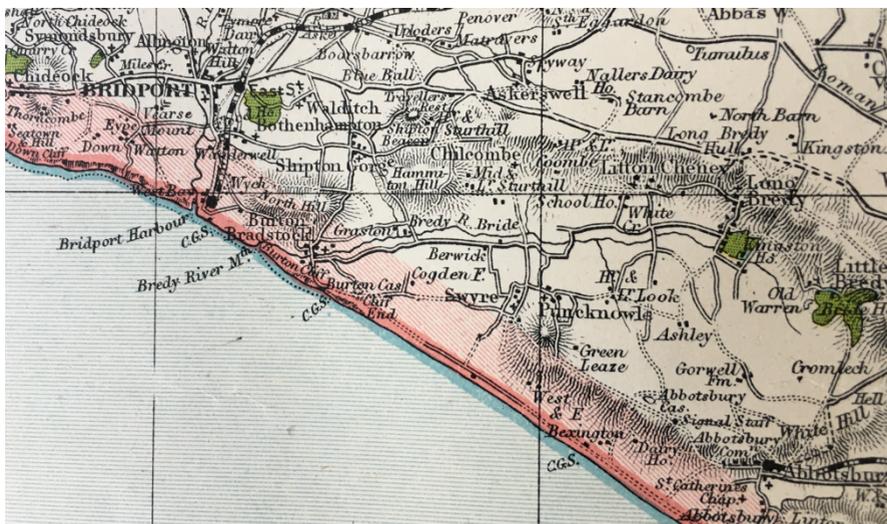


BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



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Note: Contributors are asked to note that space in the BVN is strictly limited and the Editor reserves the right to edit submissions and cannot guarantee that items will be included.

This month's cover picture shows an extract from the Dorset map in Bacon's County Atlas, from the editor's library. Illustrations (line drawings or photos) for use on future covers would be welcome...please email to the editor, address as noted above. Thank you.

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

Rector: The Rev'd Jane Williams (01308) 898799
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Reader: James Webster (01308) 898657

To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone or email the Rector.

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community. What do we do? We respond to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. In times of bereavement, loss, emotional or other trouble. For as long as it takes. We can visit people's homes or call on the phone. We can arrange lifts to services if needed. We are all trained by the Diocese of Salisbury, and we all have experience, professionally or otherwise, of caring for those in need of comfort or practical help. We can access services where appropriate. If you need somebody then you can either contact the Rector or one of us on the numbers below.

Lay Pastoral Assistants contacts

Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169
Pauline Woodford (Burton Bradstock only) 01308 898327
Jenny Malyon 01308 898768
Liz Orza 01308 897451.

Pastoral Assistants & Prayers for The Sick

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams 01308 898799. If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

Church Floodlighting

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: Burton Bradstock: Chrissie Bailey 897603 or Ian Ibbotson 898484, Shipton Gorge: Phyl Webster 898657, Litton Cheney: Freddie Spicer 482617.

From the Registers for May 2023:

Funerals:

14 th April	Ian Allen	Weymouth Crematorium
5 th May	Patrick Sneath	Litton Cheney

Burial of Ashes:

10 th April	Alan Houghton	Burton Bradstock
14 th April	Barbara Stoodley	Shipton Gorge
6 th May	David Suckling	Burton Bradstock
13 th May	Tracey Crisp	Burton Bradstock

Wedding

13 th May	Phillida Strachan and Alastair Mackie	Burton Bradstock
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Benefice Treasurer

The Bride Valley Benefice is seeking a volunteer Treasurer, to work with the administrator and have an overview of the administration of the finances for the Benefice. You would need to have access to a computer, some knowledge of Excel, be able to be in touch via email, and an interest in looking at and understanding figures. The Benefice Treasurer reports to the Benefice Council and produces a report of the finances for the meetings (bi-monthly) and an overall report for the year. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or discussing the details, please contact Rev'd Jane Williams, bvrector@outlook.com or the Administrator Helen Fry, bvchurchesta@outlook.com.

Safeguarding

We are very fortunate living in the Bride Valley, an area low in crime both physical and mental. However, it still exists and we must all be on the lookout and always be prepared for it; complacency can be the biggest danger. Safeguarding is for all of us, we tend to always be concerned about our children and forget about the vulnerable adults among us.

By definition:

Vulnerable adult – An adult (aged 18+) is classed as vulnerable when they are receiving one of the following services: health care, relevant personal care, social care work, assistance in relation to general household matters by reason of age, illness or disability, relevant assistance in the conduct of their own affairs, or conveying (due to age, illness or disability).

Child or young person - A person under the age of 18 years old.

Safeguarding is always important in our Churches, and is the key to keeping our churches open and safe places for everyone. We promote fully, making our churches safer places, using the House of Bishops guidance and policies. The Bride Valley Benefice has a strict recruitment policy that we follow, and everyone within our churches receives safeguarding training that is relevant to their role and have regular DBS checks.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you.

Les Keatley

Benefice Safeguarding Officer,

Phone: 07833545450 Email: Les@Keatley.me.uk

If you have any concerns for any member of our churches or community, I am happy to listen.

Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock

Could you spare a few hours each month to act as the BVN Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock? Village Correspondents fulfill key voluntary roles in the production of the BVN. For more information if you think you could undertake this role for the village then please contact the BVN editor at bvnburton@gmail.com. Many thanks.

FROM THE RECTORY

Summer is here and then it's not. We think it has arrived and then it gets cold again!

June gives us high hopes of summer, cold drinks and warm evenings. Then there's the first Test match and Wimbledon, people sitting out in cafés and children playing happily in our parks. It is also a month when older children finish their exams.

And, of course we also have the longest day, reminding me of the roundabout we're on in life and part of a poem based on Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 which I'd like to share:

'This world is like a roundabout. It spins around each day and yearly round the sun – but not for fun. There is a purpose in its revolutions. They bathe the earth in light and warmth, which make their vital contributions to the growth of living things. It is not love or money make the world go round. It is the world's rotations which make love and life and work and wealth come into being by the means of countless transmutations. Repetition is not, as Ecclesiastes thought, a recipe for boredom and despair. It is the catalyst of change. It fills the air with promises of something new, as every generation builds on that which went before ... Don't despair, while you've the chance to join in God's creative dance; but give instead a joyful shout because you're here to take a ride on life's fantastic roundabout.'
(From Pete Dainty in *The Electric Bible*)

I love this poem which reminds me that nothing stays the same forever.

Wherever life's roundabout is taking you at this time, whatever you may be going through, I urge you to commit yourself to the love of God, who knows you inside and out. Turn towards God whenever you need some reassurance, comfort, hope, some guidance and advice. God is there to answer our prayer, whenever and whatever we need.

With every blessing,

Jane, Rector of the Bride Valley Churches

Bring and Share Lunches

The next Bride Valley Bring and Share lunches will be on Sunday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd September in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The hall will be open from 10.00am to drop off dishes or you can bring them with you to the lunch. We aim to sit down to eat at 12.30pm.

For those new to the Bride Valley, the lunch is an open event, free of charge and we ask you to bring something sweet or savoury or both! to share. It's a very relaxed and informal event and an excellent opportunity to get to know people better.

Help in setting up, arranging food, washing up and clearing away is most welcome. Please contact me by email if you can help or would like more information.

Carol Brown

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends. Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £2.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator on 07393 607025 (note new number) between Monday and Friday. Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

Bride Valley Gardening Club



You may be quick to notice a new name at the bottom of this entry as Cilla has, after 10 years, put down her 'pen' though surely not her gardening boots! She has guided and prompted the most disorganised amongst us to plant on time and advised when to take seasonal precautions – in fact encouraged the palest of green fingers to make the most of their gardens and crops. A big thank you Cilla.

This monthly entry will take a different look at gardening. With so many books and periodicals around, not to mention the internet, it shouldn't be too hard now to pull up that monthly 'things to do' list. Better still, ask one of the many knowledgeable gardeners that are much in evidence round here. You've only to look over a fence, glance at allotments or share a meal with a friend to discover just how much good growing is going on close by. Gardeners are usually a friendly bunch, keen to share their knowledge and maybe a plant or two if you're lucky.

By the time this edition plops through your letter box many favourite summer flowers will be in full bloom. Even as I write in May the bold buds of the glorious blue *Scilla peruviana* are expanding rapidly along with a whole range of alliums, ready to put on their fireworks. Instead of a monthly growing guide I will hope to introduce local clubs and events, share favourite nurseries and profile new and interesting plants. If you know of a new garden to visit, or an upcoming event that would be of interest please do share it through this page.

Dates for your diary

The BVGC will next meet at Litton Cheney Village Hall (LATCH) on Monday June 19th at 7.30pm, when there will be a talk on 'Houseplants'. Visitors are always welcome, entrance £2 – annual membership £8 – and plants will be for sale. At each meeting donations of labelled, well grown plants will be gratefully received to raise funds for the club.

It is also not too soon to be thinking of what you might grow for the Flower and Produce Show on August 19th.

Dipping into the Dorset NGS 'Yellow Book' I see these nearby and very special gardens will be open in June – do check for entry times:

Littlebredy Walled Garden 20th & 27th

Horn Park, Beaminster, 7th

Mappercombe Manor, 9th & 11th

and for the first time in many years Chilcombe House on the 16th.

Happy gardening.

Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)

Our Night Sky in June 2023

Venus will be setting in the North West about midnight in the middle of the month, while Saturn will be rising in the East about 0200, followed by Jupiter about 0300.



Shining like a brilliant beacon amidst a sea of galaxies, Arp 220 lights up the night sky in the latest view from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Actually two spiral galaxies in the process of merging, Arp 220 glows brightest in infrared light, making it an ideal target for Webb. It is an ultra-luminous infrared galaxy (ULIRG) with a luminosity of more than a trillion suns. In comparison, our Milky Way galaxy has a much more modest luminosity of about ten billion suns.

Located 250 million light-years away, it is the nearest ULIRG and the brightest of the three galactic mergers closest to Earth. The collision of the two spiral galaxies began about 700 million years ago. It sparked an enormous burst of star formation. About 200 huge star clusters reside in a packed, dusty region about 5,000 light-years across (about 5 percent of the Milky Way's diameter).

On the outskirts of this merger, Webb reveals faint tidal tails, or material drawn off the galaxies by gravity. Organic material represented in reddish-orange appears in streams and filaments across Arp 220. The existence of organic material elsewhere in the Universe is always exciting, since life as we know it, requires organic material to form, as well as water.

The James Webb telescope has been extraordinarily successful since its launch, and I do urge you to view some of the outstanding images it has sent back, delving further back into the history of the Universe than any other telescope before it. We are so fortunate to live in such exciting astronomical and cosmological times.

Bill Turnill

The Bride Valley Book Group Review - “Villette” by Charlotte Brontë

It is not often we read classic novels and we found a great deal to say about this last work by Charlotte - published just two years before her death. We reminded ourselves of the litany of loss and grief which had overtaken her family. Several of us had visited Haworth Parsonage and found the Brontë family house very atmospheric.

Villette is probably her most autobiographical novel reflecting her family tragedy and at least two unrequited attachments before a late marriage to her father's curate. Villette is a long and complex novel and most of us intuited different aspects of the story as we read. Two of us (gold stars to Ro and Biddy) actually finished it before our meeting! The character of Lucy Snowe is fascinating - in many ways a woman ahead of her time - unmarried and working as a teacher in a Belgian girls' school. However, Lucy is not what she seems and almost certainly not as she implies via the first-person narrative. We never get to understand what tragedy has befallen her family - this is one of several key pieces of information she chooses to omit. Villette is not an easy read, the prose is floridly dense and the novel's pace is slow - relying on Lucy's interior monologue to inform the reader. This intriguing novel poses so many questions - it is no surprise that it has divided critics and been the source of controversial literary debate amongst feminists.

Our discussion was much more wide-ranging than the above suggests but hopefully this gives you a flavour. So what was Villette about....mismatched marriages, female archetypes, female outsiders, the depths of female imagination

Liz Pinfield

Dorset Artsreach:
Advance notice for early booking

Artsreach



Portesham Village Hall, Saturday
15th July

Leading Balkan band Paprika features Zivorad Nikolic (*She’Koyokh*) on accordion, Vladimir Strkalj on guitar, Marko Tesic on violin and Rastko Rasic on percussion. Together the group fuses Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical music in an electrifying performance of frenzied virtuosity where fiery melodies and foot-tapping rhythms are interspersed with lilting laments. Following the release of their album, *Wild, Wild East*, Paprika have performed all over the world, from New Zealand to Japan, including Womad and Glastonbury festivals and prestigious venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

“A *must see.*” Cerys Matthews www.paprikamusic.com

Call the box office on (01305 871117) to order tickets,
adults £10, under 18s £5



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

Burton Bradstock has now been recognised by UNICEF as a Silver: Rights Aware school!

On Thursday 27th April, Jilly Hillier from UNICEF visited our school and talked with children, staff, governors and members of our wider community. During the visit, she questioned the children on their rights and what it was like to be a pupil at Burton. She was very impressed with the commitment of the school and could see how the RRSA links to our values and ethos. You can read her whole report on our website:

<https://www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk/rights-respecting-schools-award/>



UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights, and we are part of a community of over 4,500 schools in the UK working on the Rights Respecting Schools Award. Right Respecting Schools across the country have reported that the Award has many positive impacts including improved relationships, wellbeing and self-esteem, leading to better attendance and improved learning.

You can find out more about UNICEF, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Rights Respecting Schools Award from the RRSA website: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

Coronation Celebrations!

We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon tea to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla as shown in the photos.





Adam Gough, Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

W.C. Fields coined the phrase 'never work with children or animals' but we are setting out to prove him wrong this month!

To date, we have so far had a veritable smorgasbord (not literally) of animal-based trips and visits.

Our Fledglings group visited Abbotsbury Swannery and saw the cygnets, fed the swans as well as making use of the amazing new outdoor classroom that has recently been opened. This world class facility made a wonderful trip brilliantly educational and inspiring for all the children. This was followed up by our Reception class taking a trip to the Axe Valley Wildlife Park where they came face to face with camels, meerkats, zebras and flamingos. As if this wasn't enough, we also had a visit from Creature Teacher who brought in snakes, barn owls, millipedes and spiders of every size for the children to hold and look at/shy away from!

On our school field we have had (planned) visits from some local sheep - many thanks to Richard Cuzens for that and also to Claire Moore for bringing in her horse and speaking to the children in the playground about the joy of keeping such wonderful animals.

Our Coronation lunch went brilliantly - many thanks to Local Food Links and to our wonderful Cook Clare Turnbull and the lunchtime team of Jeanette Wills and Abbie Derbyshire for making the Friday lunch so special with bunting, place settings and music to accompany the quiche and fish and chips!

We are due to have some playground resurfacing work carried in the next month and we do apologise in advance for any noise/inconvenience this may cause on the day of the water blasting to clean our existing surfaces. I will inform local residents when we have a confirmed date but apologies again for the noise on the day when they do start work. Once complete, the children should have a wonderful new set of playground lines/games to play on as well as some lovely teaching resources to help us get the children outside more (even in lessons such as English and maths) when learning.

We hope to have our school pool open again soon - just hoping the recent weather isn't set in for the summer and we get some lovely days of sunshine in the coming weeks. We also intend to start practising our maypole dances ready for the upcoming fete as soon as it feels more like summer!

Mike Sitch
Headmaster

LITTLEBREDY

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St. Michael and All Angels

Anyone walking through the Churchyard recently may have noticed that the appearance of the base of the War Memorial has been transformed by a professional makeover, carried out by the local stonemason firm (and advertiser in the magazine) of Grassby and Sons. The memorial commemorates the seven men of (or connected with) the village who did not return from the First World War, but over the years their names and other parts of the inscriptions had become worn and nearly illegible – that is the case no longer, and the restored base should last for many years.

All the seven dead were in the Army, in four different regiments, including 3 in the Dorsets and 2 in the New Zealand forces, with ranks ranging from Lieutenant Colonel to Private, and they were killed in France (4), at Gallipoli (2) and elsewhere in the Middle East (1). When the Memorial was designed, someone who obviously knew their Bible appended a text from Ezekiel: “I will seek out my sheep and deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered.”

A local familial descendant of one of the fallen has generously sponsored the improvement, so we extend all thanks to him and everyone else concerned in organising it.

The open season of the Walled Garden is upon us, and the efforts and skills of Liz Eaton and her team of volunteers can be admired on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons through the summer – well worth doing.

SUNDAY CRICKET, ANYONE?

Bride Vale Cricket Club plays (very) friendly games on sunny Sunday afternoons at one of the loveliest cricket grounds in the entire country, in Littlebredy. The standard is wonderfully inconsistent, but the games are always enjoyable, ably bolstered by traditional cricket teas and post-mortems in the pub. If you think you might like to join us in any capacity for the 2023 season – no experience required – then please contact the captain, Justin Gurd in the first instance on **07791 550886**.

<p>LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN FIRRELL jfirrell20@gmail.com Tel: 01308 482313 Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk</p>	
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St Mary's Church

From St. Mary's Church

There will be a special meeting at LATCH on Monday 12th at 7pm when Archdeacon Penny Sayer will be coming to discuss the forthcoming vacancy in the Benefice. If you are interested to hear what she has to say about the future of our Benefice, do come along.

The Village Fete is returning this year as a joint venture with Thorner's School. It will be on **Saturday 15th July at LATCH 1 pm – 4 pm**. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the School and St. Mary's. There will be all the traditional stalls, games, teas etc. and a Grand Prize Draw, with tickets on sale very shortly. More details to follow, but put the date in your diary now!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th July at 7.30pm at LATCH. Local residents are welcome to attend, indeed actively encouraged. Further, with local elections looming in May 2024, we are looking for candidates to serve as parish councillors. Do please come along and participate – your village, your concerns, your voice.

Annual Parish Assembly held on May 12th at LATCH

Chris Loder MP was the guest speaker at this well-attended event. In addition to giving an account of his work as member of parliament for West Dorset, he also answered a number of questions regarding local and national issues. Parish Council Chairman Bill Orchard offered up a review of the year, and each councillor informed the meeting of matters related to their portfolios.

Coronation Weekend – Community at its Best

Local residents, having spent much of Saturday 6th May watching the Coronation of Charles III, came together in considerable number on Sunday 7th May for the Big Lunch at LATCH. The sun shone and picnics abounded, with Bride Valley Vineyard supplying much of the fizz. A fascinating exhibition of Coronation memorabilia created by Emily Cave was on view. During the course of the afternoon, the Litton Cheney Coronation Community Choir sang for England and the King under the direction of choir master, Paul Cheater, and a quintet of storytellers regaled the gathering with tales of their Kingly memories. These “tales” can be found on the village website – littoncheney.org.uk

Sadly, what was to be the Big Help Out on Monday 8th May at the village playing field and playground turned out to be the Big Wash Out. Another day will be identified a little later given the enthusiasm expressed by many to “help out”.

A special mention needs to be made in recognition of the work carried out by Beverly and Pete Dennis and other unsung heroes who brought several village landmarks to life with flags and bunting, and then eventually, when it was all over, took it down. Thank you all!

The Queen's Bench

It took a while but think you will agree that what stands alongside the Jubilee Hut (bus shelter) represents a wonderful commemoration to our late Queen Elizabeth II, highlighting the artisan talents of Russell Randall, son Chris, local stone mason Steve Elliott, and designer, Philip Dyke. At the time of writing there is still a village map to be added, once again using the talents of Philip, plus village historian-in-residence, Paul Kingston, and graphic designer Andy King. We look forward to the installation standing proud for many generations to come. Our grateful thanks to all involved – you have indeed done us proud!

Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall, June

Weekly:

Tuesdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Big Q Church (term time only)

6.15pm - Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783)

(NOT 13th)

Wednesdays: 4.45pm - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

7.00pm - Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins

(07882 527697)

Thursdays: 9.30am - 11.00am - First Steps Play Group (term time only)

Special:

Friday 10am 12 Noon - Art Group in Meeting Room (9th and 23rd)

Monday 12th 7.00pm - Benefice Vacancy Meeting

Thursday 15th 4 pm LATCH AGM - Meeting Room

Monday 19th 7.00pm - Gardening Club meeting

Village Cafés: A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

Hall Bookings/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532

wtlitton@gmail.com

The White Horse

Well, after what seemed a bit like a month of successful bank holidays, we arrive at June. For us June signifies the start of the summer, and we shall be open from 4.30 every Monday. Sourdough Ted moves from a Tuesday to a Monday which means our kitchens will be open for normal pub menu on Tuesdays. It also means we see the re-start of our Sunday afternoon garden parties where we have live music every Sunday at 4pm. Kicking off on the 4th June with Lewis and the Sound of the Suburbs, a great entertainer! We have an almost complete schedule of very talented and diverse acts taking us through to the end of September.

Check us out on Facebook for our complete schedule and keep an eye on our blackboards. Have a great month everyone!

Jurassic Fibre

The villages of Litton Cheney, Long Bredy and Kingston Russell were given a presentation by Jurassic Fibre on 11th May at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Those who attended were told that whilst full fibre installation in the villages was not imminent, it should be forthcoming within a year to eighteen months. It is believed that most attendees left with a positive impression of the technology soon to be with us. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Litton Cheney village website – littoncheney.org.uk

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

The BVN has to be produced to a very strict printer's deadline, and also within a limited number of pages. Please try to meet the monthly deadlines, which are set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor!

Thank you.



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE
& WEST BEXINGTON**
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St Mary's Church Puncknowle

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.



First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

No service on the second Sunday

Third Sunday All Age Communion 11.00am

Fourth Sunday Breakfast Church 9.30am in the Hall

Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

Puncknowle Church Flower Festival for the Coronation of King Charles III

The church was filled with flowers donated by so many people. It looked spectacular. Many visitors came into the church during the week to admire the display. A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who has given to celebrate the Coronation.

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Part-Time position – 30 hours per month

Applications are invited for the part time post of Clerk to Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council. The role requires excellent interpersonal and communication skills along with good organisational and numeracy ability.

Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel are needed; a qualification in Finance would be beneficial. The work is primarily home based. A laptop and printer are provided. Training can be arranged, including New Clerk Training. To find out more, please contact puncknowle@dorset.gov.uk
The closing date for applications is 30 June 2023

Parish council vacancy

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council needs two new members for its team that represent the areas of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington. As a councillor representing your community you would help to keep it a great place in which to live and work. You would be expected to undertake some training and should be comfortable working electronically. Generally, councillors are elected by the public every four years. The next election is due in May 2024, and we currently have two spaces for co-option in the interim period. If you think you would like to know more, and are over 18, please call the Clerk on 01308 897987 or email puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is 30 June 2023



**PUNCKNOWLE
FÊTE**

In aid of St. Mary's Church
Held in Puncknowle Manor Gardens
By kind permission of Sarah and Jim Wild

SATURDAY 8TH JULY
2:00-4:00 pm

Grand Drawer Cakes Produce Teas
Bottle Tombola Chocolate Tombola
Hot Dogs Ice Creams

Please kindly give any donations for

Bottle Tombola to Ross Jones at Greystones 898553
Cakes to Jacky Hunt Church St 07785512546
Choc Tombola to Angarad Thomas Church St
07887407744

If you would like to help at the fete
Please contact Geoff Truscott on 07800893090

FREE PARKING
ENTRY £1 UNDER 12's FREE

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

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

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

LUNCHES COST £6.00

16 May 2023

**Pork tenderloin, Vegetables, New potatoes,
Chocolate Roulade**

20th June 2023

Sausages, Mash, veg, gravy, Lemon Meringue Pie

Future dates:
18/July/23
AUGUST NO MEETING
19/September/23

We continue to follow current COVID rules

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Coronation Events

Once again Long Bredy showed how well we can celebrate special occasions. With the 'Come Along Inn', 'Pimms and Planes', a 'Royal Regatta' and the Concert showing live in the village hall, all to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Many thanks to all who made these events happen and to those who came and enjoyed them.

Long Bredy's 'Royal Regatta' was a resounding success, serving as one of the highlights of the Coronation celebrations. The event boasted a magnificent display of meticulously crafted vessels, ranging from sleek catamarans to majestic ships and even submarines. Each participating sailor infused their own unique blend of creativity and dedication.

At the finish line, the atmosphere was alive with the melodious strains of sea shanties, complemented by a delightful array of refreshments. Participants savoured the opportunity to refuel and bask in the afterglow of a truly enchanting day under blue skies.

Our appreciation extends to all who entered. We reserve a special expression of gratitude to the judges and to the lovely volunteers who tirelessly manned the tea, coffee and snack stand, ensuring everyone's satisfaction.

Long Bredy 100 Club March 2023 Draw

£30.00	No.110	B. Cornish
£15.00	No.149	H. Green
£5.00	No.153	R. Cook

Drawn on 27/04/2023 at the Annual Village Meeting by Charlotte, Tess and Giles

Coffee Break and Plant Sale

A huge 'Thank you' to the very many people who grew plants and baked for this, helped to set everything up and supported the event on the day, especially visitors from other villages and passing cyclists!

We enjoyed the sun, relaxed atmosphere and chatting about plants.

Plants will continue to be on sale during the summer at Corner Cottage so at the moment there is no total amount for the event.



The next Coffee Break will be on Saturday June 10th from 10.30 until 12.00 noon. A range of refreshments will be on offer; if you are on holiday in the area, do come and visit us. You will be made very welcome.

Come Along Inn

Our village pub will be open again on Friday June 16th. Enjoy a drink with friends from the village or further afield between 5.30 and 9.00pm.

SHIPTON GORGE

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Shipton Gorge. Tel: 01308 897278.
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St Martin's Church

The Floodlights Sponsors for June are:

Ed and Linda Buck

Doreen for all those with an anniversary this month

John and Sue Porter for Allie's birthday

Henrietta who enjoys seeing the church lit up

**Janet Lane in memory of her twin sister Penny
for their 80th birthday on 6th June**

Harry and Lily Myers in loving memory of their daughter Beverley

Our sincere thanks go to our very generous sponsors and for those who wish to remain anonymous. Your support is very much appreciated. There are still lots of spaces for the months ahead if anyone would like to light up the Church for a special occasion or maybe just for yourself.

Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box (suggested donation of £5 per entry). Please check the cut-off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.

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

Bride Valley Ladies Singing Group Informal Concert and Sing-a-long, Tuesday, 27th June, at 2pm

You are cordially invited to join us in the Village Hall on the above date, when we will be singing some of our favourite songs, including some songs from the shows, such as The Sound of Music, Oklahoma and Carousel. Entry is free but a donation to St Martin's Church would be very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable hour or so!

Janet Lane

Village Hall

May 2023 100 Club Draw results

1 st £25	No 25 Jo Clatworthy
2 nd £10	No 11 Tim Webb
3 rd £5	No 127 Nick Parker

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

VILLAGE SOCIETY

Coronation Event

Wow!! Weren't we so lucky, sandwiched between 2 days of heavy rain and mist. Our Coronation event on Sunday was a great success. Villagers turned up in numbers, armed with plates of food literally fit for a King. The Coronation cake, provided by Sally Munns, was stunning and would not have looked out of place at the Palace. It was cut by one of our long-standing residents, Rita O'Brien.

We enjoyed live music which was some of the best we have had at a village event, thanks to Chris, Lynn and Kitty. What wonderful voices. I would like to express my thanks to Sally Parker and Lesley Garner. They put in so much effort so that everyone could enjoy themselves. Future events like this will be considered but I would ask for more village help as you may not be aware of what goes into putting on of this type of event.

Graham Garner - Acting Chairman, Village Society

Hanging Baskets

If you are one of the villagers who will be preparing a hanging basket to go up at the New Inn, could you please bring them along to the pub on Saturday 10th June at 11am.

As you know the best hanging display basket will receive a New Inn Sunday lunch voucher for two. Good Luck!

Parish Council

Our Clerk of many years has recently moved to Bridport and now feels she is of an age to retire. We need a new Clerk. This is a great opportunity for someone wishing to take up this interesting and rewarding role. The Clerk is a paid position and involves working about 25 hours per month including attending the Parish Council Meetings. Rate of pay is in the region of £13 per hour. New pay rates have yet to be announced. If you wish to know more about this opportunity to support our village community please contact:

Hilary Cunningham (email: rjandhj89@gmail.com).

Advanced notice. The swings in the playing field are being replaced. Hopefully the new swings should be installed before the summer break. They have been purchased by the Parish Council with a grant of £10,000.

Hilary Cunningham, Councillor

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Heritage Gin Club – The winners of the May draw were Geoff & Jean Wyrill – a selection of Dorset (and Devon) goodies has been delivered and we hope you enjoy them!



Saunders Richardson Wood

May was a busy time in the Wood with several Open Wood days, with volunteers helping to improve access to the new trees by clearing the nettles, then putting mulch mats down and building up the brash halo protection round them. The nettles will not be going to waste as we are going to be brewing some nettle tea fertilizer for later in the year. There will be an Open Wood on Friday 9 June 10.30am-1pm. Look out for signs round the village as we might arrange some additional dates. Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard

Some keen volunteers have helped to plant up a selection of insect friendly plants in the top border – the warm and wet conditions at the moment are ideal. The newly laid hedge is already looking good, with the spring growth starting to fill in some of the gaps. We are going to repeat the meandering path through the Orchard again this year, rather than mowing the whole thing. The longer grass and the wildflowers which can get established will be appreciated by both villagers and the local wildlife!

Bumble Bee Bonanza

The event held jointly with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust in mid-April was a great success. We were very lucky with the weather and the activities planned for outside went ahead – including Bee safaris and making Bee bombs and Insect houses. The Trust were very impressed by the turnout and the interest shown by everyone. We are looking into holding a similar event next year!

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>



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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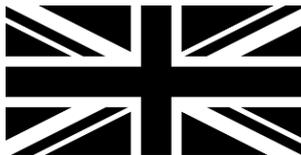


St Mary's Church

Tots' Time

What joy when we were able to have Tots' Time outside again! We seem to have been indoors for ever! On May 12th, the men who cut the grass were so considerate, cutting a nice big square for us, so we could set up outside, before mowing the rest of the lawns. Thank you.

Square shortbread biscuits were covered in white icing, then beautifully decorated using red and blue icing-writing pens to make a brilliant display of Union Jacks. This was to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. The sticky fingers and faces added to the enjoyment. Some 'flags' probably even made it home to show Daddy.



The strong, but infrequent gusts of wind played havoc with the 'stained-glass windows' we were making for Pentecost, but all items were retrieved, and the finished product should be hanging up for all to see by the time you read this.

We have six regular little ones at Tots' Time, but if all came at once we would have ten or eleven, so you can see we have room for more to join us. Each week we have healthy snacks, varied activities, nursery rhymes, dancing, singing and a child-friendly Bible story. It is not heavily structured, and there is plenty of time for adults to relax and chat over a cuppa and children can crawl around on the carpet and play with a wide range of toys.

If you know anyone with a bump, a baby or a pre-schooler, why not give us a try.

More details from Audrey (01308 897227), Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Heather Rogers

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308 897648.

Coffee Mornings

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends, will be held on the dates below.

They run from 10:00am to 12:00noon and all are welcome.

Wed 14th June

Organised by the Village Society

Wed 12th July

Organised by the W.I.

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films take a break from May to August and resume showings in September. Look for details in the BVN nearer the time.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

May 2023 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£34.20	No 120:	Helen Franks
2nd	£17.10	No 91:	Mr John Worsley
3rd	£8.55	No 117:	Miss Euren Wynne Hughes

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £7 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. *WDDC Licence no: SL0080*

Burton Bradstock Village Society

May marked the beginning of the Society's 50th anniversary year, and presented an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of all the Committee members and volunteers who have helped to further our aim to "to protect and further the interests of the residents and the amenities of the Parish of Burton Bradstock", as well as all the villagers who have benefitted from the Society's activities.

Those who were able to attend the **AGM** on May 5th will already know that Jenny Malyon has stood down as Chair of the Village Society and Richard Ferre has taken over the post.

We would like to give special thanks to Jenny who has served the Society as a Committee Member since 2014, initially as Programme Secretary and subsequently our Chair from 2017.

Alan Pankhurst, who has acted as our Publicity Committee Member for the past two years, also stood down and we are delighted to welcome Alison Leahy to that role. The rest of the Committee members and volunteers will continue to mastermind fantastic events and talks in our 50th anniversary year.

The **Plant and Cake Sale** (pictured on the right) was held on Saturday May 13th, and raised a grand total of £877, up from £828 last year. An amazing result, a reflection of all the efforts of our growers, cooks and volunteers, and many thanks are offered to all who helped.

We are now looking forward to one of the year's highlights, the Society's **Flower and Produce Show** on 15th July. Entries are open to everyone in the village and all pupils attending Burton Bradstock Village School.



With 67 competition classes, there is something for everyone and opportunities for all ages to get involved. For example, if you believe your jam, flapjacks, tomatoes, crochet, photography or roses are award-winning, or you would just like to take part, please see the full schedule, as well as entries forms and guidance, on the village website (<https://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/villagesociety>) and in the Post Office and Library.

Almost one-third of the village are already members of the Society. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact our Secretary Roger Ashman on 01308 898442 or roger.ashman30@gmail.com.

It is also **membership renewal** time and we are currently collecting annual subs which are a modest £5 per member. Roger can advise you about how to renew. Your membership gives you subsidised admission to a fascinating series of talks through 2023-24 and other community events. New member programmes will be delivered through the Summer.

Alison Leahy (07958 069059)



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Burton Bradstock Players will be held on Thursday 8th June at 7pm in the Village Hall Burton Bradstock. Anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the activities of the Players, including plans for a future Pantomime in February 2024, is very welcome to attend.

Burton Bradstock WI

We began our May meeting by celebrating the Coronation of King Charles and singing the National Anthem, followed by a toast of Prosecco in his honour.



Our speakers for that evening were Alan and Harry, volunteers from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. We sometimes see the yellow helicopter – called Pegasus – flying over our village but little did we realise just how many people are involved in this incredible and invaluable organisation. We were also astonished to find out that the helicopter uses 380 litres of fuel per hour and costs £3,000 per mission! I think we all felt very grateful for the way the service is organised as well as being reassured that it is there for everyone in their greatest hour of need. Our thanks go to all the people involved in this amazing charity.

It was nice to welcome four new members to this meeting, some of whom came along to the Indoor Kurling session which they seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Ten members played altogether, the highest number yet so we had to take it in turns to play as there are only eight stones. It was good fun with plenty of laughter and banter as we encouraged each other and also used some interesting tactics!

The Busy Bees group plus other members have been working hard to make items for our stall at the Village Fayre and the Mah Jong group have enjoyed regular meetings too.

The skittles team have played a couple of friendly matches in order to keep up with improving their skills and will be entering the next round of League matches soon.

In June the Lunch Club are looking forward to a meal at The Greyhound Inn in Beaminster, which comes highly recommended.

The speaker for our meeting on the 13th June will be Gordon Lewis who will give a talk entitled “Time’s up for Tyneham”. Tyneham is an abandoned village along the coast which was taken over by the War Office during the

Second World War, so it should be interesting to find out exactly what happened.

New members always welcome.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346

Social Supper Club

The supper club will meet on 26th June. Any enquiries please ring Mags Chue on (01308) 897543

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Library Opening hours

Monday & Saturday afternoon	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday morning and afternoon	10.30am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Closure

The library will be CLOSED; for the May Bank Holiday on Monday 29th May 2023. In addition, the Library will be closed for planned decoration and refurbishment on Monday afternoon 12th June and will re-open on Wednesday afternoon 14th June 2023.

Contact the library:

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk
www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Digital Champion

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? FREE one to one sessions with Louis are available to book at the Library. If you would like an appointment, please leave your name and contact details at the library or email info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk. Tell us what device you need help with, an idea of the problem and Louis will be in touch.

At the AGM planned for 23rd May, a number of people who have been involved for a long time will not be standing for re-election. All their hard work is greatly appreciated.

David Edwards who has been our membership secretary for many years has decided to retire. He, helped by Susan, reliably kept us all in order and will be missed. Bryan Brown, Secretary to the Friends, will be a hard act to follow. With his usual reliability, you knew the job, whatever it was, would be completed with the same professionalism.

This is my last entry in the BVN, after 9 years, as Chair of Burton Bradstock Community Library, a bit sad and scary too, it has been a long time since that first Friends AGM. It has been an enjoyable, sometimes challenging, but rewarding experience, and I am sure that the new management team will continue to develop our community library to keep pace with the interest of the village and the changing times. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their overwhelming support during this time, when many thought our library would not survive or indeed prosper, all of the trustees past and present, all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, past and present, and of course the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library, without whom, we wouldn't still exist.

Rosemary Daniels

Ian Allan

Just to say Thank You to all of you who sent cards and came to say goodbye to my Ian, I am so very grateful.

Also, a big 'Thank You' to The Manor for the lovely spread they gave us.

Joan Allan

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The Parish Council had a super Coronation weekend - Saturday's Coronation, which was such an historic occasion, was watched with family. On Sunday representatives attended the wonderful picnic event hosted by Reverend Jane in the Rectory Gardens - such a well-attended and enjoyable afternoon.



Whilst it rained on Monday, the Parish Council, assisted by a great crowd of villagers, still held the unveiling of our lovely coronation bench dedicated to King Charles. A toast was raised to the King and the Parish Council also received a 'three cheers' for providing this new community asset.



We are finally a full council having two new councillors, Nick Lockwood and Lesley Waite, co-opted in our May meeting. As a brand-new band of eleven councillors, we are now undergoing training with the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. More than anything else though, we really wish to keep ourselves completely engaged with our community as we strive to meet our obligations to you all.

We will have attended the Village Fayre on 29th May and hope that many of you will have joined us for the first Annual Parish Meeting for some time, on 31st May. Please keep in touch and we hope to see many of you at our July Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5th of July.

Lisanne Mealing

The BVN Wordsearch

Find 19 words associated with 'summer'. Words may go in any direction (including diagonal).

Answers will be in the July edition

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From the 'Editor's Extras' section



Dolphins

Many people on Hive Beach on 22nd April were privileged to watch about eight dolphins playing a few yards out to sea. Sadly, I did not see them then but noticed some later in the morning about half a mile off shore.

The present editor would be very interested to receive information on marine sightings on the coast in 2023...of dolphins or anything else of interest. Better still, if you have pictures then please send them to the editor at bvnburton@gmail.com and we will try to use them in the magazine.

Many thanks.

June 2023	1st Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday	2nd Sunday 11th June Trinity 1	3rd Sunday 18th June Trinity 2	4th Sunday 25th June Trinity 3
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30 Café Church	11.00 Holy Communion
Chilcombe				6pm Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	6pm Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Joint Breakfast Church held at Puncknowle Hall
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship
Wednesday 7th June Holy Communion at St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock followed by Light Lunch at 11.30 am				