended Bank Holiday at the beginning of June, with a lakeside bring and share picnic (difficult to hold a conventional street party in a place like this) on Sunday 5th June emerging as a front runner.

There will be an opportunity to plan and to share ideas in the meanwhile.

BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.

Your local Cricket Club is the **Bride Vale Cricket Club**, which plays almost entirely non-league friendly fixtures on Sundays against local and touring oppositions. The very picturesque ground is right at the east end of the valley, in Littlebredy, and new players, volunteer groundsmen, umpires, supporters, spectators and/or well-wishers of any kind are of course always welcome to make themselves known.

For a 2022 Fixtures List, or to express interest in any other way, please e-mail: pw@bridehead.com.

Our season kicks off in May with two away games: the first home fixture is on Sunday 12th June (obviously weather dependent).

Bovinophobia by Nigel Beeton

Some cows are big, some cows are fat
But all cows stare at me like *that*!
Some are smooth and some are hairy,
But this I know, *all* cows are scary!

And when I take a country stroll
My mouth dries out, my eyeballs roll
My body shakes just like a rattle
If I cross a field of cattle!

And as upon my way I go
I wonder why they love me so
I hear them make a snort of glee
As they come trotting up to me!

My wife – she thinks I am a fool
For thinking ev'ry cow's a bull
She cannot change my false belief
And so, I'm shaking like a leaf!



Yes, I do love a country walk
The rabbits, trees, the sparrowhawk
Just one thing causes furrowed brows –
If I must cross a field of cows!



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

From St. Mary's Church

Tickets for the Grand Prize Draw are now on sale with all proceeds for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church. The draw will take place at the Jubilee Picnic Lunch at LATCH on Sunday 5th June. Great prizes to be won, so make sure to buy plenty of tickets! Our services continue as usual (see back cover of BVN) and all are very welcome!

THE LITTON CHENEY TRUST

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy in the appointment of a Trustee of the Trust will arise shortly following the imminent retirement of one of the existing four Trustees. The Trustees look after the assets (presently four monetary investments and 4 acres of land let for grazing) and make decisions about spending the income arising as permitted by the Trust deed (in essence in the relief of residents of Litton Cheney who are in need or hardship).

If you wish to be considered for this appointment please contact the Trust Secretary (Freddie Spicer, 8 Garden Close, 482617 or fandspicer@gmail.com) from whom further details can be obtained.

Parish Council – Annual Meeting & Village Assembly – Tuesday 10th May

The Village Assembly will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 10th May – **see enclosed leaflet.**

There is a debate to be had regarding the future of Litton Cheney, and there will be an update on the Platinum Jubilee programme for the village, plus a review of the year from Parish Council Chairman Bill Orchard. Please attend in great numbers.

Sadly Diana Maston who joined the Parish Council in 2020 has resigned, and we are in the process of putting procedures in place in order to recruit a

replacement. Although being part of the PC for a relatively short period, Diana involved herself fully in the workings of the council and will be sadly missed. Thank you, Diana.

Village Litter Pick

Many thanks to members of the village's Premier Crew who donned hi-vis jackets and gloves and litter picked their way around the village recently. Sadly no doubt it will all have to be done again in the not too distant future because amazingly there are people out there who believe Areas Of Outstanding Natural Beauty are nature's litter bin.

Comment from a Litter Picker – Have just done the litter pick in Hines Mead and Cow Lane. Not much litter, but NINE bags of dog poo, and that's just the ones that weren't buried in the undergrowth! It makes me soooo mad. I have also noticed quite a lot of unbagged poo in our road lately. Grrrrr!



Events at

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



The Annual General Meeting of Litton and Thorner's Community Hall will be held at **7 pm on Thursday 19th May 2022** at LATCH. Village residents most welcome.

Events at LATCH – for May

Weekly:

Mondays: 15.30 Big Q Church (9th, 16th, 23rd)
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls [Not 31st] (Ron Davidson 482661)
Wednesdays: 16.30 – Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](mailto:Ron.Davidson.482661@gmail.com))
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)
Fridays: 10.00 – 12 noon Art Class in Meeting Room (Ann Gray: annvgray@hotmail.com)[not 27th]

Specials:

Tuesday 10th 19.00 – Village Assembly – all welcome
Thursday 19th 19.00 - LATCH AGM
Thursday 26th 10.00 -11.30 Vintage Car and Motorcycle Display in car park
14.00 – 15.00 Thorner's Country Dancing, teas served by TSA

Jubilee Celebrations – May & June

The details regarding the The Queen's Platinum Jubilee events can be found on the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk , Jubilee bulletins are around the village and on village FB Pages..

Although the main events will be held over Thursday 2nd June, Friday 3rd June, Saturday 4th June and Sunday 5th June, so as to involve Thorner's School who will be on Half-Term during those dates we will be beginning our programme of events on Thursday 26th May with a Jubilee Exhibition created by the school, Parade of Vintage Vehicles, Maypole Dancing and Teas provided by the TSA at LATCH.

Times of opening of the Jubilee Exhibition at LATCH will be found on the village website and notice boards. The Exhibition is being assembled and displayed by Thorner's schoolchildren, each decade being marked by a summary of world events, royal events as well as local events and key developments in fashion, music and technology across the decades.

If villagers wish to contribute an exhibit then please email in a photo of it to office@thorners.dorset.sch.uk and a little write up for us to include alongside the correct decade for the item. Items of local interest would be most welcome as would any royal connections people may have/have had.

The White Horse – Love a Duck!

Well, April flew by once again and we were lucky enough to see the return of the Easter Duck Race, which was amazingly successful raising £1,000 for Lymphoma! A big thank you to everyone involved, to all those that came and the man up there that blessed us with such lovely weather.



We have live music with Mustang Sally on the first May Bank Holiday Monday from 3pm. Then we have the Jubilee Weekend with plenty going on in the village and of course the Jubilee Duck Race on Saturday 4th June, once again finishing up at the pub. For this event we shall be open from 11am and will be doing a BBQ and pancakes. We have a free bouncy castle booked to keep the kids amused (parents to supervise their children and are responsible for their children's safety). WE have two fantastic bands booked, N.U.M.B. from about 1pm and the 20th Century Boys from about 4pm. Looking forward to a great weekend and hope to see you all soon. **Andy & Liz**

Bench Fund Plans are now in place for benches to be located on Pins Knoll, Chalk Pit Lane and the Vineyard over the coming weeks/months to allow walkers to pause a while when perambulating our beautiful valley. This has been made possible by donations to the Parish Bench Fund. If you would like to donate or would like to know more about the scheme please contact Quentin Blacke at quentin396pc@yahoo.com

Lambing – Dogs – Livestock – Picking Up: Need we say more?

Easter Duck Race – The Result!

The sun came out just in time for the Easter Sunday Duck Race. We were overwhelmed with the turn out and delighted to see so many locals and campers. The start of the race was very exciting as the ducks were dropped into the river courtesy of Andy Romans and his yellow JCB. IT was quite a sight to see!

The river bank was lined with people all the way down to The White Horse. Prizes for the winning ducks were won by a mixture of locals and visitors. Everyone then enjoyed time in the pub garden with great music from Antigua Joe. Andy, Liz and their team did a sterling job to serve everyone.

Delighted to announce that £1000 was raised for Lymphoma Action. Thank you to the lovely Duck Sellers, Lesley, Patricia, Elizabeth and Mariesha. To Two Nicks who marshalled the ducks down the stream and to Hannah and her team of face painters. Final thanks go to Andy Romans for starting the race off and cutting the grass bank and to Paul K for weeding the stream.



COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW



**A special evening of FIRST CLASS LOCAL entertainment on
Saturday 8th October 2022**

at Litton Cheney Village Hall (DT2 9AU)

In aid of THORNER'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND DEMENTIA UK

We are currently recruiting seven VARIETY ACTS for the show, so if you would like to take part

please e-mail patricia123gates@outlook.com or telephone Tricia Gates on 01308 482742 for further information



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS



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ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall 100 club results

January	1st	Liz Slater	2nd	Jane Hutchings
February	1st	Pete and Lynne Hampton	2nd	Rosemary Lyth
March	1st	Pam Taylor	2nd	Meryl Edwards
April	1st	Chris Gregor	2nd	Sara Griffiths

WHIST DRIVES AT PUNCKNOWLE

Come along and enjoy some friendly company at our WHIST DRIVES held at Puncknowle Village Hall.

Friday 3rd June Friday 1st July Friday 5th August Friday 2nd Sept

Doors open at 7:15 pm for a 7:30 pm start. There will be a raffle and refreshments are provided after the first session. Entrance fee is £3.00. We play progressive Whist which means each game is played with a table of four people. You do not need to have a partner to join in. At the end of each hand the winning couple moves and the losers stay and are joined by winners from an adjoining table.

Prizes are awarded at the end of the evening. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Jenny Parr on 01308 897863



Puncknowle Big Jubilee lunch

Sunday 5th June

11.30-2pm at PS&WB village hall

All welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.

Coffee, tea and squash will be available, please feel free to bring anything else you would like to drink

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE,
LONGBREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm

We are now welcoming the over 55's from Long Bredy and Little Bredy and look forward to hearing from you if you would like to join us.

**Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492
for more details.**

Next lunch - 17th May 2022 - Cost £6.00

Menu

**Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread,
and tomato salad
Chocolate Brownies with
clotted cream
+cheese and biscuits, tea/ coffee**

Further Dates for 2022

21st June
19th July
20th September
18th October
15th November
13th December

Next lunch—21st June 2022

**Chicken Traybake with roasted vegetables
Lemon Meringue Pie**

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall

Tuesday, 31st May, 2022

7.30pm

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR VILLAGE!

Hear about what's happening in and around our villages, and hear from various local groups including:

Allotments, Art Group, Book Club, Churches in Puncknowle & Swyre, Footpaths, Home Watch, Women's Institute, Local History Group, Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site, Table Tennis, Luncheon Club, Playing Field, and the Village Hall.

Then there's opportunity for discussion on anything you might want to bring up.

PLEASE JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Sally Bowsher Parish Council Clerk Telephone 01308 897987



**Swyre Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Saturday 4th June 12.00–3pm.**

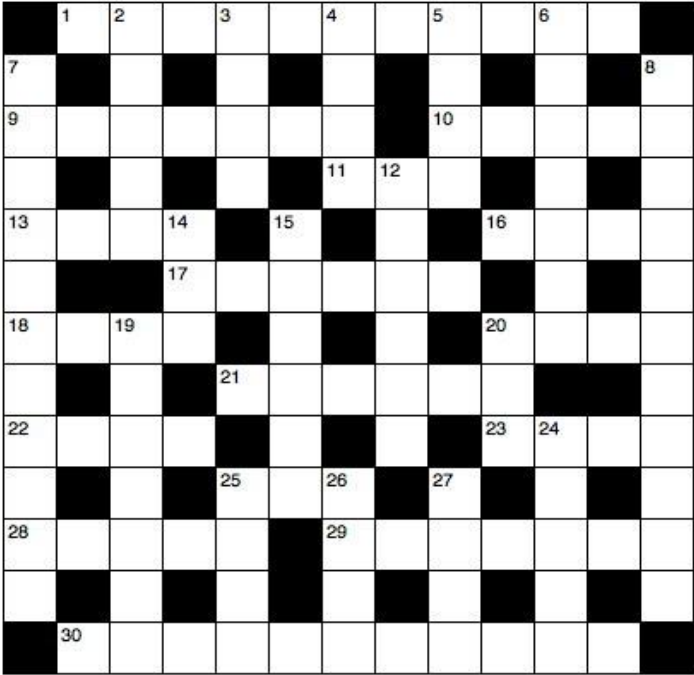
Come and join us for a Village get-together in the grounds of Holy Trinity. Bring your own picnic, tables, chairs, and rugs. Tea/coffee/squash provided

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the Garden Angels who came to Swyre Church in April. We are going to have another go on Saturday 7 May starting at 10 am until lunch time.

Coffee and cakes will be provided. Please join us for as little or as long as you like.

Any questions to sally@bowshers.plus.com.

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Sudoku Easy

	3	7	1	8		4		
2				9	3	7		
5			2			6		
	5		8		6		2	
8		2	5		4	3		6
	7		9		2		5	
		3			8			9
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		4		5	1	2	6	

Sudoku Medium

	2			1	4		6
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				9		7	
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		3	9				1
8		1	5			9	

Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
25 Has(anag.)(3)
28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
5 Slip (anag.) (4)
6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)
14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)
25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)
26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

St Martin's Floodlight Sponsors for May:

The lights are shining specially for
Mr Bob Ayers this month!

Happy Birthday Bob from Jean

For Big Bob for his special birthday from all his friends in
Shipton Gorge.

Thank you all for lighting up St Martin's. We are however, very short of sponsors for the months ahead so if anyone would like to light up St Martin's church for a special occasion or a memory, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated)

Breakfast Church

The Palm Sunday service was held in the Village Hall when a beautiful Easter garden was made and then displayed in the Church on the font for all to see. Thank you to everyone who helped put it together.

Breakfast Church will take place again at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 8th May. This is an informal service held in the Village Hall. for everyone.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <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 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

1 st	£25	No 152	Hannah Mclaughlin
2 nd	£10	No 151	Eleanor Evans
3 rd	£5	No 120	Wendy George

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge Village Society

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

A full day of events will take place in the village on

2nd June 2022

The day's programme is enclosed with this edition and we hope that you will be able to take part in many of the events

The organisers are holding their next planning meeting at the village hall on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm.

Please come along to offer your support . . . and get involved!

If you can contribute one or two hours on the day, we'll have a job for you. And if you can't attend the meeting but would like to help please contact Graham Garner on 897357 or g.garner111@btinternet.com

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge: June 2nd 2022



9:00 am Church opens for people to bring along their jam jars of flowers, for the 'Jam Jar Flower Festival'. (The church will also be open on the previous afternoon for delivery between 3 and 5pm.)



10am A short service of thanksgiving and celebration for the work of The Queen during her 70 year reign.



10:30 Jubilee 'brunch' including coffee, tea and croissants will be served, followed by an opportunity to admire the Jam Jar Flower Festival.



10:45 Children's craft activities - some of these will be bookable in advance to ensure we have adequate materials. (Please look out on Facebook and village noticeboards.)

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club - the winner in the April draw was Robert Cornish – one of the founder members of SGH. He opted for the bottle of Conker Gin – well done Robert.



Saunders Richardson Wood – We have now planted all the trees and saplings we were intending to plant and protected as much as we can. We just need to trust that growing conditions are favourable. Thanks to our keen volunteers, we have managed to clear a lot of brambles from around the paths and on 10 April, we had a Nettle day in the wood.

Aside from clearing them from the paths and glades, we shared some fascinating facts about stinging nettles (*Urtica dioica*). Apart from being very beneficial for wildlife, particularly butterflies, Roman soldiers beat themselves with nettles to help them adapt to the colder climate. There are many health benefits – it is



an anti-inflammatory – and could help control blood pressure. It has also been used in textiles since medieval times. More importantly, it is edible – samples of Nettle soup (with recipe) and Nettle and Cheese biscuits were available on the day!



The next event in the wood will be on Monday 9th May 10.30am to 1pm. This is intended to be a morning of contemplation – to enjoy the peace and quiet in the wood, listen to bird song, have a leisurely stroll and appreciate what a special place it is!

This is a members' only event, but membership is FREE, is open to ALL Shipton Gorge residents, and we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard – following the pruning sessions earlier in the year, the fruit trees are now looking much better and by the time you read this, the blossom should be looking beautiful.

Plant Sale - For the green fingered gardeners out there - some advance notice that we will be holding a plant sale over the Jubilee bank holiday in June - proceeds to be passed onto one of the Ukraine charities. Therefore, if you want to plant some extra seeds, or pot up any excess plants ready for this, we would be very grateful for any donations. Further details will follow nearer the time.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website: http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2022

Our Annual Litter Pick and Spring Clean on Saturday 9th April, as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign saw a gaggle of litter pickers roaming along all the roads and lanes of the village and collecting five bin bags full of rubbish. Others cleared round the finger posts and road signs and one sterling fellow got out his step ladder and bucket and cleaned all the signs as well. This year the Book Exchange on the village green was cleared out, cleaned, re-sorted and made ready for the coming holiday season.

You all know who you are – so thank you from everyone for your help and efforts!

Telephone landline changes. We are pleased to report that OpenReach's plan to switch everyone to a digital phone service has been scrapped for the time being. They have apparently realised that until there is sufficient infrastructure by way of mobile phone coverage, particularly in rural areas such as ours, it cannot be done without leaving many residents without a means to contact others should they need help, especially the emergency services. We are sure that this national programme will eventually be introduced but the good news for us is that could be some way in the future. Thanks to everyone who lobbied and wrote letters on this subject – people power has worked!

Our **next Parish Council meeting** will be on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm in the hall as usual. We have had two parishioners come forward to volunteer to become councillors so we hope to be able to co-opt them at the May meeting.

The Parish Clerk, Paula Biss, can be contacted at clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk or by phone on 07977-933449 [www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)

Shipton Gorge Allotment Group

Are actively looking to buy an acre of land within the vicinity of Shipton Gorge.

Once purchased the land will be donated to the village for the provision of allotment gardens

Please contact
01308 897606

or

sgcommunity@icloud.com

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

Bryan Brown

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Village website: <http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>



St Mary's Burton Bradstock

St Mary's Church 'Songs Of Praise!'

Our next 'Songs of Praise' service will be on **Sunday May 1st** when we will be remembering and supporting those affected by **loneliness and mental health**. It will be led by the Rev'd Sue Linford. The readings and the six hymns, accompanied by the organ, have been chosen to complement the theme and, as usual, there will be refreshments afterwards. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30 am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!



St Mary's Church Fete – Save the Date!

We are delighted to say that this year's Church Fete will be back in its usual summer slot on the afternoon of Thursday 4 August 2022. The Rector, Jane Williams, has once again generously agreed to "lend" us the Rectory Gardens for the day and now the planning can commence!

We are always in need of people to help us not only set up and take down the gazebos and tables on the day, but we are also looking for willing helpers to help run stalls and games.

It's a lot of fun and for a worthwhile cause – the St Mary's Church Fabric Fund, which goes towards providing the various facilities that make the church a valuable community space in the village.

If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time, please don't hesitate to give Peter Tompkins a call on 01308 897043.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Church Fete Team

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

The Village Hall is fully open for all activities and most regular activities have resumed in one form or another.

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.

Burton Bradstock Films

Following the showings of 3 films this year to which attendance has been much lower than usual, plus a lack of new and interesting films becoming available, Burton Films will take a break until in September, by which time we hope there are more interesting films available to us.

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings are now being run by the various Village groups. The next 2 dates are shown below, both run from 10:00 to 12:00.

Wed 18th May run by Bride Valley Drivers

Wed 15th June run by the Village Society

They are popular, good value for money and the cakes are amazing.

Jubilee Fayre

The Hall's annual fund raising event has this year been included in the Village Jubilee celebration programme as "The Burton Bradstock Jubilee Fayre". It will be on Thursday 2nd June between 2pm and 4:15 pm in the Rectory Gardens with cream teas in the Village Hall. Entry is £1 for adults, children under 12 free.

All the normal popular elements will be there including a wide variety of stalls such as bric-a-brac, books, plants, cakes and fancy goods. There will be a wide range of family games for all ages, including Coconut Shy, Toy Pig Racing, Train Game, Desert Treasure, Splat the Rat and many more. Cream Teas will be on sale in the Village Hall and Burgers and Ice Creams within the Fayre.

There will be a Grand Jubilee Draw running from 1st May and drawn at the

Fayre, 1st prize will be £100 cash, plus many high value vouchers for local business services such as meals, Car service and MOT, food vouchers etc.

For those wishing to donate items for the Fayre such as bric-a-brac, books, DVD's bottles for the bottle tombola etc, the Hall will be open from 2pm until 4pm on Wednesday 1st June. All contributions greatly appreciated.

For more information contact the organisers at rwferre99@gmail.com

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" April 2022 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£39.20	No 4:	Mrs Jan Clark
2nd	£19.60	No 43:	Mr Bill Turnwill
3rd	£9.80	No 55:	Mr Andrew Mills

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May 2022 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.

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Burton Bradstock Church of England School – collection for Ukraine.

Congratulations and thank you to Burton Bradstock School. On Friday 18th March all the workers who had arranged it had their reward. Thank you. The bags arrived, lots of things for babies and children, warm coats, towels, blankets etc etc. Some people returned to their homes and came back with donations, wonderful. Sitting in the sun, my little blue box kept very busy with money and cheques.

Thank you to all those generous people, plus the workmen and the important parents. A very successful day, and as for me, I just sat in the sun. By the way the Red Cross is £1,000 better off, fantastic.

Thank you, keep safe and well,

Marie

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Spring Concert

We are delighted to announce the return of the Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art with the Spring Concert on Friday 20 May. This will be held in the Church rather than the Village Hall this year and Artistic Director **David Juritz** has again put together a special programme of music for us including work by Ukrainian composer Valentin Silvestrov, in honour of his countrymen and women who are suffering so much at the moment.

David, violin, will be joined by **Anna Hashimoto**, clarinet, and **David Gordon**, piano.

The programme is:

César Franck Sonata in A major for violin and piano.

Darius Milhaud Serenade for violin, clarinet and piano.

Peter Hope Clarinet sonata (2015).

Valentin Silvestrov Two Pieces.

Gabriel Pierné Compositions for piano from his 15 Pieces.

The concert starts at 7.00pm and there will still be a bar in the interval run on a donation basis. Tickets are £12/£8/£6 depending on the view from the seat and can be bought through the Bridport Tourist Information Centre by phone on **01308 424901**, by writing to Bridport TIC, Bucky Doo Square, South Street, Bridport DT6 3LF, or by calling in to the TIC.

A reminder that the dates for the Music Festival in August are 17-19 August and the Art Festival will run in the Village Hall from the 16-21 August. Watch out for more details soon on burtonbradstockfestival.com

"What a delight to be able to say that we are going to go ahead with the 40th Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art. The fact we have had a delay just whets our appetite for the joy of hosting again in our village, the prestigious musicians who come to entertain us. As with everything worth waiting for, perhaps the enforced and rather long interval will make us all the more appreciate the second half!

"The Spring Concert will soon be here, and we are excited that it will be happening in the Church of St. Mary's and not the village hall this year.

Most importantly David Juritz has put a programme together for us that I know we will all enjoy and we will be meeting old friends who always come to listen to the music, both familiar and less so, to revitalise us all. I look forward to seeing you there.” - Jenny Malyon, Chair of the Festival Organising Committee.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme

On Friday, 18th March, Bob Ayers gave a talk entitled “A West Dorset Safari”, “Bob the intrepid explorer took us on a wild Safari into the strange and interesting statues and signs in West Dorset. To set the scene he presented in Pith Helmet and shorts that could have graced the TV screen complete with stuck on moustache! Bob as always entertained and engaged the societies audience leaving us all better informed and with a light hearted reflection on where we live. Our thanks as always for an excellent evening!”

There will be a review of Judy Clarke’s April talk in the June BVN, and that concludes our 2021 – 2022 Speaker Programme until the 2022 – 2023 Programme starts in September.

I’m sure that everyone will agree that it has been a fascinating and entertaining Programme. Many thanks to all those who have attended the various talks, in what are still challenging times, and of course many thanks to all of our wonderful speakers.

Membership - Just a reminder

April was when our new year started, and when annual subscriptions became due. The membership fee is **NOT** increasing and remains at the bargain price of £5.00 per member. Existing members should have received an email, or a letter saying subs are due and giving clear options on how they can pay including bank details for those who want to do BACS. If you have not been contacted, please let Roger know on the number below.

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

Wherever possible we would like to collect subscriptions via bank transfer, though cash and cheques will be still acceptable. The more though that come via Bacs the more of our funds can go into something worthwhile. Finally, the whole system will depend on those of us using Bacs to put their

name in the reference box on their banks form and letting the Secretary know that they have paid. We know that this sounds like belt and braces but we are anxious that there is no confusion.

AGM and Plant and Cake Sale

The date for the AGM is Friday 13th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee should notify the Secretary, Roger Ashman, at the latest a week before the meeting. There will be light entertainment, together with the usual superb food and drink!

The Plant and Cake sale is on the following morning, 14th May. Gardeners, can you start growing some for us please, plants that is, not cakes?

Flower and Produce Show 2022

This year's ever popular Flower and Produce show will take place on Saturday 16th July.

The Programme for the Flower and Produce show can be viewed and printed off on the website, this includes the entry form and useful hints on how best to show. Hard copies of this are also available from the Library and the Post Office.

The show is open to all Residents of Burton Bradstock and children attending the School.

If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on 01308 898442

Alan Pankhurst

Social Supper Club

The May social supper will be held on Monday 30th May. in the usual venue Bridport and West Bay Golf Club.

If you are not already signed up and would like to join us, please give Mags a call on 897543.

Mags Chue

The Tour of Britain comes to Burton Bradstock on Saturday 10th September

Dorset's natural beauty – including the Jurassic Coast UNESCO World Heritage Site that runs through the county – will be showcased to the world on the penultimate day of this year's Tour of Britain cycle race. Stage seven will take the



riders from West Bay via Burton Bradstock, to Ferndown. After the coastal run the route passes through Dorchester, West Lulworth and Corfe Castle and then inland towards Wareham, Milton Abbas and Wimborne Minster finally looping round into the heart of Ferndown town centre.

The Burton Bradstock Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

All the groups in the village are contributing to make our Jubilee celebrations the best yet. There will be events for all age groups to enjoy over the 4 day bank holiday. To make the event more festive, the Jubilee Committee is asking villagers to join in and decorate their houses, shops and gardens in red, white and blue.

How To Commemorate This Historic Event?

Please help the Committee by sending ideas for a permanent commemorative item to mark this historic, national event. Ideas so far include a weathervane, appropriately embellished, or a portrait of the Queen. Send ideas to Richard Ferré at: rwferre99@gmail.com

Burton Bradstock in the 1950s

On Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June there will be an Exhibition in the Village Hall focussing on Burton Bradstock and the wider aspects of the 1950s through photographs, film, interviews and artefacts. If anyone has anything in their possession from that time, I would be grateful if you would contact me on 01308 897673.

Susan Moores, BB Jubilee Committee.



**Thursday
2nd June**

Burton Bradstock Jubilee Fayre

in the Rectory Garden 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Traditional fun for all the family!

Stalls ~ Games ~ Grand Draw ~ Cream Teas ~ Burger Bar

Admission: Adults £1 Children under 12 Free

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Beacon on the Coast at 9.15pm

At the top of Cliff Road

**Friday
3rd June**

Life in Burton Bradstock in the 1950s

an Exhibition in the Village Hall 11am-4pm

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 10.00am - 4.00pm

A Celebration with Music at Hive Beach 5.00pm

**Saturday
4th June**

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an Exhibition in the Village Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm

Celebration of the Jubilee

Flowers in St Mary's Church 10.00am - 4.00pm

Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Church 2.30pm - 4.30pm

**Sunday
5th June**

Open Air Church Service for All 10.30am

Village Photograph and Drone Video 11.30am

Peal of Bells 12.15pm

Jubilee Jamboree in the Rectory Garden 12.30pm

Official Opening ~ Toast to the Queen ~ National Anthem

Bring your own Picnic Lunch ~ Children's Entertainment

12.30pm - 2.30pm Villagers Only

Live Music from local bands 2.30pm - 5.30pm All Invited

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th May in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. 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 with further information.

Nominations are now requested for Trustees. Nomination forms are available from the library, or on request to the Secretary by telephoning (01308) 897421. Completed forms should be submitted to the FBBL Secretary, c/o Burton Bradstock Community Library, by Thursday 12th May 2022.

Please come to the meeting if you can. Your views and ideas provide valuable input into what the library offers the community, particularly after what has been a difficult time for us all. Join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles.

Bryan Brown, Secretary to the Trustees



Burton Bradstock WI



Our Annual Meeting in April got off to a good start with a “Call my Bluff” type quiz in which we had to guess the meaning of some very obscure words – and guess was all we could do. Who knew that “engastrimyth” is an ancient word for a ventriloquist! Well we do know now, but whether or not we will remember it is another matter. Our thanks to Richard Ferré, the husband of one of our members, for preparing the questions – they certainly caused lots of discussion and great amusement.

After a break for wine and cheese and lots of chatter, we got down to the serious business of electing a committee and President. This was actually done very quickly as the committee were re-elected en bloc and Pauline Tompkins was voted in as President again for another year.

I'm pleased to report that our Skittles team have been doing very well. Although they lost their first match, they drew the second and won the third, so are obviously going from strength to strength after such a long time of not playing due to Covid. Well done team – keep it up!!

At the end of March many members attended our customary Spring Lunch, which also involved a quiz to recognise and name a variety garden flowers and plants. A good time was had by all and thanks must go to Susan Allan Baker, the daughter of one of our Vice Presidents, who prepared all the delicious food. People are still talking about the chocolate pavlova!

Also in March we took part in the special Village Coffee Morning which was arranged for the benefit of newcomers to the village. We have had several new members join us recently and there is always room for more.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm (2.15 in the Winter) and have a speaker to give a talk, followed by refreshments and a short business meeting.

On 10th May Cheryl Ludgate is giving a talk entitled "Second World War Wedding Dresses". Cheryl was actually due to come in May 2020 to help us celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a period that she is particularly passionate about. Due to Covid it obviously didn't happen so this will be another chance to remember that very special occasion as well as being able to see some actual wedding dresses from that era and hear some stories related to them. Do come and join us.

Janet Pearson
01308 898346

**Tots Time
at
St Mary's, Burton Bradstock,
every Friday from 2-3pm in term
time.**

Tots time is a friendly group for bump to school age. Sing songs, play, dance and listen to a bible story.

Email bvchurchesta@outlook.com for further information.



LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 club

March 2022 Draw

£30.00 No 118 E. Scothern

£15.00 No. 117 D. Andrews

£5.00 No 100 D. Andrews

Drawn on 18.3.2022 at the Pop-up Pub in Long Bredy

Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine

Many thanks to everyone who has bought sunflower seeds to join in our 'Sunflowers for Ukraine' competition. They are all sold now and we have raised a brilliant £85.00 for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee Fund). We shall be in touch during the next few months to see how everyone is getting on and to remind you all to give us your results ready for the prize giving on the 10th September at the village Coffee Break.

Gwen and Sue

St. Peter's Church

The Reverend Edward Tilsley gave an engaging Easter Service to a congregation of over 50 worshippers of all ages on Easter Sunday. Thank you to him and to everyone who helped to decorate the church and provide refreshments.

Parish Council

There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Monday May 30th in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**. Anyone is entitled to attend the meeting and find out what is going on in the parish.

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

This will be held at 'Bridelands' on **Friday, May 6th at 11.00am**. It is a meeting which is open to anyone who wishes to know anything about the church proceedings and plans - whether you are a church-goer or not. This includes services, fund raising, the churchyard etc etc. Please contact Jackie Cain if you want further information.

Coffee Break and Plant Sale

The village Coffee Break will take place as usual on the second Saturday of the month.. **May 14th**..but with a change of venue for this month only.

The Coffee Break and Plant Sale will be at **Manor Farm (on the left of the road going from Long Bredy to Littlebredy)** from 10.30 to 12.00.

Refreshments will be available as usual.

Any plants for the fair can be left with Sue Dyer or Jackie Cain beforehand or brought to the sale.

PLEASE name plants if possible.

Come Along Inn

This will be open again on **Friday May 20th** from 5.30 to 9.00pm. in the village hall.

Jubilee Celebration

Long Bredy is celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a series of events.

A beacon will be lit on **Thursday evening, June 2nd** at Gorwell: look out for this.

The main village events will take place on **Friday June 3rd**.

The Boat Station will be open from **9.45 am** for a display and judging of decorated boats, followed by boat races along the stream. All boats must be water worthy!

After this, all timings are approximate!

1.00pm - a 'Bring Your Own' picnic in the park

1.30 pm - cream teas, cakes and ice creams available to buy

2.00 till 4.00pm - traditional sports races / games in the park

5.30 till 10.00 - 'Come Along Inn' will be open with live music and a BBQ

After a wedding on Friday afternoon, a quarter peal will be rung in St Peter's Church..enjoy listening to this between the end of the sports events and the opening of the pop-up-pub!

Jubilee Opening at St Peter's Church

The church will be beautifully decorated for this occasion, with Royal Family in attendance, and open to visitors from **2.00pm on Saturday 4th June** onwards.

There will be a service on **Sunday June 5th at 11.00 a.m.** with another opportunity to see the decorated church.

Gold for Discovery Centre at South West Awards

West Bay Discovery Centre collected a gold award at the prestigious South West Tourism Excellence Awards 2021/22 Finals in Exeter. The Centre won gold in Ethical, Responsible & Sustainable Business category beating off competition from four other finalists..

Discovery Centre Trustee John West said “we are absolutely delighted with this achievement. To achieve a gold in competition with other top businesses and visitor attractions from the South West's six counties and Bristol and Bath is a great accolade for all the team at the Centre.

“Care for the environment and promoting sustainability has and will always be central to what we do, so this award means a lot to us. We aim to have a low impact on the environment by buying sustainable and locally produced merchandise, recycling our waste, and promoting local beach cleans. We are also a “Bridport Plastic-free business champion.”

He added “Showing that we care for West Bay, the place that we are located and live is very important to us. There were a number of Dorset winners and we are delighted that Highlands End Holiday Park deservedly collected gold in the Holiday Park of the Year category.”

The Discovery Centre run by a local charity is open six days a week Tuesday-Sunday and new volunteers are always welcome to join this award-winning team. For information visit the Centre or contact manager@westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk



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2021/2022 **GOLD**

Ethical, Responsible &
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Award

West Bay
Discovery Centre





Smile Lines



New dog breeds

With all the new crossbreeds appearing, would you fancy one of the following?

Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso: a dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz + Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow: a dog that throws up a lot

Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter: a traditional Christmas pet

Great Pyrenees + Dachshund = Pyradachs: a puzzling breed

Pekingnese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: an abstract dog

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever: the choice of research scientists

Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound: a dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bulldog = Terribull: a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point: owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie + Malamute = Commute: a dog that travels to work

Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere: a dog that's true to the end

Grannies

Grandmas are mums with lots of frosting

What bargains grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million pounds worth of pleasure. - Gene Perret

CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Sudoku Easy Solution

6	3	7	1	8	5	4	9	2
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Sudoku Medium Solution

3	2	7	8	9	1	4	5	6
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1	3	8	4	6	9	2	7	5
6	9	5	1	2	7	3	8	4
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DIARY, MAY 2022

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sun	1st	10.30am	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock
Fri	6th	11.00am	Annual Parochial Church Council	Bridelands Long Bredy
Tues	10th	7pm	Annual Meeting and Village Assembly—Litton Cheney	Latch
Fri	13th	7pm	Village Society AGM	Burton Bradstock Vil- lage Hall
Sat	14th	10.00 am	Plant and cake sale	Burton Bradstock Vil- lage Hall
		10.30am	Coffee Break and Plant Sale	Manor Farm Long Bredy
Tues	17th	1.00pm	Over 60's Lunch Club	Punknowle Village Hall
Wed	18th	10.00— 12noon	Coffee Morning run by Bride Valley Drivers	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thurs	19th	7pm	Latch AGM	Latch
		7.30pm	Friends of Burton Bradstock Library AGM	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	20th	7pm	Spring Concert	St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock
		5.30pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Mon	30th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Long Bredy Village Hall
Tues	31st	7.30	Punknowle, Swye and West Bexington Annual Village Assembly	Punknowle, Swye and West Bexington Village hall



SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MAY 2022

	1 st Sunday 1 st May Easter 3	Wednesday 4 th May	2 nd Sunday 8 th May Easter 4	3 rd Sunday 15 th May Easter 5	4 th Sunday 22 nd May Easter 6	Thursday 26 th May	5 th Sunday 29 th May Easter 7
Burton Bradstock	8am Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.30am Holy Communion , to be followed by a light lunch	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion		
Shipton Gorge			9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 United Service
Swyre	6pm Evening Prayer		11.00 Holy Communion by extension	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion		
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion			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	9.30am Ascension Day Service	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion			9.30 Morning Worship			
Littlebredy			11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion		

A weekly telephone service is recorded by a member of the Ministry team. To listen call: 01308 293062