

# Bride Valley News

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches

## APRIL 2022

JOIN US IN THE BRIDE VALLEY  
CHURCHES ON

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL  
AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER



Long Bredy	9.30am
Litton Cheney	9.30am
Shipton Gorge	11am
Burton Bradstock	11am
Littlebredy	11am
Puncknowle	5pm
Swyre	6.30pm

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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

Holy Trinity: Swyre

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## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

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

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

We are fast approaching Easter which falls in the middle of April this year. Easter is a season all about hope and I really wanted to find some hopeful words to share with you this month. The trouble is that I am writing this in the middle of March, just over two weeks since the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces, and I am not feeling very hopeful.



We have watched with disbelief and horror as the Russian invasion of Ukraine has unfolded. We have seen through the extensive news coverage the brutal destruction of Ukraine's homes, hospitals, schools and towns and the human suffering wrought on innocent civilians, many of them women and children. We see bewilderment and fear on the faces of the displaced and our hearts are broken for what is lost and threatened.

We are uncertain how best we can help as refugees in their millions pour out of Ukraine into neighbouring countries and thousands of others prepare to flee taking only what they can carry to safety. Others remain trapped praying that invading Russian forces will open humanitarian corridors to provide a safe way out.

The plight of the Ukrainian people is part of the ongoing story of humanity's inhumanity as people of power and tyranny battle to keep the upper hand. Every time this situation happens in our world we cry out with horror and vow that it must never happen again and yet, even with the refugee crises in Syria and Afghanistan still fresh in our minds we find another humanitarian disaster unfolding.

### **How can we respond to what is happening?**

We can, of course give generously of our money and practical help to send supplies of humanitarian aid to Ukraine and countries receiving refugees. We may soon be in the situation of being able to open our homes to displaced individuals and families but sometimes all we can do is pray. But prayer can be hard. Sometimes it is hard to see where a loving God is in all of this.

But I believe God hears our prayers and weeps with the people of Ukraine because God has seen humanity inflict suffering so many times before. The Bible is full of stories of people fleeing into exile in foreign lands. Even Jesus' parents knew the fear of being a refugee as they fled with their

special baby to Egypt from the dictator king Herod. And Jesus knew what it was like to be tortured and killed by those who thought he was a threat. Perhaps Jesus is closer than we think. The Easter story is one of suffering and death for Jesus, a man of peace and love and because Jesus trod that road to the cross he understands the human suffering of each Ukrainian soul and walks beside them today.

Each Easter we remember that Jesus, despite his suffering and death rose from the dead to new life. Ultimately the Easter story ends with triumph that love and hope prevails, that good conquers evil.

The Easter story tells us that hope is stronger than despair, that love is stronger than hate, that peace is stronger than war and that life is stronger than death.

This Easter I pray that this will be true for the people of Ukraine and for a world that longs for hope, love, peace and life.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for peace throughout.

With Easter blessings

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

##### Burial of Ashes

Godfrey Elliot                      Puncknowle                      8<sup>th</sup> March

##### Cremation

Madeline Marshall                      Swyre                      22<sup>nd</sup> February

##### Funeral

Enid Avril Chester                      Burton Bradstock                      30<sup>th</sup> March

**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](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)

You can also find out about the life of the churches via our Facebook

page: [Bride Valley Churches | Facebook](#)

# Holy Week Services and Reflections in the Bride Valley Churches



**Mon 11th April 6.30pm Litton Cheney**  
**Easter Reflections through music**

**Tue 12th April 6.30pm Long Bredy**  
**Compline**

**Wed 13th April 6.30pm Puncknowle**  
**Holy Week Reflections with readings from Julian of**  
**Norwich**

**Maundy Thursday 14th April 6.30pm Swyre**  
**Holy Communion with stripping of the altar**

**Good Friday 15th April**  
**10.00am Shipton Gorge**  
**Litany**  
**10.00 Littlebredy**  
**Litany**  
**12-3 Burton Bradstock**  
**Vigil**

<b>Holy Week 2022</b>	<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Litton Cheney	Long Bredy	Puncknowle	Swyre	Shipton Gorge Little-Bredy Burton Bradstock	Chilcombe	
<b>Time</b>	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	10am 10am	6.30pm	
<b>Service/ event</b>	<b>Easter Reflections through music</b>  Paul Cheater leads us on a challenging spiritual journey to the Cross, through organ music that is not always comfortable to hear, and silent prayer.	<b>Compline</b>  A chanted evening prayer, for the end of the day - for peace before going to bed.	<b>Holy Week Reflections</b>  Reverend Liz Howlett will lead Holy Week Reflections, with readings from Julian of Norwich.	<b>Holy Communion</b>  Remembering The Last Supper and including the stripping of the altar.	<b>Litany</b>  The Litany will include St. John's account of events leading to the crucifixion of our Lord, with hymns for Good Friday.	<b>Good Friday Vigil</b>  Different members of the Bride Valley Churches team will lead this vigil with prayers, readings and time for silent reflection.	<b>Easter Vigil</b>  A said service, including key passages from scripture telling of God's saving love, psalms and prayers.

## Our Night Sky in April 2022

All the planets we have been enjoying in the evening sky have now slipped behind the Sun and emerged in the morning sky, with early risers seeing Saturn and Mars first, followed by a brilliant Venus, before the dawn sky brightens too much to see them. Make the most of Orion, who descends in the west about 2300, but see if you can identify Leo in the southern sky, whose paw, Regulus, is the brightest part of that constellation, and whose head looks like a reverse question mark?.

The James Webb Telescope continues on its path to becoming a focused observatory. The team has successfully worked through the second and third out of seven total phases of [mirror alignment](#). With the completion of these phases, called Segment Alignment and Image Stacking, the team will now begin making smaller adjustments to the positions of Webb's mirrors.

After moving what were 18 scattered dots of starlight into Webb's signature [hexagonal formation](#), the team refined each mirror segment's image by making minor adjustments, while also changing the alignment of Webb's secondary mirror. The completion of this process, known as Segment Alignment, was a key step prior to overlapping the light from all the mirrors so that they can work in unison.

Once Segment Alignment was achieved, the focused dots reflected by each mirror were then stacked on top of each other, delivering photons of light from each segment to the same location on NIRCams sensor. During this process, called Image Stacking, the team activated sets of six mirrors at a time and commanded them to re-point their light to overlap, until all dots of starlight overlapped with each other.

Although Image Stacking put all the light from a star in one place on NIRCams detector, the mirror segments are still acting as 18 small telescopes rather than one big one. The segments now need to be lined up to each other with an accuracy smaller than the wavelength of the light.

All this is taking place 1 million miles from Earth, with the telescope's team in constant communication with it. Their dedication deserves our admiration, and our hopes that the final images will be truly astonishing!

*Bill Turnill*





# THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



## March Review

### Anne Tyler : 'Digging to America'

Two families – one American, one Iranian – meet one another in an airport arrival lounge as two Korean babies are delivered for adoption. The narrative evolves as we witness the two families approach the challenge of adoption in their different ways. They decide to meet annually to mark the anniversary of the 'Arrival Day' and each year the celebrations become more complicated and revealing of the families' lives. During this process we meet the extended family and discover the characters involved, their developing inter-relationships and their histories. In particular we follow Maryam, who emigrated from Iran for an arranged marriage as a young woman and is reflecting on her position and assimilation, years on, seemingly as an American. We are encouraged to identify with the everyday hopes and fears of the parents and children – in fact the extended families - as they negotiate the challenges of adoption.

The author uses the microcosm of family life and the event of adoption as a means to explore the intricacies and fluidity of relationships, and in particular the themes of belonging, of alienation, cultural independence and identity - and of what it means to be 'American'.

Anne Tyler sets the story in Baltimore, where she lives, and writes about family and relationships which she handles with touching sensitivity and humour. Having married an Iranian, she uses her understanding of customs, foods and history in the detailed descriptions of the Iranian household.

There is no significant plot to this novel, which some readers found limiting, but all found the book to be beautifully written and appreciated the in-depth development of the characters. Anne Tyler has a light and subtle descriptive style, combined with a sense of humour which ranges from amusing to hilarious, which shows such understanding of human nature and makes for a deceptively easy, yet thought-provoking and memorable read.

### Jackie Hunt

## **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

**(please note we are closed for the Easter holiday**

**on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April)**



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

We ask customers to wear face coverings if possible and to hand sanitise. Track and trace details are no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.



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 outside the library, and we now have one public PC 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.

All information can be found on our website:  
[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk).



## Bride Valley Gardening Club



The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a talk from Steve Griffith on his 'Himalayan Botanical Adventure in Northern Myanmar'. **All visitors are welcome to join us at LATCH, the Village Hall in Litton Cheney, entrance £2, annual membership £6.**

On Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> Mike Burks will be speaking on 'Gardening for Climate Change'

### Jobs to do in April

Late-flowering plants and grasses which have become weak in the centre would benefit from being divided this month.

Tie in the vigorous new shoots of climbers. Set up supports for taller plants ready to train in early growth.

Keep container displays watered.

Keep sowing hardy annuals for colourful summer displays.

If you are buying plug plants, once you have potted them on, protect them until all risk of frost has gone.

Cut back over-wintered pelargoniums and use the material for cuttings to make new plants.

Plant out Mediterranean herbs e.g. rosemary and oregano in free-draining soil; sow annual herbs indoors. Remember when potting on tomato seedlings, plant them deeper than they were to encourage new roots from the stems.

If the soil is warm, sow beetroot, cabbages, carrots, chard, leeks, peas, radishes, spinach and lettuces outdoors; sow celery, melons, sweetcorn, runner and French beans under cover.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*



## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



As a Rights Respecting School, we have been working hard to support the children in realising their rights. Our value this half term is 'Love' and we have been discussing how the different rights respecting articles link to it. **Article 6** – 'Every child has the right to be alive and develop in the best possible way' and **Article 24** – 'Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in' are just two of the articles that link closely to this value.

Thinking about these articles, the children are rightly concerned about what is happening in Ukraine and are eager to show their support as they try to understand this situation. Our school council discussed how we can support those affected by raising money, but they also wanted to help on a practical level. They researched the items that aid organisations were asking for and, with the support of our school receptionist, wrote a letter to the school community outlining their plans. This spread into the local community, and we became a hub for humanitarian aid donations for the wider Bridport relief effort.

This week, children have chosen to support both Red Nose Day and the Red Cross DEC Ukraine appeal by wearing a yellow or blue item of clothing to school for a non-uniform day and also selling colouring sheets that they designed. We are also hoping to run a cake sale before the end of term, with proceeds going towards the relief effort.

World Book Day took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The children enjoyed attending school dressed as their favourite book character, discussing the books that they enjoy reading and taking part in other book related activities! As part of our celebrations, we had some visitors from The Bookshop in Bridport who came in to talk about their favourite books and they also brought the World Book Day books in for the children to exchange their vouchers for.

You may well have seen our Year 6 children out and about on their bikes recently. They have been taking part in 'Bikeability' and earning their cycling proficiency badges. They have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and are looking forward to the freedom that the open road offers!

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.



**1: Wagtails enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day**



**2: Robins class enjoyed a walk around the village, looking for signs of spring**



**3: Kingfisher class shared their favourite books**



**4: Year 6 pupils enjoying bikeability**



The whole school enjoyed the return of Open the Book which took place in the church

## Discovery Centre - Buried in Time

Boosted by its success in the three categories of this year's Dorset Tourism Awards the West Bay Discovery Centre is now open six days a week for the summer season.

The Centre will be revealing its new pop-up exhibition "Buried in Time." Buried in Time features the coastal geology of the West Bay area and celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Heritage Coast designation. It includes superb fossil specimens of creatures from the Jurassic age, some 170 million years ago.

The exhibition reveals that buried beneath our feet and in the towering cliffs is a history, not just of West Bay, but of the development of the earth through hundreds of millions of years. It makes the link between fossils and the real life creatures that lived in Jurassic seas. Buried in Time also tells the story of three individual fossil collectors, including how a boy's first chance fossil find near West Bay led to a lifetime of interest that in turn helped shaped scientific understanding of the development of the earth.

The exhibition includes hands-on activities for children and will be supported by talks and guided walks. The exhibition offers an entry point to understanding the World Heritage Coast, its geological processes and fossils, hopefully sparking an interest to find out more.

The exhibition runs until the end of October. The Centre, which operates on a charitable basis, is open 11am-4pm Tuesday to Sunday from 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It does not charge admission but welcomes donations from visitors to help meet its running costs. Find out more at the Discovery Centre's website [www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk](http://www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk).



**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](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com) for further information.**



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

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

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

Would you again consider supporting the production of this valuable means of communication and news? Just £6 per household would ensure we are available throughout the summer months and help us to keep going. The amount raised last year kept Bride Valley News going throughout the summer/winter and similar contributions would see us through 2022.

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

**Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'**

**Sort code 30-91-21**

**Account number 00074071**

**.....and quote BVN!**

**Thankyou**

Our monthly walk saw a group of ladies plus 4 footed friends have a somewhat muddy ramble from Puncknowle to Litton and back. Fortunately the weather was pleasant and we enjoyed the company and the scenery. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area and be able to explore it with our friends.

Our skittles team is practising hard ready for their first match next week. A further 7 matches, both at Home and Away, have been booked before the end of June in the first round of the WI County League. We have quite a few new skittle players this year and there is a lot of enthusiasm. Many thanks go to the White Horse in Litton for letting us use their Skittle Alley and for the very welcome and much appreciated refreshments afterwards.

We were due to have a talk from Sue from the Hat shop in Bridport at our March meeting but unfortunately she wasn't well at the last moment so the committee decided to bring forward our AGM which was due to be in April. A report of the years activities and Treasurers Report was presented to Members and accepted by all the members present. The current committee members were willing to continue.

After the business part of the evening was finished the Easter Raffle was drawn. Due to the generosity of our members all the money raised—£145—is going to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and a big thankyou goes to all the ladies for their contributions.

Next month we will have the First Aid and Defibrillator training which we had to cancel earlier in the year and are all looking forward to that.

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.

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# LITTLEBREDY

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## St Michael and All Angels

These notes are being written a week to the day after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. What the situation there will be when this is read, nobody can foresee, but the village rallied round when Mandy Wilkinson told us of the need for relief supplies, and several households have contributed food, clothing and bedding for the relief of the growing number of refugees in eastern Europe – thank you to all of them, and indeed to all others who have since responded to further appeals.

Littlebredy has its own connection with Ukraine. Until 2007, Robin and Lyubov Cuff lived at 2, Punchbowl Cottages, before moving to Bridport. Lyubov is Ukrainian by birth, and her father and siblings still live there (in a town called Sumy in the north-east of the country, only a few miles from the border with Russia – indeed it was attacked on the very first day of the invasion). The family is especially in our thoughts and prayers as the dire situation unfolds.

Turning to the future, last month's edition mentioned pre-planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to be celebrated over a long weekend at the beginning of June. Research has indicated her hopes for a national "street party" of community lunches on Sunday 5th June, and weather permitting we shall plan and arrange a lakeside bring and share lunch for everyone on that day. Please "save the date". Other ideas will be sought nearer the time.

With the covid restrictions easing, it looks as if Easter can be celebrated this year much as before, and it is hoped to resurrect the tradition of spelling out the Easter message in bunches of primroses on the Church window sills. Assuming enough primroses are in flower, this will need about 400 bunches of about 20 heads each, to be collected and brought to Church on Good Friday. Contributions from as many families as possible will be very welcome.

We hope to have the customary short and simple Litany Service at 10.00 a.m. on Good Friday (April 15), with a Holy Communion Service at 11.00 a.m. on Easter Day itself. These times will be marked by the Church clock striking on time again, which it has been doing since the end of February. The gremlin which was over-riding the satellite control and causing it to strike a few minutes early has been found and fixed.

## LITTON CHENEY

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### St. Mary's Church

#### From St. Mary's Church

On Monday 11th April Paul Cheater will be offering "Easter reflections through music" at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's and there are other special events for Holy Week in all the valley churches. Easter Sunday Holy Communion will be at the usual time of 9.30 am. with the Rector officiating.

Tickets for this year's **Grand Prize Draw** go on sale from Easter onwards, with all proceeds to 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!

Carol Lindsay – Prior to going to press we were informed of the sad death of Carol Lindsay who, together with her husband, Hugh, resided at The Old Rectory for many years before moving to Beaminster. The Lindsays were great supporters of St Mary's, Carol as PCC Secretary for ten years and then Church Warden for a further six.

#### Church Quiz – Part 2 – Answers at the end of the Litton Cheney section.

Who maintains St Mary's churchyard? - a) Dorset Council, b) Voluntary labour, c) Contract gardeners.

Who is entitled to be buried in St Mary's churchyard? -

- a) Anyone who during their lifetime made a written request to that effect,
- b) Only members of the Church of England,
- c) Residents of Litton Cheney or anyone who dies in the village.

## Litton Cheney Parish Council – Annual Meeting & Village Assembly

The next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, preceded by the Village Assembly at 7 pm at LATCH. All welcome.

### “Whither Litton Cheney?” - Your Chance to have your say on its future

At the Village Assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May we will be discussing the future of Litton Cheney. If asked to look into the future 10 years on what would YOU hope to see for you and your family and does that involve a need for the village to change? It's a big question and not easily addressed but please give it some thought and possibly research, and then come to the meeting and tell us your conclusions. More details on the village website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

### Litter Pick – Stand By with Bags and Litter Picker-Uppers

Our Village Litter Pick this year will take place during March and April. During that time our band of volunteer pickers will scour the village for litter, and our good friends at Dorset Council Waste will spirit it away. We will be on the look out for volunteers in addition to our gallant Premier Crew, and if you would like to be involved please contact John Firrell on 482313 or [jfirrell20@gmail.com](mailto:jfirrell20@gmail.com)



## Events at

### Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



#### Weekly:

Mondays: 15.30 Big Q Church (term time only)  
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)  
18.30 – 21.30 Ballroom Dancing  
Gemma Fulbrook: [dancedorchester@outlook.com](mailto:dancedorchester@outlook.com)

Wednesdays: 16.45 – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)  
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest ([annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com](mailto:annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com))

#### Specials:

Saturday 23rd 10.00 – 12.00 Village Café in aid of National Coastwatch

Sunday 24th 10.30 – 12.30 Yoga with Nadiya Wynn

([nadiyasime@hotmail.com](mailto:nadiyasime@hotmail.com))

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

## Lambing – Loose Dogs – Picking Up

There have already been several horrific reports of loose dogs attacking pregnant ewes in the area often resulting in the death of a ewe and the unborn lambs. When dogs are in fields where there is livestock they must by law be kept on leads and you must pick up after your dogs. Coming up with the excuse, “We’re in the countryside and its biodegradable.” is a sure sign of ignorance – ask any farmer – they know about these things, as do responsible dog owners!

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** Keep up to date with our plans for the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June, and the activities leading up to that time by visiting [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) and reading the Jubilee Bulletins posted round the village. Don't be the person who was heard to say after all the celebrations – nobody told me!

**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 dwell a moment whilst 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](mailto:quentin396pc@yahoo.com)**

## The White Horse goes wild

Things are gathering speed now as we head towards Easter. Don't forget the Duck Race on Easter Sunday, very kindly organised by John and Tess in aid of Lymphoma UK (see below), followed by music by Antigua Joe and a BBQ (hopefully in the garden, weather permitting, if not we will just transfer everything indoors). Slight change of plan for Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, when Mustang Sally will be entertaining us in the afternoon.



A quick reminder that there are a few dates coming up where we are closed for private local functions - Saturday, 9th April in the evening, Friday, 22nd April all day for our daughter's wedding and Saturday, 21st May for a local's big birthday celebration.

**We will update on everything else in the next issue. See you all soon.  
Andy & Liz xxx**

**Easter Sunday Duck Race – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 12 Noon** After going online for the last two years the Annual Easter Duck race will be back “LIVE!” Our new brigade of **royal blue** ducks have been in training and they are raring to race down the stream as tradition dictates. Start time is at 12 Noon, and the Duck Managers will be selling ducks from 11:30 outside Fry’s yard.

The White Horse will be open and welcoming both you and the winning ducks. Weather permitting there will be a BBQ and live music in the garden. If wet, food and music inside. Hope to see you all there for a Quacking good time. Proceeds to Lymphoma Action – Tessa & John Mulhall

This event could well serve as a dress rehearsal for the **Jubilee Duck Race** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, and provides you with an excellent chance to pick out the speedy ducks from the waddlers, and get ahead of the game.



## COFFEE MORNING

The Watchkeepers from **NCI LYME BAY** will be  
serving  
coffee, cakes and **BACON BUTTIES**  
on



**Saturday 23 April, in LATCH, Litton Cheney Village Hall**

**10:00 – 12:00**

Everyone welcome

**Come and support the valuable work of NCI Lyme Bay**

The NCI’s volunteer Watchkeepers are the *Eyes along the Coast* and play a vitally important role in assisting the Coastguard and the RNLI

Learn more about the work of the NCI whilst munching cakes and butties. There will be an opportunity to buy cakes to take away and a chance to win magnificent raffle prizes

National Coastwatch Institution  
No. 1159975

Registered Charity

**Church Quiz Answers – Q1 B; Q2 C:**



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE  
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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.

Please note that from January 2022 services will follow a new rota as follows:

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

No service on the second Sunday

Third Sunday All Age Communion 11am

Fourth Sunday Family Sunday 9.30am

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

**WHIST DRIVES AT PUNCKNOWLE**

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

Following the first successful session, further dates have now been set up:

- Friday 1st April**
- Friday 3rd June**
- Friday 1st July**
- Friday 5th August**
- Friday 2nd September**

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, 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 - 19th April 2022 - Cost £6.00**

**Menu**

**Roast Beef, Yorkshire puddings,  
Vegetables and Roast potatoes  
Apple cinnamon pie  
& custard or cream  
+cheese and biscuits, tea/ coffee**

**Further Dates for 2022**

17th May  
21st June  
19th July  
20th September  
18th October  
15th November  
13th December

**Next lunch—17th May 2022**

**Lancashire Hotpot & root vegetable mash  
Chocolate pudding and chocolate sauce**

**We continue to follow all current COVID rules.**



## 'Holy Trinity Church Swyre'

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Madeline Marshall on the 22nd February at the JR hospital in Oxford. Madeline, together with husband Sid had moved to Green Barton immediately after the houses were built, and were enthusiastic members of the community and village of Swyre.

Madeline served on the Parish Council for many years, and was a faithful worshipper at Holy Trinity. She and Sid were energetic supporters of the lunch club; and were instrumental in organising the production of the 'Millennium Map' of Swyre.

Her commitment and integrity will be sadly missed'.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

# EASTER

COFFEE MORNING & EGG HUNT

**SAT 16 APRIL • AT 10 AM**

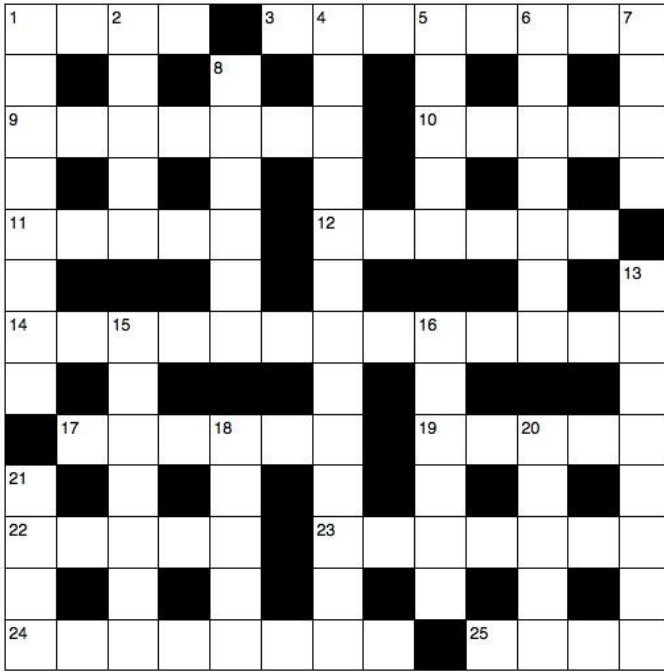
TEA/COFFEE • HOT CROSS BUNS •  
& SOFT DRINKS

PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH

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Note from Editor: many apologies for wrong crossword grid in March issue of BVN—correct version on Village websites and from your village correspondents

## Sudoku Easy

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## Sudoku Medium

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## Crossword Clues & Answers

### Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)  
9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)  
10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)  
11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)  
12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)  
14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)  
17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)  
19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)  
22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)  
23 For nine (anag.) (7)  
24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)  
25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

### Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)  
2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)  
4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)  
5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)  
6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)  
7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)  
8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)  
13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)  
15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)  
16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)  
18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)  
20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)  
21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## St Martin's Church

If you walk through the church yard, glance towards the field below and if you aren't too distracted by the adorable lambs and their mums, you might see the three tiny Silver Birch saplings. Assisted by the children, these were planted and blessed on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The saplings and the children will grow together.

## St Martin's Floodlight Sponsors for April:

Jo Warren in loving memory of Gary

Mary George for Ginny

Jean Ayers for her birthday on 28th

Janet Lane for her twin sister Penny

For Carolyn Hall's birthday on 15<sup>th</sup>

For Geoff Hall's birthday on 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Belated birthday wishes for Heidi  
from her mum and dad for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> March)

Thank you all so much for your donations. St Martin's is very grateful to you all for your generosity. Thank you also to our anonymous sponsor.

We are very short of sponsors for the months ahead so if anyone would like to light up the church please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated)

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## Breakfast Church

Breakfast Church will take place again at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April which is Palm Sunday. This is an informal service for everyone in the Village Hall and this month it has a special Easter theme when everyone can take part.

We will be making decorations for Easter for church and Easter Gardens. If you are able please bring some moss.

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Good Friday Litany at 10 00 a.m. in St Martin's  
led by Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas.

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Easter Morning at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion by Ext. led by  
James Webster.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

### Welcome to our village diary

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

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

## *Shipton Gorge Village Society*

Plans are being drawn up for a full day of events in the village  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Twelve villagers attended the last planning meeting and we hope that more will be willing to attend the next which will be held in the village hall on

***Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.***

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

## **Shipton Gorge Village Hall**

Please come along to the Trust's AGM which will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm when we will briefly review our activities during 2021 and elect trustees to the hall management committee.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or would just like to learn more about how the hall is run, do please join us. The AGM will be followed immediately by a short, first business meeting of the new committee of trustees.

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

*Richard Hewlett, Chairman, Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust*

To book the village hall please contact Graham Garner at [g.garner111@btinternet.com](mailto:g.garner111@btinternet.com) or on 897357.

Please note that the phone number given in February's edition was incorrect.

### **March 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>No 2 Pat Tucker</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>No 75 Jean Wyrill</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>No 35 Brian &amp; Heather Puttock</b>

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

**Graham Garner**

# SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL 2022

Our **Annual Litter Pick and Spring Clean** will be held on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**, as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Meet at the New Inn at 10am as usual. If there are any areas that you think need particular attention then do let us know.

Come along to the **Annual Parish Assembly** on **27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the village hall. This is an informal get together where anyone can talk about anything in the parish that they want to, while enjoying wine and nibbles. So join in and have a chat about goings on in the village, bring anything of concern to everyone's attention or just have an enjoyable evening with friends. We also hope to be able to share the initial results from the survey for much belated Village Appraisal at this meeting.

Dorset Council is looking at **Housing Needs** throughout the county. As part of this we would like to hear from anyone who is looking at needing a home in the village in the next 12 months. If you or anyone in your family needs housing in Shipton please contact the clerk as we would like to hear from you.



A very local **English Oak Tree** was recently planted at the end of Bonscome Lane by Joe Wood and Zac Rainbow to replace the ash tree that was suffering with ash die back. The oak was grown by Barbara West from an acorn taken many years ago from a tree in Bonscombe Lane near The Croft - you can't get more local than that!

The tree is well protected with a deer and rabbit proof guard and should grow into a lovely specimen that future generations can enjoy. The wood from the ash tree has been logged and donated to the New Inn by the Parish Council.

Thanks to Barbara for donating the tree and Bob Ayers for dealing with collecting and splitting the logs. Good job everyone!!

**Talking of trees** - Shipton Gorge residents are doing us proud! We originally aimed to plant 70 trees as part of the **Queens Green Canopy** to celebrate the jubilee. We are already way beyond that number, and still rising, with many residents planting one or more trees in their gardens and more trees being planted in nature reserves and woodlands within the parish. A list is being compiled of all the trees planted and where they are and this will form a record of our outstanding achievement for posterity.

## **Telephone landline changes.**

The Council has learned that some residents will be switched to a “digital phone service” in the near future. This is part of a national programme that will eventually affect all households with a telephone landline. However the service will not work during a power cut, leaving homes without mobile coverage with no means of reaching the emergency services. If you live in such a not-spot, the phone companies may offer a battery back-up solution to cover you until the power returns, but you will need to apply for this. We hope to have more to report on this in the coming months.

With only seven parish councillors, and still two vacancies, we are beginning to struggle to do all the things that we want to achieve in the village.

## **Could you please help us by becoming a parish councillor?**

It really isn't a big commitment and if we can fill these two vacancies it will spread the burden and enable us to do more and to continue to look after the interests of everyone in the parish. Contact the parish clerk if you can help.

Our **next Parish Council meeting** will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm** in the hall as usual.

The Parish Clerk, Paula Biss, can be contacted at [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto: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 HERITAGE

**Heritage Gin Club** - the winner in the March draw was Janet Whight – congratulations Janet! A hamper with a selection of vegetarian Dorset delights has been delivered.



**Saunders Richardson Wood** – I think we all experienced the power of storms Dudley and Eunice in mid-February to some degree. Thankfully, there was minimal damage in the wood. There was a work party in the wood in late February and some more saplings and a number of more mature trees were planted throughout the wood, including Alder, Silver and Downy Birch and Small Leaved Lime. Perfect conditions for planting as it rained the following day! By the end of March - we are hoping that all the saplings will have been planted and protection put round them from the wild-life which visits the wood. The next work party will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April - aiming to run between 10am and 1pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help – please come along. Due to insurance restrictions, 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** – As you will be aware in your own gardens, plants, shrubs and trees are a little more advanced this year, therefore, some urgent pruning was needed in the Orchard. Luckily, David Squirrel – a local expert – was on hand to give us some practical tuition on pruning the various fruit trees. Unfortunately, it was one of the wetter and colder days of the year! Not put off however, the following week, a number of us were able to put some of his advice into practice – we can only hope for good things in the spring – beautiful blossom – and in the autumn – delicious fruit! A few days



later, a team tackled the brambles and nettles in the lower border and as the snowdrops have done so well, we were able to split them and replant so that the joy of them can be spread around the Orchard. If you would like to sponsor one of the new trees, or 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](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 Burton Bradstock

### St Mary's Church 'Songs of Praise!'

Our next 'Songs of Praise' service will be on **Sunday April 3rd** when the theme will be '**Spring - a time of renewal**'. It will be led by our Rector, the Reverend Jane Williams. 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 10.30am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited.



Our May Songs of Praise service will be on Sunday 1st May at 10.30 am when the theme will be '**Loneliness and mental health**'. It will be led by the **Rev'd Sue Linford**.

**Come and join us for these inspiring services!**

## Burton Bradstock - Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee 2022

**What would you like to see as a permanent commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year?**

Village groups and organisations are busy planning a great series of events for all ages around the four-day holiday from 2-5 June.

Now we would like to hear ideas for what Burton Bradstock could have as a permanent marker to remember this historic occasion.

**Ideas so far include a portrait of Her Majesty or a bespoke weather vane, perhaps to be mounted outside the Village Hall.**

We want to hear from local people with their ideas of what they would like to see. Please email your thoughts to Richard Ferre at [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com)

An event is being planned for Sunday 5 June in the Rectory Gardens, centred around the Big Jubilee Lunch, a national celebration for neighbours and community. Please let us know if you would be able to help with setting up and running this fun occasion over that weekend.

And last but not least, we would love to see houses and premises in the village decorated in a red, white and blue theme for the Jubilee, so get your thinking caps on as to how you might join in!

**Anne King**  
*Parish Councillor, Burton Bradstock*

## **Burton Bradstock in the 1950s**

As part of Burton Bradstock's celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there will be an Exhibition in the Village Hall on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June focussing on life in Burton Bradstock through photos, film, interviews and artefacts.

The wider aspects of the 1950s will also be covered and I would be grateful if anyone who still has possessions from that decade will lend them to me for exhibition. Nothing of value will be left in the Hall overnight and the Exhibition will be manned in the day. I can be contacted on 01308 897673.

**Susan Moores**

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

### **Village Hall Activity**

The Village Hall is fully open for all activities. There are covid restrictions in place, therefore masks are optional, but sanitising equipment remains in place for all to use as they see fit. Most users are sensibly limiting numbers to their events as appropriate.

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

### **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 from April on and plans resume 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 13<sup>th</sup> April run by St Mary's Church**  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May run by Bride Valley Drivers**

## Spring Quiz

This will be held on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April, run by Sue Moores and David Edwards. Numbers will be limited to 10 tables (teams) of 6, entry will be £10 per person which will include a hot jacket potato meal with a choice of fillings.

Tickets will have been on sale at the Post Office from Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March in batches of 6 for a team. A small number of tickets will be reserved for individuals or pairs of people who do not have a team to join. These can be requested by contacting Richard Ferre on 897648 or [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com) Once a team has purchased their tickets' they should also contact Richard to book a table and register their meal preferences.

## Diary Date

The annual **Spring Fayre** which raises funds for the Hall, will this year form part of the Jubilee Celebrations and will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. As always, we will be looking for helpers, donations to key stalls. Look for more information in May's BVN.

*Richard Ferre*

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

### March 2022 Draw

#### Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£39.00	No 86:	Mr Frederick Markland
2nd	£19.50	No 158:	Mrs Gayle Brindley
3rd	£9.75	No 121:	Mrs Mags Chue

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2022 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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## The Ploughman's Lunch Is Back

The Ploughman's lunch is back after a two-year break.

The library fundraisers are holding the Ploughman's lunch on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> in the village hall. Tickets will be available at the Post Office from Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April at £10 a head and limited to 60 people this year.

Tickets include a ploughman's lunch of cheese gammon or pate plus a dessert.

A bar is available for those who like a glass of wine with their lunch or prefer a soft drink.

During the Lunch there will be a book sale so if you have any good quality books we would be very grateful for them.

Any queries about the lunch or books please contact Sandy on 898358

## Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

The Library continues to open from 2 .00pm –4 00pm on Monday and Saturday afternoons and 10.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesday mornings. However, please note that we are closed for Easter Saturday and Monday.

We are still encouraging visitors to wear masks, sanitise their hands, and respect others' space.

The service our library offers has never been better. Whether you like books, e-books, e-audio books, e-newspapers, e-magazines or e-comics, they are all available FREE with your library card. We also have our own Jigsaws to lend, DVDs, for a small donation, photo copying and laminating services.

**Advance notice for your diary:** the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held, in the Village Hall, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact information:

Telephone: 01308 897563;

email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

or visit our website at [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

# Burton Bradstock Village Society

## Speakers Programme

On Friday, 18th February, Paul Atterbury gave a talk entitled “Golden Age of Travel”, in which he told us about, and showed pictures of, the liners that crossed the Atlantic and their opulence. The major companies of the time, Cunard, P&O etc, competed both on the speed and luxury of their crossing. With the advent of cheaper air travel a number of these luxury liners became cruise ships. He also explained how many of these ships were accessed by equally luxurious trains, and how you could travel by train from Cardiff to Cairo!

Our next talk is on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, entitled “NCI Lyme Bay”, ***The speakers will be Judy Clarke, Station Manager of NCI Lyme Bay and her watchkeeping colleague, Karen Herbert.*** You will hear about the origins of the national charity and how the 57 stations and more than 2500 volunteer watchkeepers provide eyes and ears along the coast, monitoring radio channels and providing a listening watch in poor visibility. When people get into trouble, the NCI is there to alert HM Coastguard and direct the appropriate rescue services to the casualty.

Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

Due to ever increasing speaker costs, and, for the time being at least, reduced numbers, we have reluctantly decided to increase the charge for the talks to £1.50 for members, and £5.00 for non-members, these increases will apply from the April talk onwards.

## Membership

April is when our new year starts, and when annual subscriptions become due. The membership fee is NOT increasing and remains at the bargain price of £5.00 per member. For existing members we will send an email, or to those without email, 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 are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

Our Bank has now decided to treat us as a Charity and as such has introduced a monthly charge and charges for cash and cheque transactions. For that reason, 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 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Village Hall and the Plant and Cake sale is on the following morning, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

A little advanced information (don't tell anyone!), the subjects for the Photography competition are, "Harbour Scenes" and "Country Life", and the subject for the Limerick competition is "Royalty". The schedule for the show is just being finalised, and more details will follow shortly. If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on 01308 898442

*Alan Pankhurst*

### **Summer Music Festival**

Some twenty Festival enthusiasts braved the wind and the rain to participate in the Friends of the Festival's Annual General Meeting in the village hall on 28th February. It was very good to meet together in person again. A new Organising Committee is now in place, under the leadership of Jenny Malyon, and four new trustees were appointed to join the two who are continuing.

David Juritz, our longstanding Musical Director, is busy planning a programme for our Spring Concert on 20th May, and for three days of musical performances, on 17th, 18th, and 19th August, all to take place at Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Our Art Committee, under the leadership

of Wendy Hart, are busy planning the return of the exhibition of the work of local artists, to take place in the village hall, the same week.

Details of the programme, and of how you can buy your tickets, will of course be published locally when they are available. Meanwhile, please hold the dates in your diary. We eagerly look forward to our festival's return.

*David Jenkins*  
*Chair, Festival Trustees*

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

### **Next Meeting**

**Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30pm**

We now have the IT resources to hold this meeting in the Reading Room with public access via Zoom, so from April we will be able to hold hybrid meetings where the public can join remotely or in person. Please see our website the week before where you can access the relevant papers and Zoom link. Since virtual meetings were allowed throughout lockdown public attendance to council meetings increased nationally by approx. 20%. We hope you will see the opportunity to attend our meetings virtually as well as in person gives an incentive to engage with the parish council, who work to represent your concerns.

### **Welcome to Our New Parish Councillor**

Lisanne Mealing was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the February meeting. She comes with a lot of previous experience working as a Parish Councillor. If you would like to join the council and represent your community, please get in touch with the Clerk.

### **Contacting the Parish Council**

As stated above we welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters.

**To contact the Council please email the Clerk:**

**[theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)**

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

## Planning Notices

A reminder, that as planning notices are no longer sent to neighbouring properties from Dorset Council, when applications are sent to the Clerk, we put a notice, with a link to planning on our website. A notification is also posted on our Facebook page and displayed on the board by the library and Reading Room. It has been brought to our attention that Dorset Planning department have also stopped sending notices of planning outcomes. We are lobbying Dorset Council for a change in this policy.

## Burton Bradstock Parish Council social media

On Facebook you can keep up with all the latest events, developments, planning, road closures etc by following@burtonbradstockparishcouncil

The Parish Council also has a new Twitter account. Please follow us at @BBParishCouncil (Burton Bradstock Parish Council). This replaces an earlier account. We'll be tweeting about PC matters and other things of local interest!

## Community Emergency Response Plan

Thanks to the public who attended our initial meeting and agreed to be on the working party. We feel very lucky to have volunteers who are so well qualified in this issue. The plan is developing, and there is an opportunity to see what we have in place so far and talk to the working party members at the village coffee morning in the village hall on **Saturday March 26th**.

## Hire of Reading Room

With more people working from home, don't forget the Reading Room is an available working space with Wi-Fi, for £7 a session (morning, afternoon or evening) It also works well for meetings and at an additional cost we can now offer the big screen availability to hold meetings where you can share documents with those attending. Please contact the clerk for availability.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy

Well done to all the parishioners who helped to plant the 70 trees as Burton Bradstock's contribution to *The Queen's Green Canopy* (QGC), which is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**".

To find out more visit <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>





### **Seating in the recreation area**

The Parish Council are looking to replace some of the broken benches and put a wheelchair accessible picnic table in the recreation area. If anybody would like to adopt a bench, please get in touch.

### **Support your village library**

Recently we have removed a shelf of books from the bus shelter. We are very lucky in Burton Bradstock to have a library. Please support it.

*Lesley Windsor Clerk to the Council*

## **Burton Bradstock Social Supper Club**

The social supper club is up and running again as we have a new incumbent at the Golf Club who is happy to host us. The possible date for the April supper is 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you are on the list you will get a call a couple of weeks prior to this to ascertain whether you will be joining in on that date. If you are not already on the list and wish to be so please give Mags Chue a ring on 01308 897543 .

Sadly we have had to say farewell to Hazel Dalgleish as her and Arthur have moved to a new home in Devon. Hazel and I have been running this supper club for the past 3 years so a big 'Thank You' to her.

## **Who can resist a Bacon Butty (the best in West Dorset)?**

**Please come to LATCH (Litton Cheney) on Saturday, 23rd April (10:00am - 12:00 noon) to help the valuable work of NCI Lyme Bay.**

Coffee, cakes (to eat and also to take away) and bacon butties will be on offer, as well as a raffle and a Guess-the-Weight cake.

*The National Coastwatch Institution is a charity and needs your support to aid us in our volunteer work.*

***Judy Clarke, Station Manager, NCI Lyme Bay QAVS***

Everyone surely went home from our meeting in March determined to try and make a difference after listening to the talk by Cheryl Weeks entitled “ **Moving towards a Zero Waste Life**”.

Cheryl is the daughter of one of our members and runs a very successful shop called “Bare Necessities” in Wareham. It sells a wide range of food-stuffs and products, all without a single piece of plastic in sight. Cheryl explained how she came to start her business and put forward lots of ideas as to what we could do to help to save the environment, including ideas on recycling and food waste. Food for thought indeed. Thank you Cheryl – we will all try to do our best to make some small changes in our daily lives which will be of benefit to the world! Good luck too with your second shop in Poole. You are doing such a good job!

Our Kurling team did well in the Dorset Federation Kurling Competition and although they didn’t win or get through to the final , they had a very enjoyable afternoon – and the cakes were pretty good too, I hear. Well done to Joan Allan for organising the team and to other team members Mary Ibbotson, Eva Sewell and Viv Hall. Next up will be the Skittles team who will be starting their matches soon. We wish them good luck!

Our April meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm will be our Annual Meeting at which we shall be reflecting on our activities of the past year and at which Committee members will be elected. There will be Cheese and Wine to help the proceedings along together with a quiz. Do come and join us.

*Janet Pearson*

### **Burton Bradstock Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club**

The Bowls club meets every Monday evening in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. New members are very welcome and if you are interested in joining please email John Lewis on [jal84910@gmail.com](mailto:jal84910@gmail.com) for more details, or call (01308) 897304.



# LONG BREDY

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## St Peter's Church

### Long Bredy 100 Club

£30.00 No. 2 D. Peretz  
£15.00 No. 68 E. Frost  
£ 5.00 No. 71 R. Maltby

Drawn on 26 / 02 / 2022 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave and Ruth

### Village Spring Clean and Coffee Break

The Parish Councillors were delighted with the excellent turn-out to help with the Annual Spring Clean. Items of waste ranging from the VERY large to the very small were cleared up and the lanes around Long Bredy were left in pristine condition with just the daffodils lining the verges left to give pleasure to people visiting the village.

Please help to keep the village clean by taking rubbish home with you and picking up dog mess.

It is lovely to see ewes and their lambs in the fields again. Please keep your dog on a lead when walking through fields with animals in; it would be excellent to have a spring without any cases of sheep worrying in the valley.

**The Coffee Break** was an overwhelming success. So far, **£1510.00** has been donated to the D.E.C. for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone in Long Bredy and those friends from further afield who baked for the Coffee Break and donated to the fund.

It was a fantastic community effort that showed our true feelings for those suffering so terribly through no fault of their own.

### St Peter's Church

The church is being decorated for Easter on **Saturday April 16th**. Anyone who wishes to help with this is welcome to put flowers, or an Easter Garden, in the church. Easter gardens are for anyone to make—the young and the young at heart!

The service on **Easter Sunday April 17th will be at 9.30 am**, followed by refreshments to which everyone is invited.

## Coffee Break

The next Coffee Break will be in the Village Hall on **Saturday April 16th** from 10.30 to 12 noon, followed by a meeting to finalise details for the village Jubilee celebrations. The takings from this will be put towards the Jubilee events. Everyone is welcome to the meeting, even if you haven't been to any previous meetings. Come and find out what is planned.

## Come Along Inn

Doors will open for the next Come Along Inn on **Friday April 15th at 5.30** and close at **9.00pm**. Enjoy a drink..alcoholic or soft...and a natter with friends in the unique surroundings of our village hall.



Long Bredy Spring Clean



Refreshments After



# CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Sudoku Easy Solution

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Sudoku Medium Solution

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**BREAKING NEWS**  
**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**ON S A T U R D A Y 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**A COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW**  
**IS BEING STAGED AT**  
**LATCH IN LITTON CHENEY, DT2 9AU**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP**  
**PLEASE CONTACT [patricia123gates@outlook.com](mailto:patricia123gates@outlook.com)**



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple  
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

## DIARY, APRIL 2022

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday	1st	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Puncknowle Village Hall
Monday	11th	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	Latch Litton Cheney
Wednesday	13th	10–12	Coffee morning run by St Mary's Church	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Burton Bradstock Reading Room
Friday	15th	5pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Saturday	16th	10.30–12	Long Bredy Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
		10am	Easter Coffee Morning and Easter Egg Hunt	Holy Trinity Church Swyre
Sunday	17th	12 noon	Duck Race	Litton Cheney
Tuesday	19th	1pm	Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Saturday	23rd	10-12	Coffee Morning run by Watchguards from National Coastguards Lyme Bay	Latch Litton Cheney

**Holy Week Services and Reflections in the Bride Valley Churches can be found on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue of Bride Valley News**



## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES APRIL 2022

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	Holy Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 2
Burton Bradstock	8am Holy Communion 10.30 Songs of Praise	11.30am Holy Communion (followed by a light lunch)	11.00am Holy Communion	A series of special services and events are planned for Holy Week – please see inside!	<b>6am at Hive Beach</b>  11.00am Holy Communion	9.30 am Family Service
Shipton Gorge		9.30am Breakfast Church	11.00am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
Swyre	6pm Evening Prayer		11.00 am Holy Communion		6.30pm Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
Puncknowle	9.30am Holy Communion				5.00pm Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30am Morning Worship		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00am Holy Communion				9.30am Holy Communion	
Littlebredy			11.00am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion

A telephone service recorded by one of the vicars of the Bride Valley Churches is available weekly on 01308 293062