January 2004

**THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE**

**JANUARY 2004**

**THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE**

What will you remember about 2003. What were the great moments for you? For me it has been a mixed year, with some personal sadneses, but good memories too. One memory that will no doubt be life-long is of standing outside the Post Office in Bere Regis for the annual Church Gift-Day. You may recall that it was pouring with rain all morning, and having seen the first half of the Rugby World Cup Final on TV in the Vicarage, for the second half, I was kept informed of the score by our Post Master Terry. With innumerable cups of coffee for me, and with the game going into extra time he got to point where he couldn’t watch anymore and came out into the rain to relieve his tension.

Then, with less than two minutes to go, that remarkable World Cup winning drop-goal from Jonny Wilkinson. It was about seizing the opportunity, and taking up the challenge, applying the results of training and honed skills, and trusting too. It was great ‘school-boy heroics’ and a dream ending if you were an England supporter or a journalist. It could of course so easily have gone the other way, for Australia were highly skilled and great competitors too. And my Australian brother Ralph, graciously said afterwards, that he thought the best team had won.

Memories, and especially good memories help us to relate to each other and to God. But they can also help us to look forward too. That’s all very well you may say if you are healthy and active, or comfortably off, or not weighed down with life’s difficulties of illness, or children or job hunting or housing needs, or indeed loneliness. Then, you can get out and do things. Yet making a difference is not always about doing things that are big or obvious or even visible, or even World Cup winning. Life is indeed about ‘the daily round and the common task’. But that doesn’t mean that life has to be dull or boring. The great message of Christmas is that God came among us, what theologians call The Incarnation - Christ becoming human. But God didn’t leave it there, he came for a purpose. John, at the beginning of his Gospel in the Bible, says of Christ, the incarnated God: ‘in him was life, and the life was the light of men’.
take great comfort from these words, because it means that every one of us has a living spirit within us. It may not always be visible, and never truly tangible. Even if we feel we have nothing to give or to share, just a sincere beaming smile or welcome can be so sure and solid that someone may be moved and encouraged by it, even changed.

In this New Year, each one of us can take God’s Christmas gift to us of his Son; the Light of the World, the light in our lives. A light to share with all, and to be active in His service, to be open in this New Year to that life giving Spirit, and who knows, go on to win World Cups for God.

A very happy New Year to you all

With love and prayers

**PLOUGH SUNDAY**

11th January 2004, all meet in the Church porch at 10.50am.

All originations are invited to come and bring your banners. At the start of another farming year, let’s make it a good show this year to keep this very old service going.

John House.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**January 2004**

18th Bere Regis Open Gardens
30th Vicarage BBQ

**August**
3rd Gardening Club—A Summer Evening In A Garden
4th Coffee Morning at Rene and Gordon Phillips’s
6th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall
13th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall
20th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall
27th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall

**September**
7th Gardening Club—Harvest Supper
11th PIP Performer of the Year, Drax Hall
11th - 19th Dorset Architectural Heritage Week; Church Tours and Tower open

**October**
5th Gardening Club—Pat Haskells - Knoll Gardens
9th PIP Jumble Sale, Drax Hall
16th Church Gift Day

**November**
2nd Gardening Club—Richard Brown - Lambs Tails
19th PIP Children in Need, Drax Hall
27th Christmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court
29th Xmas Fayre - Autumn Leaves

**December**
7th Gardening Club—Christmas Party
18th PIP Christmas Party, Drax Hall

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January
9th Ancient Order of Foresters trip to the Lighthouse - Peter Pan
14th Autumn Leaves New Year Party, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
15th Twinning Association AGM, Sports Club 7.30 p.m.
31st Purbeck School Band Concert in Church
31st PIP Social evening, Karaoke and Disco, British Legion Hall 7.30 p.m.

February
11th Experiences of Lady Brewer, Autumn Leaves 2.30 p.m.
18th Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.

March
2nd Gardening Club—Val Hurlston-Gardener - My Favourite Gardens
20th Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court 10.00 a.m.
20th PIP Pip Squeak concert, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.

April
5th PIP AGM Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
6th Gardening Club—Keith Andrews - Plush Orchids
9th PIP Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
28th Coffee morning at Charlie and Kath’s, Autumn Leaves 10.30 a.m.

May
4th Gardening Club - Mr Tinsley - Underwater Off the Dorset Coast
14th Fork Supper with Pat and John House at West Court

June
1st Gardening Club—Mark Read - Vegetables
8th PIP Village Quiz, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
19th Bere Regis Church Garden Party

July
3rd Bere Regis Church coach outing to Marlborough
6th Gardening Club—John England - Iceland

THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE
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The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
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Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th    Mrs K Benjafield  Mrs P Mooney
11th/18th  Mrs C Lewis  Mrs K Abbott
25th/1st  Mrs C Burden  Mrs J Gibbs

Bere Regis Sidesmen

4th  9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates
     3.30  Mrs Jutting
11th  11.00 Mrs March / Mrs England
18th  9.15 Mr Smith / Mr Croom
     3.30  Miss Frampton

Bere Regis Evensong Readers

4th  Mrs Jutting
18th  Miss Frampton

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

3rd and 10th January  Miss S Frampton, Mrs H Loxton, Mr T Bates
17th and 24th  Mr B James, Mrs M James
31st January and 7th February  Mr R Robinson, Mrs A Robinson

Dusting

Miss G Miller, Mrs J Harvey
Mrs G Whittle, Mrs N Scott
Mrs O Curtis, Mrs M Lewis

Guides

Unit suspended

Kingsbere Quilters
1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mobile Library
Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. - 12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park

Mothers’ Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Playgroup Bere Regis
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792  Wednesday/Thursday PM

Pip Squeaks
A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd

Pop in Place
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall

Purbeck Singles social group
Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

Pop in Place Poppets
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall

Rainbows
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

RBL Gardening Club
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774

Royal Oak Golf Society
Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October. Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

Swimming Club
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

Toddler Group
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

Tuesday Club
A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome

Twinning Association
Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Village Scrapbook
Jenny Silavs – 471577
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society

7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle 2nd Wednesday - 7.00 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village

Parish Council Meeting day Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board

Autumn Leaves (over 50s) 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Babysitting Circle Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

Beavers (6-8 yrs) 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Bere Heath Methodist Chapel 10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)

Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s” RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays

British Legion Club 7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday

Legion Women's Section 7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

B.R.S.C. Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri 7.00p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

Briantspuddle Singers 7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

Choir Practice 7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

C.A.B. Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)

Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only) Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Camera Club 7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court

Coffee Stop 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct

Congregational Church 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane

Cubs (8-10½ yrs) 6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

Dancing classes Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

D.S.S. Van 1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

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**CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY**

**Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany**

The Second Sunday of Christmas

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
  Bere Regis
- 11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 3.30pm Evensong  
  Bere Regis

**Sunday 11th January – The Baptism of Christ**

First Sunday of the Epiphany—Plough Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
  Bere Regis
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 11.00am Family Service for Plough Sunday  
  Bere Regis
- 3.30pm Evensong  
  Affpuddle

**Sunday 18th January – Second Sunday of the Epiphany**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
  Bere Regis
- 11.00am Family Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 3.30pm Evensong week of prayer for Christian Unity  
  Bere Regis

- Preacher: Pastor Jim Morris of Butt Lane Chapel

**Sunday 25th January – Third Sunday of the Epiphany**

The Conversion of St. Paul

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
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- 9.15am Parish Communion  
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BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30. Thank you to all those who have kept the bells ringing during the past year.

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Bere Regis Church News

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January 2004
The Purbeck School musicians present an evening of music

Bere Regis Parish Church

Saturday 31st January 7.30 p.m.

Featuring the school trad band, vocal group, string group, bass group, flute group, clarinet group

Refreshments and retiring

Please join us!
Dorothy was a busy, active, interesting and widely interested lady involved in many community activities.

She was born in Widnes in 1933, in Cheshire, the only child of Jack and Molly Briggs. Dorothy’s schooling was initially at the Victoria Road School in Runcorn, and after her 11+, she went on to Helsby Grammar School, with her life long friend Margaret, they were amongst the first girls in Helsby’s new 6th Form. At school she was more arty than sporty, and was particularly keen on music and drama, and she played Titania in Shakespear’s Midsummer Nights Dream. From school Dorothy went on to Leeds University where she studied social sciences.

For her first job in 1953, she moved South to Hammersmith Hospital in London, where she became Almoner. Then after 15 years there she moved even further south to Bermuda to work for their Social Services there.

From an island in the Atlantic, Dorothy joined the National Health Service here in Dorset and after three years she moved to her final professional appointment as a welfare officer at the UK Atomic Energy Authority at Winfrith. But in her retirement she became even busier.

It may be that one of the reasons she chose to live in Dorset was because she loved the wildlife. Indeed, she was a member of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, and she loved Thomas Hardy’s writings. And his connections with this Kingsbere Church perhaps nourished her interests.

We are enormously grateful that she edited the Parish Magazine on behalf of the Church. Amongst her many other interests were as a guide at Kingston Lacy, and at Clouds Hill. She also worked as a Tribunal Officer for the DSS and she acted as an adviser on welfare matters for the local housing association. She enjoyed her holidays, especially walking in Scotland and the Lake District, the latter perhaps through an affinity as a result of being evacuated to Cumberland in the War.

Dorothy’s oldest friend, Margaret’s daughter Ann, is Dorothy’s God-daughter, and Dorothy was a witness at Ann’s wedding. The family links have remained close, and Ann’s boys were like grandchildren to Dorothy.

Dorothy’s friend John knew Dorothy for some 25 years, and described Dorothy’s wonderfully retentive memory – especially for facts and figures. He says that she was a very private person and though she had
many acquaintances she also enjoyed a few life long true friendships, and that is a great gift. She was widely read and a most communicative friend. Coastal walks were always enriched by her strong views and memories. She was, says John, a loyal friend and the world greatly benefited from her life and presence.

Dorothy was one of the founding members of the Milton Abbey Festival, and one her particular favourites was Mendelsohn’s Elijah and in particularly O rest in the Lord. Towards the end of her funeral service, in place of the Nunc Dimitis we shall hear this aria, and we can be assured that Dorothy is indeed ‘resting in the Lord.’ Amen.

**OBITUARIES**

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SPECIAL CLEAN

The post Christmas Special Clean will be done on Saturday 10th January 2004 from 10.00 to 12 noon. Please come along and help tidy up the Church after the Christmas festivities. Please bring with you polishing cloths and dusters. Depending on the number present it is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture and floors, vacuum the hussocks and wash the floors.

Philippa Thomiley

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GIFT SERVICE

At the time of writing the Gift Service and Christmas has not taken place. In February 1 hope to be able to let you know how much money was collected for the purchase of flowers and all about the gift service and the gifts which by then I will have taken to Cheshire Homes.

Philippa Thomiley

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who produced home made food for sale and bought the items on the P.C.C.’s stall which raised funds for London City Mission and Tansen Hospital in Nepal. £111.20 (don’t forget the 20p) was raised and will be sent off to these two charities.

I would like to make an especial thank you to Jenny Lightfoot and Jenny Beedle who stepped into the breach and ran the stall for me. I had a family crisis. It was so kind of them to help out. They are two stars and the Parish is lucky to have such kind and public spirited people.

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to as many people in the Parish as possible, with extra copies being made available in Briantspuddle Village Shop. The newsletter aims to focus on the vast and rich parish wildlife, giving the whole parish an opportunity to contribute and to share stories and ideas. Contact Ian on 471317 if you spot something interesting, if you have a wildlife question, or if you would like to contribute in any way.

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**BERE REGIS NEWS**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

At the December meeting we welcomed Mr J Parsons of White Lovington to the Council as our eleventh Councillor. He brings a wide experience of Parish Council work plus considerable knowledge of this area.

In the past few years during January/February we have had visits from the District Council who were seeking opinions about the Council Tax and how we as a Parish would like either reduced or improved services. The meetings were directed at Parishioners but attendance was extremely poor. Thus this year the District Council has commissioned a lobby company to undertake the task for them in the form of a questionnaire. The chosen company is Simalto and presumably they will be sending out the questionnaires to a sample of addresses in the hope of achieving a better response than the Council. If you receive a questionnaire do please try to make use of it on behalf all Council Tax payers. The County, who account for 90% of the Council Tax, are apparently undertaking a consultation approach to obtain opinions. Again if you hear of the location of a meeting, try to get to it to have your say in this tax.

The Council is concerned about the parking of vehicles around the West Street entrance to Snowhill whereby the lane is partially blocked. The last thing that the Council wishes to see are yellow lines, and there will be no need for them providing drivers park with care and consideration for others.

Concerning crime, the Chairman attended the meeting of the North Purbeck Task Group, which used to be the Crime Prevention Panel. The Group includes the Police, Community Wardens, Council Officers and Councillors from the various Parishes in the District. We were advised that as of November crime had reduced in this area by 18%. However for an incident to be considered as a crime it needs to be reported to the Police, as clearly unless there is a record there is nothing to measure and thus compare one period with another. We also learned of the Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO) and the Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) that are being introduced in this area. An ABC is an agreement to behave more reasonably after having been caught behaving badly. Breeches of the ABC and disorderly conduct can lead to the issue of an ASBO. This would restrict the person from particular areas and from associating with particular individuals. Details of the person would be circulated in the community so that shops etc can display them. ASBO’s are operative for two years and any breach will result in a custodial sentence. Where these Orders have been used and a few have been issued in the Purbeck area, they have been shown to be successful.

The new Parish Web-site is being visited more and it should get busier as it becomes better known. There are some interesting pictures of old Bere Regis and
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soon we hope to have some less old pictures.

There is an Events calendar and it is to be hoped that as a result we may avoid clashes in dates between organisations. The web-site address is www.bereregis.org Parishioners are also reminded that despite the TV advertisements Broadband for the Bere Regis area is a long way off as we require a minimum of 350 interested subscribers. It is therefore important that if you are interested that you register with BT.

The Council was very pleased to hear complimentary remarks about the Christmas trees and they thank all of the businesses and houses who contributed to cheering up the village at Christmastide.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 8th January 2004 at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

**DRAX HALL**

The events held in the hall during December were very well supported and were financial successes. The

festive decorations in the hall were enjoyed by the many people who visited the hall. The painting of the hall proceeded regardless of the events and is now complete. Now we have to fill the hole left in the coffers and save up for the next time we have to paint it.

Looking to the future we have a Puppet Show booked for the February half term. This is to be the Story Box Theatre production of The Snow Queen. We had the same Company last year when they presented The Tin Soldier and it was very popular. This production will be on Tuesday 17th February at 11.00 am. There will be more details next month but tickets as usual from 15 North Street Tel. 471342.

Further to the future, the Drax Hall Management Committee are planning to hold an exhibition entitled ‘Bere Regis - a step back in time’. This will be a pictorial exhibition of village life and will be held on Monday 12th April 2004 - Easter Monday - from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Drax Hall. The exhibits will consist of photographs, postcards and other historical items depicting life in Bere Regis both in the past and more recently. To make the exhibition a success the organisers, Paul and Alison Bennett, need some help. They have a collection of many pictures but would like to hear from anybody who would be prepared to lend other pictures and items for showing. This will be a very interesting exhibition to view but it does need the support of the people of the village. Would those people willing to offer help please contact Paul or Alison on 472023 before the 20th February 2004.

**BRIANTSPUDDLE LADIES**

(ex W.I. members plus others)

I wish to thank Audrey Grindrod for all her hard work organising Briantspuddle Christmas Fair. It was a great success and it was a joy to see the children’s faces as Father Christmas arrived!

Our next meeting will be at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday January 21st at 7.30pm, when our theme will be a book appreciation evening. So please bring your favourite novel if you can. We will be deciding on our new name. You don’t need to be a member – all local ladies and girls welcome!

**WILDLIFE NEWS: AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH**

The recent slide-show on the “hidden world” of parish wildlife was a huge success. The next presentation, “Gardening for Wildlife” will be held on Thursday 22 January 2004 at Briantspuddle Village Hall at 7.30pm, and will be given by Jan Hopkins. Those visitors to the annual “open gardens” event will recall Jan’s garden as a haven for wildlife, and may have wondered how they might be able to achieve similar results! Well, here’s your chance to find out. A small charge of £1 will be made to cover costs of both the slide-show and the newsletter.

Talking of which, the next newsletter is due out in January. We aim to distribute it
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Before the December meeting of the Parish Council Robert Mileham gave a presentation about his proposal to create forty foot high statue of Dorset Horse on a hill on Rogers Hill Farm. The presentation was by way of a “testing the water” exercise. No firm plans have been made. It is likely that Robert will make a small model which will be on show in the Village Hall. Watch the magazine for future details.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December the following business was discussed.

Commander de Burgh gave the meeting an update on the Parish Plan. He reported that the project team was working hard and it was hoped that a draft would be available for the Parish Council in January or February. Commander de Burgh had been given permission and had bought a copy of the Ordinance Survey Map for use in preparing the Parish Plan. For an extra fee another copy had been obtained which had been offered to the Parish Council for display in the Village Hall. Arrangements would be made to obtain quotations for the framing of this map.

A planning application had been received for the construction of an extension to the conservatory situated on the side of 18 Bladen Valley. The plan had been approved subject to a provision for adequate screening.

The Parish Councillors discussed the maintenance of the roads within the Parish and gave the clerk a list of defects which needed rectifying. This list would be passed on to the relevant department at County Hall.

Authority was given to pay accounts for grass cutting and clerk’s remuneration and expenses.

The meeting closed at 9.15. The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 14th January 2004 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PARISH PLAN PROJECT

I reported in October that we were hoping to produce a draft plan for everyone to comment on by the end on November. Unfortunately, life being as it is we have been unable to put the information together in time and therefore it is more likely that the Draft Plan will be out in January or February having first been read by the Parish Council.

When the Draft Plan does emerge we hope that everyone will be critical in a helpful way – at the end of the day the final result must reflect the Parish majority view. A great deal of effort is going on to make it as easy to read as possible and we would very much appreciate proposed amendments back as quickly as possible.

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Kerbside Recycling Box Collection Calendar – Bere Regis

The Green Kerbside recycling boxes will be collected and emptied in Bere Regis every two weeks in 2004 starting Tuesday 13th January. We only have one holiday getting in the way so there is one exception to the Tuesday collection day - Wednesday 29th December 2004. The following items are welcomed (more than most people realise!):-

- Newspapers, Magazines, White paper and Junk Mail
- Green, Blue, Clear and Brown glass bottles
- Food, Drink and Aerosol Cans
- Textiles

For those of you like me who forget these things I have (hopefully) listed the dates correctly: Jan 13th 27th, Feb 10th 24th, March 9th 23rd, April 6th 20th, May 4th 18th, June 1st 15th 29th, July 13th 27th, August 10th 24th, Sept 7th 21st, Oct 5th 19th, Nov 2nd 16th 30th, Dec 14th 29th.

New Waste Plant at Winfrith

There are plans for a new waste recycling plant to be built at Winfrith. Both I and Malcolm Shakesby (your County Councillor) are concerned that this will lead to a substantial increase in the traffic up the C6 (Rye Hill) past the school. We have made representations to Dorset County Council to reconsider the location of the proposed site or to consider rerouting the traffic to avoid the C6. The site is unlikely to be operational for quite a few years so watch these reports!

A Minority of one!

At a recent Council debate we were asked to comment on a government suggestion to change the election system for Purbeck District Council (and all others who operate similar electoral cycles). Currently we hold elections for one third of the 24 Councillors every year, giving 8 elections annually. The fourth year is kept free of elections and then we start the four yearly cycle all over again. Whilst not perfect the current system allows the composition of the Council to change annually (albeit gradually) reflecting current issues and concerns. The government suggested moving to a system of elections once every four years for all the seats in
the District. I should not have been surprised that both the main political parties were strongly in favour of the government’s suggestion as it allows them to rule unfettered by elections for the complete four years. It also has the effect of squeezing out Independents so no surprise that I was outvoted 23 to 1! A final decision on this is unlikely to be made until next year at the earliest.

Surgery

Surgery is held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Blaxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor
Artsreach

Piafinite, which took place on 15th November was a fantastic evening. Djamila and Phil played all the old Edith Piaf songs with such expertise and feeling. Sales of tickets were slow and I was getting a bit worried when the day was approaching and I had not sold the required number of tickets to produce the minimum fee. However sales picked up by the day of the performance and in the end forty one tickets were sold. After all the expenses were paid £39 has been raised for Hall Funds.

Eduardo Niebla - Friday 16th January 2004 7.30 Briantspuddle Village Hall. As I quoted in last month’s magazine. “Hot, dark Mediterranean passion!

Born in Tanglers of Andalusian parents in 1955 the seventh son of a family of eleven, nearly all of whom are talented artists or respected musicians, world class guitar master and virtuoso, Eduardo Niebla, brought his stunning Flamencojazz to Dorset for the first time last winter, winning over all audiences he played to. He even got a standing ovation at the end of the first half in one venue! So we had to ask him back. Eduardo has been touring on the international circuit for years playing at festivals and concert halls all over the world, but loves the intimacy of a smaller venue, and this time will be touring as part of a duo.”

Tickets cost £5 and are available from, me, Philippa Thomiley, 01929 471497.

The last Artsreach production of the season will be “Shakespeare’s Other Anne” a play written and performed by Richard Derrington. Richard has already performed two other plays in the Village Hall. Taylors Tickler in 1997 and My Kingdom for a Horse in 2001. He used to play Mark in the Archers before he was bumped off in 1994! Further details will be given in February and March’s Magazines.

Another date for your new 2004 diary!! Valentine’s Supper. Saturday 14th February 2004 7.30 for 8.00 in the Village Hall. Tickets costing £8 will be available from Sheila Pearce and Philippa Thomiley to include a three course meal with a glass of Champagne type wine on arrival. There will be a bar to buy wine and soft drinks to drink with the meal. Book early for what is expected to be a fantastic evening.

Moviola – I have not yet had final details about the film to be shown on 31st January 2004. Arrangements will be made to deliver a “flyer” during January.
January 2004

Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October. New members are invited to join.

A G M – Thursday 18th November 2003. Drax Arms 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

ROGS on tour - Dartmouth 18th—20th June. Thailand 20th—30th October

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Christmas Cup of Good Cheer - Bulbury Woods GC - Saturday 11th December

Sports Club News

Swings

It is with regret that the Sports Club committee has taken the decision to remove the swings from the sports field.

Unfortunately, our most recent National Playing Fields Association inspection report has highlighted further problems with the swings (i.e. their location, the need for extra fencing, the condition of the swings). The Club acted upon the issues concerning the swings raised in the previous year’s report. However, being a voluntary run organisation, it is unable to meet the huge costs of making the swings safe according to NPFA legislation.

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top of his game, giving the kind of centre forward display that mere mortals, and Emile Heskey, can only dream of. Like Graham Price, although he was not scoring he was looking good and it was not long before Bere took the lead, a cracker from Nick White from outside the area. Windgreen equalised with a sweet strike of their own, before Texas Tom decided to do-it-himself and gave Bere the lead again. Windgreen were no quitters and equalised just before half time to leave Bere with some work still to do in the second half. This was accomplished with ease, though, and with the wind at their backs Bere played the conditions beautifully and kept the score ticking over throughout the half. Tom Bennett added his second, Sean Pettitt (on loan from Chelski, or have I got the wrong Pettitt) opened his account with a beauty, then Nick White finished as he started, with an elegant final strike.

Three points for the Regis, Johnny Cleall finally deciding to take his lovely girlfriend up the aisle (no smutty comments please!) and Nick White on the wrong end of a seven ball mauling at pool….has there ever been a more satisfying Sunday?

Longfleet St Marys 4: Bere Regis 2 aet (Senior Cup)

Forget bungee jumping, forget snowboarding, forget even getting in a car with Frenchy, if its thrills and white knuckle adventure that you want look no further than your local village football team. A skeleton squad, no doubt worried about random drugs tests, travelled to Upton Rec in the 3rd round of the Cup hopeful of glory. These hopes were soon dealt a hammer blow as, after only ten minutes, the ‘Hand of Gale’ intervened on the line and the referee had no alternative but to send Triston off for yet another early bath. Fortunately, the penalty was missed, but this luck would not last and by half time Bere were two scrappy goals down and most probably out. This Sunday team are a plucky bunch; in fact sometimes they are plucking brilliant, and the second half gave them all a chance to show this. Like the reluctant Welshman they never say dai and with fifteen minutes to go Earl brought them back into the game with a screamer from the edge of the area that had goal written all over it from the moment the ball left his trusty left boot. When Tom Bennett equalised with a couple of minutes to go the crowd went wild (Nick Macklin was even seen to smile!) and the nail biting was extended for at least another half hour. Unfortunately, having just played eighty...
GARDENING CLUB

A good time was had by most people at the Christmas Party with good food and lots of fun. Cyril and Eileen excelled in the balloon games and would still be playing now if we did not have to vacate the hall.

Elaine and her team laid on a delicious meal and worked manfully through mountains of washing-up for which we are most grateful.

Kath on the piano and John on the violin helped the evening go with a swing. They ought to make a record. Under the names "Jeeves and England" I'm sure it would sell well in the USA.

The A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 6th January at 7.30pm at the British Legion Hall. We are still as desperate as ever for new committee members and would warmly welcome any new blood.

Immediately after the A.G.M. Jan Hopkins will give a talk on creating a wildlife pond.

There is still time to put in seed orders so if you still have not done it, get your skates on now.

The February meeting will be open to members and non-members and will be a presentation on Wind Power.

Dates For Your Diary

- March 2nd Val Hurstongardener - My Favourite Gardens
- April 6th Keith Andrews - Plush Orchids
- May 4th Mr Tinsley - Underwater Off the Dorset Coast
- June 1st Mark Read - Vegetables
- July 6th John England - Iceland
- August 3rd A Summer Evening In A Garden
- September 7th Harvest Supper
- October 5th Pat Haskells - Knoll Gardens
- November 2nd Richard Brown - Lambs Tails
- December 7th Christmas Party

All meetings 8.00pm at the British Legion Hall.

Andy Morrison 472343

Hamworthy Lions 1: Bere Regis 0

At the beginning of the season, Bere had been at the wrong end of an 11-0 mauling from these lions and they were not going to let it happen again. It was, therefore, unfortunate that after a battling performance in which Bere matched the lions claw for claw they were undone by a bobbly pitch. Just before half time, a speculative shot from outside the area was covered by the US male Kevin ‘Britney’ Spears in goal. Then, at the last minute, the ball hit a divot and bobbled over his outstretched hand and into the net. Lady Luck has not only deserted us, she seems to have eloped with the Lions. Despite Bere’s best efforts, most of them straight at the keeper from Texas Tom, in the second half, Hamworthy hung on for the victory.

Once again, Bere had come second best in a tight game, but with Windgreen to come next week another performance like this should see another three points winging their way to them.

Bere Regis 5: Windgreen, Corfe Mullen 2

This kind of weather may be ideal for England’s rugby stars to give the Aussies and the French a damn good hammering (I had to mention it somewhere!), but it was not conducive to Bere’s normal free flowing game. However, with a decent squad available and the prospect of three points ahead Nick was still keen to play, forgetting the last time we played this team in conditions like this we were at the wrong end of a 7-1 thrashing. This newer younger model is obviously made of sterner stuff!

The first half was a tight affair. With the wind and rain in their faces, Bere were forced to play their football on the ground. Luckily, Pete Macklin was right at the
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB 

FOOTBALL REPORTS 

Saturdays 

Cranborne 2: Bere Regis 0

After a storming start to the season, Bere seem to be going through a spell where any mistake is punished and the team can’t get a goal for love nor money.

Injuries hit hard this week, with no Rob White, Marc Miller or Stu Moore through various bodily injuries, whilst Squint was lost to a lack of MOTivation. Unfortunately, Spivey was also slightly under the weather after a tummy bug on the Friday that saw him experience more flushes in one day than your average menopausal woman sees in a year.

Nevertheless, once on the pitch the team still managed to make a pretty decent game of it against a team that were just off the back of a 5-1 thrashing of Stur Marshall. Infact, Bere had much the better chances in the first half, the most memorable being a weaving run from Shaun Cope that saw him beat four players before skewing his shot just wide. Meanwhile, his brother Wayne was playing puppet master in the middle of the park, pulling the strings for all Bere’s best moves and leaving the Cranborne team, like Cliff Richard’s groupies, chasing shadows. Despite all this, it was Cranborne who scored the opener as an immaculate free kick to the back post left Whippett isolated in a heading contest and by the time he had got all his hair out of the way to head the ball it was already in the back of the net.

The Whisperer was understandably upbeat at half time, despite being behind, given the effort being put in by all concerned and simply asked for more of the same. We soon understood why he was so subdued as, coming on for an injured Wayne, he had saved all his venom for the referee. Within seconds he had subjected the referee to the kind of abuse that is normally reserved for the Neverland ranch. Nevertheless, this passionate approach seemed to work as Bere once again had the better of the play and if Triston Gale had a better left foot cross the story could have been different. But as Bere pushed for that elusive equaliser and gaps started to appear it was Cranborne who sealed the game midway through the half. The normally reliable partnership of Cutler and Rogerson decided to do their Laurel and Hardy routine and as Whippet bounced off the ample form of Dean (that’s another fine mess you got me into Whippet!) the Cranborne forward said thank you very much and hit the back of the net. Bere
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His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. Only in God can we, in the words of the Liverpool football anthem, “walk on, walk on with hope in your hearts and you’ll never walk alone”. So look this next year in the face and resolve in your heart to walk through in the strength that He alone can supply.

May He guide us, as we trust Him for each day as it comes. Love in Jesus,
Pastor Jim Morris
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WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have had a very busy year again and recently entertained the Joseph Weld Centre, Lytchett Matravers Over 60s and W.I

New singers welcome - ring Kath 471175. We meet every Monday at 2.30 p.m. at Kath’s bungalow “Larkspur” Snow Hill.

We wish every one a very Happy New Year

THANKS

What a joy to visit the Village with the wonderful Christmas lights. Thanks to everyone who has made our village so happy. A Happy New Year to all.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

Our Christmas meeting was held on 10th December when the Woodbury Hill singers sang their Christmas programme accompanied by Kath on piano and John on violin. Members joined in with some of the well known carols.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th at 2.30 in the Drax Hall and will be the New Year party.

We wish all our members a Happy New Year. New members are always welcome and there is no joining fee. Either contact Kath on 471175 or just come along.

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Mrs Maskell regaled us with tales of a Canadian Christmas in a log cabin at the turn of the last century. Life was obviously hard with no luxuries, but fun in making their own presents, decorations and entertainment.

Please take a look at our year ahead and come and join us for a friendly evening

- January 20th   Fire Brigade
- February 17th   Jane Austen
- February 24th   Pancake Race
- March 16th      Songs of the Sea
- April 20th      AGM & quiz
- May 18th        Resolutions & fun
- June 15th       Members Evening
- July 20th       Iron a painting
- September 21st  Hospital Radio
- October 19th    Air Ambulance
- November 16th   Dorset Wildlife Trust
- December 14th   Christmas meeting

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Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart!

So here we are - a brand new year! But what are our hopes and aspirations as we boldly go where none of us has been before? It is a strange time of year in many ways. Some will look ahead with relish, clinging to those New Year resolutions, determined to make a fresh start. For others I suspect, the future may appear daunting. The Christmas season produced its own sense of optimism - maybe that's why we saw again such a proliferation of exterior lightshow decorations on many houses in our village. These colourful sights helped us all to 'lighten up' (excuse the pun!) for a brief period, push the realities of our world into the background and focus on 'peace and goodwill to all men'.

But by the time you are reading this, decorations will be down and tucked away in garages, cupboards and lofts for another year. The season of respite is over and it's time once again to face the harsh realities of life. One commodity in life that seems to be in short supply is hope. Last month in our church we spent a fair bit of time considering hope - where it stems from and how Christians should be reflectors of that hope to a world that has by and large lost its way without God. It was Alexander Pope who wrote the immortal words, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast". I certainly believe that because we are made in God's image that hope is there, written into our being like some spiritual DNA. And yet events in our lives and all around us often appear to conspire to contradict and crush that inner cry for hope and peace. I wonder if like many people you have inadvertently 'boxed' up God's Christmas message of love, leaving it like your decorations to gather dust until the next season of respite? God's Son, Jesus, is not some nativity figure to be wrapped up and conveniently store out of sight. He is the One who alone can keep hope alive in your heart. He is the One I turn to at the beginning of each Year. It has often been said but bears repeating, "we may not know what the future holds but we can know the One who holds the future". The hope He brings includes a reality check. It is not some pious optimism that depends on favourable circumstances. Some one has rightly said, "optimism may reflect the prevailing mood; hope (in Christ) energises us to change it if necessary." The hope we can find in Christ is at its best in adverse and difficult circumstances. We can know His strength in our weaknesses. In the Bible we read (Romans 5:3-5) "we rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; and character produces hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out
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Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday mornings 10 am to 12 noon

Pop In Place Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group Thursday 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm (term time only)

Pop In Place Pip Squeak Youth Group with emphasis on music, dance and drama Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm (not second Thursday)

The Pop In Place aims to draw the Community together in a variety of creative ways why not visit us you will be made very welcome.

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

For more details Tel: Alison 01929-472023
Angela 01929-472261

Volunteers are always welcome
POP IN PLACE NEWS

Seasons Greetings!

The Pop In Place project team wish you all a Happy New Year.

Alice in Panto Land Report

This year the Pip Squeaks musical youth group put on a pantomime ‘Alice in Panto Land’ at the Drax Hall. This event was a resounding success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Pop In Place Christmas Party Report

The Pop In Place Community Christmas Party was the Project’s thank you to all the regular users and helpers. The party was treated to a performance of ‘Alice in Panto Land’ which was warmly received.

Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1.30pm to 3pm. (during term time)

Poppets Activities for January:

- 8th January  Painting
- 15th January  Play Dough
- 22nd January  Stencilling
- 29th January  Decorating Biscuits

For more information contact Mandy on 472583.

BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

The Dorset Youth Association annual Christmas card Competition for 2003 did not produce a winner for the youth club. However, our entries so in impressed the judge that each one was awarded a ‘Commended’ certificate. The judge commented, “These were all very attractive designs that showed imagination”.

Taking two evening to complete, 18 November and 9 December, the ‘Pool Knock-out Competition’ turned out to be a closely contested event for those who entered. The final was between Sam Colton and Tom White, with Sam just edging out Tom to take the title for 2003. In the play-off for third and fourth places, Daniel McCowen took third place by edging out Thomas Rolls who ended up fourth.

In the annual youth club ‘Talent Competition’ held on the 25 November, there was a selection of dance, singing and guitar playing. Daniel Spivey played his guitar and took third place, Daniel McCowen and Sam Colton teamed up to perform a well-timed dance routine and took second spot. The winner with her catchy song was Jessica Shaw, who went forward to the Dorset Youth Association Final in Dorchester.

“Stop Press” ……… 12 December 03: News from Dorchester, Jessica Shaw takes second place, and the £15 Prize, in the Under 12s Section of Dorset Youth Association’s ‘Annual Talent Competition’ …….. Message ends.

A ‘Karaoke Night’ takes place on 16 December, young members having yet another chance to entertain one another. If past evenings of this type are anything to go by, it is going to be a real night of fun and laughter.

The ‘Christmas Party Night’ is on the 23 December, which brings the youth club year to its close. There will be the usual fun and games, plus plenty to eat and drink, and loads of music.

Members will be welcome back on the 13 January 2004, when the club will be open for business once again. Just a reminder, subscriptions will be renewable from this date!

Terry Vine, Youth Leader  Telephone 01929 471693
The Pip Squeaks – Musical Youth Group

The Pip Squeaks start back on Thursday 15th January. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7:45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council.

The Pop In Place – Open Gardens Event

The Open Gardens event will take place on Sunday 18th July. If you would like open your garden, as part of this scheme for the village, please make your application in writing as soon as possible. For more information contact Alison on 472023.

Appeal for Volunteer Drivers

The Pop In Place wish to extend a welcome to the PIP Sessions on a Monday and a Friday to the people of Bloxworth and other surrounding areas not served by public transport. We are looking for volunteer drivers who could collect and return clients. If you are able to help for a couple of hours per week this could be your way of helping the community. For more information contact Alison on 472023.

Dates for the Diary

The Pop In Place reopens on Monday 5th January.

On Saturday 31st January the Pop In Place are having a social evening with Karaoke and Disco at the British Legion Hall. The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets will be £1-50 each and includes supper.
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE
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PENSIONS CREDITS

Do you know what these benefits are or how to claim them? Have you heard of them but think you are not eligible to claim them? Are you worried about enquiring because of all the questions you may be asked? Maybe you have enquired but were put off claiming because of the forms you were sent?

The British Gas Help the Aged Partnership is launching a Benefits Advice pilot scheme in Dorset to help older people claim benefits entitlements, and to help address the financial hardship and poverty experienced by some local older people. This project is run in the Dorset area in conjunction with Age Concern Dorchester.

Initially the idea of the project is to visit local groups, clubs, fellowships etc., giving talks about how the service will operate and raising awareness of it. It is our aim to recruit volunteers who will be trained in giving benefits advice with a view to assisting older people complete claim forms.

We would like to here from anybody who is either:-

- a member of a group which would be interested in hearing about the service (service aimed at the over 55s) or,
- would like to consider volunteering and is interested in finding out more about what is involved.

Please contact Helen Macey, the Welfare Benefits Co-ordinator, at Age Concern Dorchester 01305 269444 for more information.

HELP AND CARE

Why not give us a call and find out more about our CONNECTIONS SERVICE?

This is a service that assists people to maintain their independence and improve quality of life through information, practical help and links with other organisations. So if you live in Purbeck, are aged over 55, or over 18 with a disability or are a carer, you can speak to our trained, police checked staff who
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Iced Honey and Whisky Creams

I found this recipe on a recent trip to Scotland. It would make a nice sweet for a new year party.

- half pint double cream
- 4 tbsp whisky
- 4 tbsp thick honey
- 4 egg yolks

Whip the cream, gradually adding the whisky, until thick. Warm the honey in a saucepan until hot and runny. Put the yolks into a bowl and using an electric whisk, the yolks, gradually pouring on the hot honey. Whisk until the mixture is thick and pale. Fold both together, and divide between 8/9 ramekins. Freeze, and when firm on the surface cover each one with cling film.

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Many people are not aware of benefits they may be entitled to claim and our staff at Help and Care can provide initial guidance and support.

Help and Care have had the added experience of resolving unmet need in the community since 1985 by developing a comprehensive range of services. If you feel you could do with some impartial advice contact Kelly Howes on 01929 555182.

Older people and carers are at the centre of Help and Care. With people, we champion their independence, aspirations, inclusion and quality of life.

Help and Care is an independent voluntary organisation formed in 1985

Help and Care started from community development and outreach work with older people’s groups.

Through listening to older people and carers, we identified unmet need and then sought funding to develop services to meet that need. The ongoing focus of our work is what older people and carers want need and aspire to.

Help and Care is engaged in regional and national work and developments.

Help and Care run a FREE local help line for anyone caring for a relative or friend.

Opening times Monday to Friday 10am – 12 noon & 2pm until 4pm
Telephone 01202 434455, 01929 555210 or 01305 251191

Help and Care is an action orientated organisation that is constantly striving for improvement

www.helpandcare.org
BERE REGIS & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming Session Times
Saturdays: Beginners & Improvers Groups  6-6.45 p.m.
Advanced (non-competitive teaching groups)  6.45-7.30 p.m.

The Bere Regis Swimming Club was formed in 1976 with its main purpose to teach swimming to the children in the rural area of Bere Regis and the surrounding district. We currently have around 80 members and 8 swimming teachers. Our members’ ages range from 3 up to 14 and abilities from complete beginner to competitive standard.

Although mainly a teaching Club, we do take part in the occasional friendly galas with other clubs. We also hold our own annual gala (usually in June) when our members compete for the club trophies and certificates.

However, our main objective is the teaching and improvement of swimming. To this end we use the Amateur Swimming Association Awards schemes. In these structured programmes we are also able to teach elementary diving, personal survival to our older children.

The Club has recently become the first in Dorset to receive accreditation from the Amateur Swimming Association for its’ Swim 21 Programme. The Silver Award achieved concentrates on ensuring a range of quality opportunities within a safe environment at all four modules of Swimmer Development, Teacher Development, Club Management and Partnerships. The award equates with Clubmark being promoted nationally by Sport England.

The Club currently has 1 Advanced STA/ASA Teacher, 1 STA Teacher and 6 ASA Assistant Teachers and 3 Club Helpers. It is interesting that one of our club teachers and two of our ASA Club Helpers come from the ranks of our swimmers.

We are very much a happy family orientated Club and meet at the Blandford Leisure Centre on Saturday evenings (teaching in groups according to ability). The annual membership fee is currently £4.00 which covers ASA affiliation fees and insurance. We also charge £1.50 per session for swimming fees, which includes the cost of ASA badges.

Some of our other activities include:
• Wareham Lions Swimarathon
• Annual Presentation & Barbecue Night
• Moors Valley Country Park Trip

For further details, contact Bob Holman (Chairman) on 01305 848262 or Simon Trenchard (Secretary) on 01929 472148.

HEALTH WALKS IN BERE REGIS

Health walks will be starting in Bere Regis in January. These will be short walks of 30-45 minutes, no stiles and on good paths or pavements around the village.

The walks are for all ages and abilities and led by trained volunteers.

A comfortable pair of shoes is all that is needed.

Walking can…..

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Walking will start every Tuesday at 1030 from the Car Park in Manor Farm Road, the first being Tuesday 6th January 2004.

For further details ring Lynda on 01929 471180

HEALTH WALKS IN BERE REGIS