### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007

**February**
- 10th: Talk - Briantspuddle Village Hall. ‘Pirates and Poets’
- 14th: Autumn Leaves ‘Sayings you have heard’ 2.30 p.m.
- 19th: Puppets - ‘Bird in the Hand’, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.

**March**
- 3rd: Dorset Latvia link Jumble Sale
- 8th: Talk - Briantspuddle Village Hall. ‘The Middle East’
- 13th: Artsreach ‘The Gamekeeper’, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
- 14th: Autumn Leaves - ‘The Acorn Way’ Colin Hunter 2.30 p.m.

**April**
- 6th: Pop in Place Easter egg raffle and Easter bonnets 10.00 a.m.
- 11th: Autumn Leaves, Trip to Stewarts, Sainsbury’s etc 10.30 a.m.
- 12th: Talk - Briantspuddle Village Hall. ‘Sierra Leone’
- 18th: Coffee morning at Kath and Charlie’s, Larkspur 10.30 a.m.
- 21st: Twinning Association - St George’s evening
- 27th: Pop in Place AGM 10.30 a.m.
- 28th: Annual Church outing - Hampton Court Palace 8.00 a.m.

**May**
- 9th: Autumn Leaves - ‘The Inner Sanctum’ Rob Curtis 2.20 p.m.

**June**
- 9th: Pop in Place Performers Summer concert 7.00 p.m.
- 13th: Autumn Leaves trip to Sidmouth 10.00 a.m.
- 23rd: Affpuddle Church Fete - Cruck Cottage 2.00 - 4.30

**July**
- 15th: Pop in Place Bere Regis Open Gardens event 10.00 - 5.00

**August**
- 17/24/31: Pop in Place children’s summer activities 10.00 - 11.45

**September**
- 8th: Pop in Place Performer of the Year competition 7.00 p.m.
- 12th: Autumn Leaves 36th birthday lunch 1.00 p.m.
- 21st - 23rd: Twinning Association visit to Cerences

**October**

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**THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE**

I have been thinking that whatever age we may be, we are, and indeed should be open to doing things for the first time – so long as it is ‘legal, decent and honest’ – as the code of Advertising and Public Relations used to quite rightly demand. And so it was that I watched for the first time the Channel Four TV programme ‘Celebrity Big Brother’, as I thought I ought to find out for myself what all the fuss was about, and if the accusations of racism were indeed justified, or was it a difference of cultures.

The beginning of the programme was about as interesting as watching paint dry – the topics and manner of the conversations in ‘The House’ were stultifying boring and hardly surprising when as far as I could discern there was not a single book or newspaper to be seen anywhere (except the operating instructions for the cooker) and so the housemates were forced to interact with each other. But then there was an argument between some of the contestants which generated on the part of one particular ‘celebrity’ a shameful exhibition of degrading behaviour and disgusting language.

Some of the more serious newspapers described the housemates as a collection of racist half- wits and the programme’s producers as morons. And what does it say about those who watch it? The furore incurred comments from Gordon Brown whilst he was visiting India – and one of the housemates was a ‘Bollywood’ actress; there were questions in the House of Commons and acres of press coverage increased not only Channel Four’s viewing ratings but a debate on the
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nature of television and its role in our public life, just at the time when the BBC licence fee was being set. And then the sponsors withdrew their support. Alas and all too often we have the media – the press and the television - that we deserve. Yet, more than 20,000 complaints were logged from viewers about the behaviour of the Big Brother housemates. So perhaps we do have a sense of decency after all. What is clearly lacking in the cynically contrived hothouse of Big Brother is a sense of respect or interdependence for and with each other. That is at the heart of community and racial harmony, and equally, the lack of mutual respect and value is at the core of racism.

Racism was perhaps most obviously expressed in the awfulness of the Slave Trade, and the Parliamentary Bill to secure its abolition 200 years ago this year. ‘Am I not a man and a brother’ was the question of the slaves and the abolitionists. Today, though slavery may have been eradicated in what was the British Empire, it still exists as I have seen, in many parts of Africa and other parts of the world too. We have a responsibility to outlaw it and stop it. Our Benefice Lent course this year asks the question over five sessions ‘Can we build a better world?’, and what we can learn from William Wilberforce MP who drove the Bill through Parliament in spite of great opposition. So please join us – every one is welcome. Each session lasts no more than half an hour and the dates are as follows:

The Affpuddle Group will meet Mondays at The Menzies House: Starmoor, Throop, (471263) at 7.45 pm on 26th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March.

And the Bere Regis group at The Vicarage on Tuesdays at 7.30p.m on 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 27th March. Then we all meet for a House Communion at Starmoor on Monday 2nd April. I hope you will join us.

With love and prayers

-Racism – Lent Course - slavery

**SPEX (SPIRITED EXPLORERS)**

*SPEX (Spirited Explorers) is a “meeting place” for those who find faith hard, and the church sometimes impossible.*

We meet on the FOURTH MONDAY of every month at 7.30 p.m. at the CROWN at Winterborne Stickland.

The February meeting is on Feb 26

Come, bring your friends, your questions and your own ideas*

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**ASSOCIATIONS**

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<td>Miss G Miller</td>
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<td>Purbeck District Councillor</td>
<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com">peterwharf@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly surgery, Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00</td>
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<td>Royal British Legion Club</td>
<td>Mrs Glo Curtis</td>
<td>472620</td>
<td>32 Old Barn Road <a href="mailto:Glo.curtis@dorset.probation.gsx.gov.uk">Glo.curtis@dorset.probation.gsx.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Mrs Megan Stone</td>
<td>471627</td>
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<td>Mrs Ann Robinson</td>
<td>472424</td>
<td>3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU</td>
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<td>W.I. (Bere Regis)</td>
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<td>472331</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:jnurrish@aol.com">jnurrish@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>471414</td>
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CHURCH AND VILLAGE
ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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<td>Andrew Jones</td>
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<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andrew@jjones.fereserve.co.uk">andrew@jjones.fereserve.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Monthly RBL Club 1st Monday - 7:30 pm</td>
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<td>Autumn Leaves</td>
<td>Margaret Dann, Kath Jeeves</td>
<td>472734</td>
<td>4 Bitchams Mead &quot;Larkspur&quot; Snow Hill</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Court Prospect</td>
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<td>471360</td>
<td>Heatherdown, Brock Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:choir@tacmusic.com">choir@tacmusic.com</a></td>
<td>Rehearsals weekly. 7:00 p.m. every Friday in BR church</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Sports Club</td>
<td>Cyril Cheeseman</td>
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<td>Village football and cricket teams all ages</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305</td>
<td>Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk">bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk</a></td>
<td>5.30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the Blandford Leisure Centre</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Health Walks</td>
<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:michael.CRISPORD@ukgateway.net">michael.CRISPORD@ukgateway.net</a></td>
<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Bell Ringers</td>
<td>John England, Adrian Standfield, Jenny Kinahan</td>
<td>471469, 471774, 472161</td>
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<td>Steven Battishill</td>
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<td>Christine Whitfield</td>
<td>472159</td>
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<td>Coffee Stop</td>
<td>Jean Thorn</td>
<td>471646</td>
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THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE

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Bere Regis Evensong Readers

4th Mrs Jutting
18th Miss Frampton

Bere Regis Sidesmen

4th 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr House
Chalice Mr House / Mr Smith
6.00 pm Mrs Jutting

11th 11.00am Mrs England with children

18th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
Chalice Mr Croom/Mr Wharf
6.00 pm Miss Fampton

25th 11.00am Miss Miller

Sanctuary Flower Guild

February 4th/11th Mrs J Herring  Mrs J Kinahan

February 18th  Mrs J Kinahan

February 25th  LENT  No flowers

First Sunday Coffee

4th John and Pat

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning Dusting

3rd February Mrs J Woodward and Mrs C Tucker

Mrs E James and Mrs J Woodward

10th and 17th February Mrs H Loxton and Mrs J Clifford

Mrs E Jutting

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice**

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<td>E. Arkell</td>
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<td>R. Killer</td>
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**Intercessions:**
- 11 Feb J. Haigh;
- 25 Feb A. Grindrod

**Chalice:**
- 11 Feb J. Haigh;
- 25 Feb P. Badcock

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The current rota for flowers and cleaning finishes at the end of April. If you are not happy with your commitment, please telephone Erica Moriarty (471747) as soon as possible. If you would like to join the rota, the additional help would be much appreciated. Thank you, all the helpers, for all you do.
**CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY**

**Sunday 4th February – Candlemass – Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP) - Affpuddle
- 9.15am: Parish Communion - Bere Regis
- 11am: Mattins and Shortened Communion (BCP) - Affpuddle
- 6pm: Evensong - Bere Regis

**Sunday 11th February - Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima**
- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP) - Bere Regis
- 9.15am: Parish Communion - Affpuddle
- 11am: Family Service - Bere Regis
- 3.30pm: Evensong - Affpuddle

**Sunday 18th February – Sunday next before Lent – Quinquagesima**
- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP) - Affpuddle
- 9.15am: Parish Communion - Bere Regis
- 11am: Family Communion - Affpuddle
- 6pm: Evensong - Bere Regis

**Wednesday 21st February Ash Wednesday**
- 7pm: Service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday - Affpuddle

**Sunday 25th February First Sunday of Lent**
- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP) - Bere Regis
- 9.15am: Parish Communion - Affpuddle
- 11am: Mattins and Shortened Communion (BCP) - Bere Regis

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3 PRIZE BINGO 8.30 p.m.
10 CHEESE AND WINE £4.00 per person 8.00 p.m.
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24 SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

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3 QUIZ 8.30 p.m.
17 FUNCTION
24 POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS DARTS 8.15 p.m.
31 PRIZE BINGO 8.30 p.m.

APRIL
6 GOOD FRIDAY PETE HOWELL
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28 SUPER LEAGUE DARTS
MONDAY 30 BLOOD DONORS

March 3rd March
2pm Holy Baptism

Sunday 4th March
8am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11am Mattins and Shortened Communion
6pm Evensong

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis
Samuel Banks Moore on 27th December
Scarlet Angel Nation on 14th January

Funerals
William Nigel Woodward (aged 39) at Poole Crematorium on 11th January followed by interment of his ashes in Bere Regis Church Yard the following day.

Michelle Bulpitt of Rowlands Wait Bere Regis (aged 39) at St John the Baptist’s, followed by interment in Bere Regis Cemetery on 17th January

Cecil Audrey Bielby (nee Debenham) (aged 100) at Weymouth Crematorium on 18th January followed by interment of her ashes in St Laurence’s Church Yard Affpuddle on 25th January
Today is about giving thanks for a life well lived, lived to the full in William’s own way.

And the measure of a life well lived is, as it was and indeed is for William, is how he so much contributed to other peoples’ lives.

I’m grateful to Jane and Nigel and to William’s sister Fi in Ecuador, who sadly can’t be with us today for their help and indeed all the family, enabling us all to give thanks for William and all that he meant to us.

William was born on 2nd January 1967, the second child to Jane and Nigel and brother to Tim, and subsequently to his sisters Sarah and Fi. His birth was in Chepstow, whilst Nigel was serving nearby. He was sadly, by the time he was just nine months old, found to be mentally disabled and after five operations he was diagnosed to be suffering from hydrocephalus. William wasn’t able to walk until he was four.

It was a tough time for his parents, who were constantly on the move as Army families inevitably are and not just in the UK but in Germany and elsewhere overseas. Very difficult decisions could not be avoided for clearly William needed special care. The anguish and heart searching which parents go through, as Jane and Nigel did, can barely be imagined. But Jane in particular was helped by William’s very supportive consultant who helpfully lifted the sense of guilt of neglect by assuring her of the very specialised care that William would need. And so William went to live in a variety of hospitals and homes for the disabled from the age of two and a half until he finally moved to Gloucester three years ago. Throughout this time, his parents and siblings were regular visitors and stable family links were established and nurtured. In his last home he was very happy indeed thanks to the wonderful care and dedication of the staff at Redwell Road in Gloucester.

William loved music and playing in concerts, even aged 13 he played in his concert at Highfield School. He was a very loving person who would give people lots of hugs. He had a very special relationship with his sister Fi, and in all Nigel’s and Jane’s telephone conversations with William over the years he never failed to ask ‘where’s Fi? Whenever he did something well, perhaps learning to pronounce a new word, he would say ‘good boy’. In the past ten years he had been trying to alter that and it then went ‘good boy – no, good Man’. Late in his short life William discovered pubs and discos, and...
**TALKS IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

The response to the recent questionnaire on possible future activities in the Village Hall showed many people interested in attending talks. Following up on this, a number of talks have been arranged over the next three months as follows:

**Saturday 10th February**

“Pirates and Poets”. Philip Ventham will examine the exploits of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) team based at Anderton Manor during World War II.

**Thursday 8th March**

Henry Hogger, formerly H.M. Ambassador to Syria and more recently adviser to the Governor in Basra, will give a personal perspective of the Middle East - its joys and tribulations.

**Thursday 12th April**

Steve Sanderson will talk on his recent experiences when serving with the British Army in Sierra Leone. He was in command of a Brigade Advice and Support Team working with the Sierra Leone armed services helping to stabilise the country and train its forces.

There will be an admission fee of £2 for each talk. Tickets available from Philippa Thorniley. A wine bar will be available.

**DORSET LATVIA LINK JUMBLE SALE**

This is a reminder that the Dorset Latvia Link Jumble Sale will take place between 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Saturday 3rd March 2007. Jumble can be left at the hall from 10.00 a.m. on the day or if you require collection prior to that date, please telephone me on 471577.

Jenny Silavs

**OBITUARIES**

William had two passions in life. Firstly ‘Dr Who’ - and his bedroom was full of Dr Who mementos including an immense collection of Dr Who videos and DVDs; and secondly any type of pencil and writing pad. Whenever Nigel and Jane took William shopping over the years he went home with a clutch of felt tips and files of paper – as Jane says ‘goodness knows where it all went’.

Although William loved being taken out by Nigel and Jane, directly he got into the car he would ask ‘time to go home?’. When they said ‘do you want to go home now?’ his answer was usually ‘not yet’. But after a couple of hours he would ask the same question and confirm his wish to go home by saying ‘yes please’.

William was happy and content in himself and was supported by not only his family Sarah and Tim and Fi, and their children, William’s seven nieces and nephews, and his wonderful carers, but also by his God Father Christopher Pardey and Sister G who took him on a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

William was essentially someone who made you feel happy when you went to see him, and always sad to leave him.

It I a measure of the joy he brought to so many people that all his friends and carers from his home in Gloucester have made the long trip to be with us today and today we can give thanks for William and for the happiness he brought and shared and for the good memories of him we can hold on to. We are all richer for having known him.

Michelle was born in Hornchurch in Essex on the 23rd October 1967, the youngest of five children – sister to David Ian and Graham and Linda. Her schooling was at the local Infant and Junior school and she also attended Sunday School and joined the Brownies.

Michelle Bulpitt

I’m very grateful to Malcolm for his thoughts and help in this tribute to Michelle which we hope will help the family and Michelle’s many friends at this sad time.
Michelle’s family moved from Essex to Andover in Hampshire in October 1979 where she attended Winton School and she made friends with Malcolm’s sister Angela. Whilst still at school she took part time work at the local Little Chef, and a sweet stall at the local Saturday market. She also worked initially part time at the local Martins the newsagent, which then became her full time job when she eventually left school.

Through her friendship with Angela, she got to know Malcolm and they were married at St Michael’s and All Angels Church at Weyhill Road in Andover on July 5 1986, and she always said it was the happiest day of her life.

Michelle and Malcolm had three children; first Nathan, then Christopher and finally Natasha, and Malcolm and the three children were the centre of Michelle’s life - she was always so proud of them.

Nathan and Christopher were members of the local Boys Brigade and Natasha the Girls Brigade and the Majorettes. Michelle was a constant supporter of the children’s activities wherever they went and one of her proudest moments was when the boys attended the Millennium Parade at Winchester Cathedral.

Michelle’s life revolved around her great love for her family.

Michelle returned to work for Argos in Andover where she met and made some very good friends, but then in 2003, Michelle was diagnosed with virulent breast cancer which quickly worked its way around her body. This meant that Michelle’s and Malcolm’s long term plans to retire to Dorset – a place they had got to know and love - had to be very quickly rethought. The dream of owning their own campsite wasn’t going to happen. So with the help of Stevie, Ivor Alec and Philip from Rowlands Wait, here in the village, they were given the opportunity to become the Warden of the site. So, after consulting the three children, they sold up in Hampshire and moved to Bere Regis, and it was a dream-come-true for them. Michelle loved sitting in the garden watching the wildlife, and moving to Dorset meant that she was able to be nearer more of her family in Broadmayne. And so it was that Michelle, with her cousins Ruth Sally and Sarah -Jayne made a good foursome. They went to Bingo together and Malcolm called them the ‘Blue Rinse gang’.

Surrounded by her family and in the heart of the countryside, Michelle was able to enjoy the lovely summer we had last year. Sadly, as winter came, her cancer became ever more aggressive and she died.

Unfortunately the increases in fixed costs (heat, light, fuel, wages and insurance) has caught up with us. Last year the expenditure exceeded the income from hire charges and the Parish Council grant. (Not a good position in which to find oneself). It has always been the policy of the Committee that hire charges plus the Parish Council grant must cover the cost of heating, lighting, cleaning and insuring the hall. All funds raised by fund raising events are saved for maintenance and improvement of the hall.

From 1st February the charges will rise as follows:-

Regular users £8 per hour, hirers who live within the Parish £10 per hour and outsiders £20 per hour. The hire charge for the use of the kitchen will remain at £10 per session.

Philippa Thorniley

During February and March I will be selling the numbers for the 2007 100 Club which runs from June 2007 to May 2008. The cost of each number will be £10. There will be a monthly prize of £20 with an extra prize in December of £60. This is a relatively painless way of supporting the village hall please help the hall by buying one or even two numbers!

Philippa Thorniley

The Briantspuddle Singers
Conductor Richard Hall
Programme includes:
Haydn’s Stabat Mater
Mendelssohn’s Psalm 115
Tickets £8 (£4 students) from 01929 555 366/ 01305 832069
Additional Village Hall News

Firstly I must apologise about the lack of news in January’s magazine. The email I sent to the editor did not arrive and is probably sitting somewhere on Kite Hall!

This meant that you did not hear about the January Artsreach event, Mrs. Gerrish Guest House which took place on 27th January. (At the time of writing it has not taken place and there will, it is to be hoped if my email does not have another senior moment, be a report in the March magazine. The Committee has had to pull out all the stops to deliver flyers around the Parish and Diana has done sterling work with her column in the Echo.

I was also very sad that my report about the Christmas event with Mellstock Band did not appear. This was so successful and fulfilled much more than a fund raising event. The Bladen Social Club pulled out all the stops, the committee produced a fantastic supper and all the audience remarked on what a successful evening it had been. Mellstock Band played with their usual verve and expertise and after all the expenses had been paid the Hall Committee repair fund ended up with a profit of £236.

On 24th March Ray Sargent is returning to Briantspuddle to give a performance of “The Warrior and The Poet” a highly atmospheric one man dramatisation of the last years of the life of T.E. Lawrence – Lawrence of Arabia. Tickets costing £6.00 will be available from the middle of February from Philippa Thorniley (Bere Regis 471497).

Ray is a talented performer who has appeared in the past at the Village Hall in “Books Uncorked”, The two Christmas Stories The Signalman by Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy’s Three strangers. He also gave a performance of the life of William Barnes.

Remembering that Lawrence’s cottage is situated in the Parish this is a highly suitable performance for our Village Hall.

Philippa Thorniley

we will have to wait six months for a reply from the lottery trustees as to whether the application has successfully passed the first round. During that waiting period work on applications to the Heritage lottery and other charity funds will be pursued. This year is going to be a very busy one for the village hall committee in order that we can start on the implementation of the project in 2008.

Peter Talbot

OBITUARIES

just after the New Year on 6th January.

Michelle will be buried close to where she had been so happy – just down the hill from Rowlands Wait, and in the midst of the wildlife she loved, a place to visit and remember.

As we remember Michelle, let us remember to love and support Nathan, Christopher and Natasha and of course Malcolm and give thanks for Michelle and for having known her and being enriched by her.

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Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

Sunday 11th February

Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome. There will be lots of fun and no charge! – just come along and enjoy yourselves.

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

Village Hall News

Committee notes

The results of the consultation exercise about activities in the village hall have been circulated to all homes in the parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle. Many thanks to all who returned their questionnaires and a prompt to all who didn’t that you can still return the questionnaire and have your say about village hall activities.

At the January committee meeting it was agreed to go ahead with the arrangements for initial meetings of a gardening club, book group and arts appreciation/painting group. Details on the dates of these initial meetings will be communicated through this journal, the village web site and a mail shot to homes in the Parish. These activities were the most popular ones requested in questionnaire responses and their continued existence will be dependent on the level of support they receive, which is very much in your hands.

Unfortunately the grant application to the Hanson Environmental trust regarding the installation of a hearing loop in the village hall was unsuccessful. This particular application was always a long shot, as we knew that Hanson had deferred a number of applications from the previous round that was oversubscribed because this particular trust fund was being wound up at the end of 2006. The application was however a useful exercise as we have received useful feedback on where this particular application required improvement. During the initial stage of preparing the application to the Hanson trust it was also identified that Lloyds TSB are another possible source of a grant so the committee will by the time you read this have contacted Lloyds TSB to check that they will consider a grant for the hearing loop. The experience and feedback from the Hanson application will then be used to good effect in the application to Lloyds.

The Repair Project

Work on the application to the Lottery Community buildings fund is almost complete and it is anticipated that it will be submitted during February. Thereafter
This term Dorchester Choral Society is joining with the Dorchester Middle Schools Choir in its continuing work with young people. The Middle Schools choir will consist of 50 young people from St. Mary’s Puddletown, St. Osmond’s and Dorchester Middle Schools. They will be trained by Christine Page, the Director of music for the Choral Society and also the Music Animateur for Dorset.

Together they will be performing John Rutter’s popular Mass of the Children at St. Mary’s Church Dorchester on Saturday 3rd March 2007 at 7.30 p.m. The soloists will be Pippa Goss, soprano and Robert Evans, bass, both well known and loved by Dorset audiences. The other half of the concert will consist of beautiful Anthems by Purcell, Robert Chilcott, and David Hill.

This is a concert to be at, (our last one in December was completely sold out!) so book your tickets early from Harmony Music, a member of the choir or telephone 01305 852977.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christine Pfaff  Chairman

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We were sorry not to have been able to ‘Ring in the New Year’ this time due to a shortage of available ringers on the evening.

Ringing practices continue on Wednesday evenings at the usual time of 6.30pm. Please come and have a look or try basic rope handling. You will find it is not too difficult after having made the effort of climbing the 50 steps.

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2007

The Branch Leader welcomed members to the Meeting and opened with prayers.

The Treasurer read out a letter received from the Holiday Fund treasurer acknowledging a donation made by the Branch, and also an acknowledgment from Salisbury Women’s Refuge.

The leader reminded members of the Plough Sunday Service to be held on 14th January at 11.00 a.m.

Also Sunday 21st January the Mothers’ Union would be preparing coffee after the morning service, during which Nancy Gibson would be commissioned as leader.

On 2nd May ladies would be coming from the MU Shop in Salisbury bringing examples of goods stocked. It was suggested and agreed to hold the meeting in the Church and ask members from other branches to attend.

The Branch Leader introduced the speaker Mrs. Brenda Pitfield who gave an interesting talk on the running and administration of the MU.

The Branch Leader thanked the speaker and a presentation was made.

Coffee was served during which a ‘Lucky Dip’ was held.

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th February at Turberville Court at 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Church Outing to Hampton Court Palace and Gardens

28th April 2007

Depart Turberville court car park 8.00 a.m.

Cost: £20 to include entry to hampton court palace and gardens

Tickets from John and Pat House
For more up to date results, tables and fixtures log onto the Bere Regis Sports Club website www.bereregis.com, which has links direct to the DCFA website and more information on Bere Regis FC.

FOOTBALL TRAINING
Juniors
Saturday mornings: 10.30 until 12.00 at Bere Regis Recreation Ground

From reception to under 10’s, all children are welcome on a Saturday morning.
With 3 qualified coaches involved these sessions are both educational and fun.
So get your kids off those playstations and down to the Rec…..

CRICKET PRACTICE
Adults
Wednesday evenings: 19.00 until 21.00 at Milton Abbey School

It may be winter and we may have lost the Ashes, but Bere Regis cricket goes on undaunted so this is your chance to show us what you have got. Do feel free to come along and show us your googlies…..

BERE REGIS NEWS
PARISH COUNCIL

At the January meeting the Council was addressed by Mr Mike Grime, the Head of Development and Building Control at Purbeck District Council. He described the tasks that he and his fellow officers had to undertake to meet the requirements of a variety of Plans from Regional down to Parish. The number of applications, and the variety dealt with, was impressive. He explained the reasoning behind the latest additional costs for developments which not everyone will agree with as these costs will, in the case of new developments, be passed on to the purchasers.

There was a very significant attendance by Parishioners at the meeting. The majority were expressing their concerns about the confirmation of a footpath at Yearlings Bottom. The gateway has been padlocked thus preventing passage by riders. A lively discussion followed and suggestions made to attempt to overcome the problem.

Other Parishioners were in attendance to express their concerns about a planning application in North Street.

The matter of the Green Lane from Snowhill down to North Street was discussed. The County wish to make this into a BOAT (Byeway Open to All Traffic) which would permit its use by four wheel drive vehicles, motor cycles etc. The Parish Council is opposed to this and are logging an appeal against the Order.

In an endeavour to improve communications throughout the Parish, the Council has created two new sections on the Village Website – www.bereregis.org. One is a volunteering list whereby somebody requiring a job to be done can announce it and then somebody who feels capable and willing, can offer their services. How it is settled is up to the persons concerned. The other section deals with aiding people to dispose of unwanted items, rather like a mini Ebay. The Council is keen that the website is used like a notice board and the intention is for Parish announcements to be made via this site. Copies will also be posted on the noticeboards. It is therefore important that as many Parishioners as possible be on the Parish List. This has now been created and anyone so interested is invited to register their interest. To register, and therefore receive any news item, please contact Ian Ventham on venthams@shitterton.freeserve.co.uk

The Council has been in communication with the County Council concerning the ‘Safe Route to School’ and its improvements. Clearly it has taken a long time and there have been alterations made. The Council has not always been kept informed of these alterations and thus they have expressed their concerns to the County Council. The County Council’s response is awaited.
The Parish Plan is about to be launched on the Parish. In readiness the Parish Council has decided that the best way in which it could implement the actions required in the Plan is to allocate responsibility for various topics to the members of the Council. In turn, in some of these areas, the Councillors will be trying to set up working parties of interested people in the village to take the ideas forward. Progress will be reviewed on each topic every two months, as shown in the table below, so do come along to Council meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm to hear how we are progressing. The responsibilities we have agreed are:

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Juniors – Under 10’s

16th December
Wareham Rangers 3: Bere Dragons 1
Scorers: Ollie
Man of the Match: Jordan

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straight back to him and Jimmy made amends with a smart finish.

With the smell of the bar proving unbearable for both teams the referee was soon persuaded to blow the final whistle.

Honour had been upheld by the Old Gits once again and all is right with the world!!

Results
Adult Saturdays – DIVISION ONE
16th December
Bere Regis 5: Ferndown Sports 1
Scorers: Wayne Cope (2), Shane Hewitt (2), Rob White

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Adult Sundays – DIVISION TWO
16th December
Bere Regis 4: Ferndown Sports 3
Scorers: S Walker, M Mahoney, D Mato, S Cope

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant councillor if you have a problem or a query, or if you would like to become involved in implementing parts of the Parish Plan.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 9th February at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

The Management Committee met in January to plan the events and improvements for the year. We also reviewed the past year. It was reported that financially the Hall is sound and generated a profit on the running expenses. The many improvements that have been made have been covered by Grants etc. We were fortunate to have received a grant of £5,000 from the ‘Awards for All’ scheme just before Christmas and this will be used to provide a new entrance door and a new look entrance and stair coverings.

Forthcoming events include a puppet show on Monday afternoon 19th February – during half term. This is ‘Bird in the Hand’. Josh Elwell and Co present a vibrant and enchanting piece of visual theatre for families and children from 5 years upwards. The show combines beautiful hand carved puppets with clowning and live music. The performance starts at 2.00pm. Tickets £3.50 for adults and £3.00 for children. Book with Mr Maunder on 471342.

The followers of the Forest Forge Theatre Company will be pleased to know that the Company is returning to the Hall on Tuesday 13th March to present ‘The Gamekeeper’ a thrilling new play by Josephine Carter. Frank lives alone in a run down cottage in the depths of the forest, but his solitude is shattered when he finds a runaway hiding in his old tin bath. Comedy and strong emotion contend for supremacy in this sizzling new play. Bookings as usual on 471342.

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

_Courtesy of Pat House_

**Sweet and Sour Chicken**

- 4 chicken breasts-skinned and sliced into thin strips.
- 2 tea spoons ground ginger
- 1 oz butter
- 2 tablespoons cornflour, mixed with a little cold water
- 5 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tea spoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- half pint chicken stock
- 11oz tin pineapple pieces
- 4 tomatoes-skinned and quartered
- 1 red pepper-seeded and sliced salt and pepper
- boiled rice to serve

Season the chicken with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the ginger. Melt a little butter into a casserole dish and fry the chicken pieces until brown, remove from the pan and keep warm.

Stir in the vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, stock and cornflour, bring slowly to the boil, stirring until the sauce thickens. Stir in the tin of pineapple, tomatoes and red pepper, add the chicken, cover and cook for about half an hour. Serve with the rice and either a green salad or a green vegetable.

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the likes of Shaun Cope wandering out for the second half having finally got rid of the Christmas hangover, or so he thought! A far more worrying sight for the defence was the sight of none other than Kevin Cox between the sticks, more Petr Fied than Petr Cech I would say!!

These fears were soon realised as, in a huge break from tradition, the referee controversially gave a dodgy penalty to the whippersnappers, presumably because he forgot that we had changed ends. Either way, Tristan Gale stepped up to the spot and dispatched the penalty with ease past the fledgling keeper. The team’s prospects looked ropier than Saddam’s neck, until the dynamic duo of Spivey and Moore decided to switch to a more orthodox Boxing Day back two. They were hugely helped by young Sam Allen running the line and showing all the dedication to the cause of a Russian linesman.

As this stout defence kept the youngsters at bay, the team could concentrate more on attack. With the game balanced on a knife edge the goal that changed the game came from the unlikeliest of sources….Graeme Price! A precision corner from Rob White found the shiny head of Spivey and his unerring header was stopped on the line. As the ball was frantically lashed away from the line, Graeme was far too concerned with protecting his face to avoid the ball and it rebounded off him back into the goal. The youngsters were, obviously, distraught and it was only a matter of time before the old men delivered their coup de grace. Another well deserved penalty decision gave Jimmy Green the chance to double his tally. Thoughtfully, he gave us the chance for one final comedy moment as he, surprisingly, decided to chip the goalkeeper. The execution itself was more Keystone than Cantona and he could only chip the ball straight into the welcoming arms of Peter Larder. Thankfully, in the great West Ham tradition, Peter spilled it...
oldsters. With Earl, Scat and Pip in the middle of midfield for the Gits there was little room for finesse, or indeed any other players! However, any team that features Hewitt, Moore, Pettitt, White and Gale was not going to be kept at bay for too long and the old timers were forced to work hard.

Indeed, for the first time ever Graeme Price managed to get his shirt dirty, although we suspect that this was just wiping his muddy hands on it. Meanwhile, Shane Mooney threw off his cool veneer and was showing as much control in the tackle as a Richard Hammond emergency stop. One particular tackle caused howls of outrage from the youngster’s mother on the sideline, not the first time Shane’s tackle has caused this I’m told! The only jewel in the clowns was, surprisingly, Alan ‘Giggsy’ Lambert hugging the Old Gits left touchline. Bearing in mind that last year his pace was such that when I typed his name in my report the Thesaurus automatically came up with ‘pedestrian’, ‘snail’ and ‘sloth’, this transformation made the old Lazarus trick seem easy. At every opportunity, he teased and tormented the defence like an Iranian executioner, although I am not sure Giggs ever quite panted for breath like that afterwards! It was soon obvious that the first goal would be crucial and, thankfully, that goal went to the Old Gits. Controversy is certainly no stranger to these games and rumours abound that it was only thanks to a biased referee that this goal was allowed. I have now watched this many times on the video replay (available on the Bere Regis Sports Club website at www.bereregis.com) and I am utterly convinced that the cross could not be avoided by the referee as he accidentally buried it into the far corner past a hapless Larder. However, before you could say ‘Stu Moore is a football genius’, he showed us what we have been missing over the past couple of years with a couple of shimmies and an unstoppable left foot screamer for the equaliser.

In the great Aussie tradition, the old timers had obviously goaded these young stingrays a bit too much and they proceeded to dissect the defence with consummate ease. It was good to see Paddles rolling back the years in goal with a display that had us all remembering why we had brought him to Bere in the first place (because Dean was injured, as I recall!). With half time fast approaching the Old Gits needed a crumb of comfort and this was provided by none other than Shane Mooney. Having somehow found his way into the opposition’s penalty area a particularly heavy challenge (well, heavy for a youngster!) caused him to collapse quicker than your average McCartney marriage and the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, despite howls of protest from the whippersnappers. With the legendary Macca unable to take up his normal penalty taking duties, the poisoned chalice was passed to Jimmy Green. Cooler than a freeze-dried cucumber he calmly slotted the ball home and the Old Gits went in at half time a goal to the good.

After stocking up on their winter warmers in the changing rooms, the Old Gits trooped out expecting an onslaught. Their fears were not helped by the sight of...
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

We were kept amused and encouraged to join in all sorts of activities connected with the Music Halls by David Andrews who not only played and sang himself but had many members helping with instruments. A special mention must be made of Sally Cheeseman who gave a fine performance on the bass drum – something she had always wanted to do and had never had a chance before. Thanks are due to Margaret Dann for chairing this meeting and all the helpers for producing a lovely tea.

The February meeting will be held as usual in the Drax Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 14th at which Bob Symes will talk about ‘Sayings and their Origins’. Will members please think about any saying which they know about and wonder how it may have been derived and ask Bob to try to explain it on the day. We hope that Kath will have fully recovered from her recent surgery and back in form at this meeting.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

THE BOXING DAY EXTRAVAGANZA 2006

Old Gits 4: Young Whippersnappers 2

Forget the World Cup Finals, or the Ashes, or even Phil ‘The Power’ versus Raymond Van Barneveld, the most eagerly waited sporting event of the year was once again played at Bere’s own ‘Theatre of Nightmares’ on Boxing Day. The press were out in force (well, Alice Evans and her camera) as well as the WAG’s (Whippersnappers and Gits) to witness a Boxing Day feast of football i.e. leftover turkeys and mince pies.

Sadly, a few stalwarts were missing from the Old Gits team this year. These included Lyndon White (due to a double hernia), the Moss Bros. (double vodkas) and the late (tackling), great (bellied), Macca (treble Scotch). This was, therefore, the strongest team they have had for many a year! Stars included Jimmy ‘Ever’ Green; Shane ‘Over The’ Mooney; Terry ‘The Motor’ Vater; Chris ‘The Gingerpounder’ Osmond; Pip ‘Good’ Evans (are you sure even Dean’s shirt doesn’t fit); Graeme ‘Over’ Price(d); Chris ‘Scoram’ Oram; Earl ‘The Pearl’ Dacre; Adey ‘and The Tramp’ Moore; and Darren ‘The Slapheadmaster’ Spivey.

The Young Whippersnappers were taking things just as seriously, bristling with both Saturday and Sunday team superstars. Added to this was the return of the legend that is Stuart ‘The Physiotherapist’ Moorse and Ryan ‘The Oftenpist’ Pettitt (thankfully, his better looking and playing brother was not available!). They had even added two of the next generation of Bere superstars, with AJ Gale and Nat Scott hoping to follow in the path of their illustrious sporting parents (all the way to the bar!). As ever, the redoubtable Peter ‘Bin’ Larder filled the goal in a way that no other keeper can, thankfully there was no boot inspection before the match! …..and of course there was the referee, a certain young Callum White, who admittedly is the son of one of the Old Gits but was in no way biased towards them (and I have a team of lawyers waiting for any Young Whippersnapper who says otherwise!).

This had the makings of an absolute classic and the crowd were not disappointed!!

The opening moments were as finely balanced as a set of Enron’s accounts, with the enthusiasm of the youngsters more than matched by the alcohol-fuelled
Meet your MP and County Councillor

Over the next few months I intend to hold some combined surgeries with our County Councillor (Malcolm Shakesby) and our Member of Parliament (Annette Brooke). This will give people the opportunity to ask questions about areas over which I have no responsibility for. I will give some dates in my next report.

Development (Housing) contributions

Dorset County Council has approved plans to ensure that, in future, housebuilders and other developers provide money towards tackling road congestion and poor accessibility problems made worse by their development in the district. Development proposals which fail to address the traffic issue will be refused planning permission.

The financial contributions will help enable the implementation of the Purbeck Transportation Strategy, included in the Local Transport Plan for Dorset. The strategy aims to provide traffic management schemes, improvements to highways, transport interchanges and measures to encourage safer walking and cycling. These improvements to the transport network are vital for new residential, industrial and leisure developments to go ahead. The cost of the Purbeck Transportation Strategy over the next 20 years is estimated to be £29.1 million.

The County Council has now published development contributions guidance which will be implemented from 1 January 2007. The new guidance requires developers to pay towards the improvements needed to accommodate the traffic which is inevitably generated by development. The guidance will be used as the basis for the County Council’s advice to Purbeck District Council on highway issues relating to planning applications. Development which does not mitigate its impact will be refused.

The above words are not mine but are an exact transcript of the DCC information note. Also as of this year (2007) developers will now be required to make a contribution to the Heathlands mitigation strategy, which is series of projects over the next 3 years designed to improve visitor management /control on the heathlands and to provide alternative recreational open space. The cost of these projects is £7.5 million

The Transportation contribution is for example £6,650 for a 3 bedroom house, £950 per bedroom for domestic extensions (unless allowed as permitted development i.e. it is within the size limits that would allow it to be built without planning permission). The heathland contribution rate is £1581 per house (any size) and £949 per flat (any size); there are no heathland contributions for domestic
extensions. A 3 bed house would therefore generate a combined contribution of £8,313.31 (including an administration charge of 1%).

The money has to be paid up front for the application to be considered; obviously this money will be refunded for all refused applications!

I will give you more information in a later month’s article. Some of the details can be found on the Dorset County Council web site: www.dorset4you.com

Paintball

The December Planning Board considered the application for Paintball to be held in Bere wood. After a very long debate the Board decided to reject the application on a number of grounds. The main ones were that the site lies within a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) where rare and endangered floras exist along with fauna and bird life. It was felt that the adverse impacts associated with the proposed use could not be adequately mitigated through planning conditions. It was also felt that it would have an adverse impact upon the openness of the Green Belt and the landscape of the locality.

Local Population

Below are the population figures [recently updated] used by PDC for planning purposes. You may find them interesting.

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our lives can be an uncomfortable experience. But God, in His wisdom, lovingly watches over us, even when we cannot see Him.

I rather like the summary of this book given by Christian writer Eugene H. Peterson. He writes, “Reading Job prayerfully and meditatively leads us to face the questions that arise when our lives don’t turn out the way we expect them to. First we hear the stock answers. Then we ask the questions again, with variations. Over and over and over.

Every time we let Job give voice to our own questions, our suffering gains in dignity and we are brought a step closer to the threshold of the voice and the mystery of God. Every time we persist with Job in rejecting the quick-fix counsel of people who see us and hear us but do not understand us, we deepen our availability and openness to the revelation that comes only out of the tempest. The mystery of God eclipses the darkness and the struggle. We realise that suffering calls our lives into question, not God’s. The tables are turned: God-Alive is present to us. God is speaking to us. And so Job’s experience is confirmed and repeated once again in our suffering and our vulnerable humanity.”

Never forget that God is always greater than our fears and He makes all things work together for good –for those who love him and follow Him.

With love in Jesus – especially to those who are going through a hard time.

Pastor Jim Morris The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929 471270

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Bere Regis Congregational Chapel Butt Lane

Our aim is to offer compassionate pastoral help and sensitive counsel to any in our village who feel the need to talk. It doesn’t matter what you believe or what state you’re in. God loves you and in Christ there is an answer. Contact Pastor Jim on the phone number above.

Sunday Worship every week at 10am - {Junior Church each week for youngsters}  
Wednesday Chapel Toddlers Group 1.30-3.00pm  
Wednesdays from 10am- 12.30pm - Early Days Café for Young Mums  
(for details phone Lynda Essex on 07766 257902)  
Fridays from 6-7.30pm - Sonseekers Club for 7-12 yr olds

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At the end of your tether?

Just recently I have been aware, both in the village community and in our Chapel fellowship that many people seem to be grappling with personal difficulties and heartaches affecting them and their families. It’s not unusual at such times for us to look upwards and cry out, “why me, God?” “What have I done to deserve this? Why does an all loving God allow such tragedies and heartaches to afflict us?”

The Bible gives us a unique insight into human nature and doesn’t pull any punches along the way. In our Sunday services we are currently looking honestly and thoughtfully at the story of Job, a man who is described as ‘one who feared God and shunned evil’. But he was also a very rich man who led a comfortable life. A man who was at the heart of a loving family, encouraging his ten children to honour God. In this true story, the devil gains permission from God to take away these home comforts and strike at the very heart of his family – in one day all ten children are killed in a natural tornado-type disaster, his wealth and position disappear overnight. Surely this man is now ready to walk out on God and join the ranks of the unbelieving sceptics. Surely he will curse God to his face! Not a bit of it – although no saint, he grapples with the deep mystery of undeserved suffering and the even greater mystery of God’s sovereignty.

Along the way he finds himself in the company of three very religious men. They are known to us as ‘Job’s comforters’ because their clichéd advice only succeeded in making him feel worse! But we should not be too hard on them – they started out well and at least they cared enough to travel a fair distance to be with Job in his moment of need. But they made the mistake of trying to counsel Job using human logic and reason. Their conclusions led them to believe that this upright man had brought all this tragedy on himself. That it was because of his personal sin that he was being punished. Of course we can bring suffering and pain on ourselves by a bad lifestyle – but most of us are suffering simply because we are part of a fallen world that has rejected God’s wisdom. Humanity has a huge fault line running right through its middle. And the consequences of that affect all mankind – whether you believe in God or not.

Maybe your circumstances have left you feeling weak, vulnerable and, yes, angry and frustrated. You may feel that you are at the end of your tether! One of the deep truths I am discovering from this Old Testament story is that when Job came to the end of his tether – God was still holding him. The silence of God in
The Catholic Churches of Lulworth, Wareham & Wool

St. Edward’s, Shatters Hill, Wareham
St. Mary’s, Lulworth Castle Chapel, East Lulworth
St. Joseph’s, The Square, Wool

Miss Karen Cheeseman, Head Teacher, St. Mary’s School, The Square, Wool - 01929 462565.
Sister Rita (Parish Sister), Loreto, Shatters Hill, Wareham - 01929 552820.

Normal Mass Times

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There is a children’s liturgy group at the 11.00am service at Wareham.
For mass times on Weekdays or Holy Days of Obligation please contact Father.
All sections are thriving. The parents are happy knowing that their off-spring are happy, using their energies constructively, learning new skills and developing a set of values that will guide and shape their futures...the young people are just having fun...loads of it!

Officially, the 22nd of February is our Founders Day (or Thinking Day for Brownies and Guides). This year our Scout Group, together with Reverend Ian and the Junior Church are going to mark this occasion by way of a service and St. John’s Church on Sunday, 11th March. We want to celebrate the ideals that Lord Baden-Powell set when he formed Scouting 100 years ago; please come along and join us.

We would also like to talk to any Adults or Groups/Clubs who may like to help us; it may be that you could help pass on a skill which could be anything from knotting, photography, first aid, sewing (most of the youngsters could use some help here as they are supposed to sew on their badges), gardening, cooking, conservation, the list is endless. Or, maybe some would like to make and hand out squash and biscuits, help us with admin., etc. Whatever help you can give - weekly, once a month, once a term or once a year, please call us; every positive experience helps the young people grow as individuals, opens up new doors and is generally rewarding for all.

If anyone would like any information about the Group or would like to help us help our young people, please contact either Chris Gall, Group Scout Leader on 01305 772634 or any of the Section Leaders: Beavers-Kim Benjafield- 01929 471170; Cubs-Christine Whitfield or Scouts-Mike Whitfield on 01929 472159.

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LOCAL MP

Annette Brooke MP holds regular surgeries in the constituency each week. For details of forthcoming surgeries and to make appointments individuals should phone 01202 693555.

Lin Hudswell, Constituency Organiser - Mid Dorset & North Poole
14 York Road, Broadstone, Dorset, BH18 8ET. T: 01202 658629 F: 01202 658420
Having recovered from the Christmas and New Year break, the youth club re-opened on Tuesday 9th January 2007 with “Give Us a Clue”. The young members divided into two equal teams with each team member taking it in turn to try to get their team to guess the title of a children’s television show. After two rounds the winners were Jessica’s Team who triumphed over Sam’s Team by a narrow two points.

Darts and Pool Competitions will take place over the nights of 16th and 23rd January with everyone going into an open draw. The competition will be run on a knock out basis with a grand final to decide the champion.

A ‘Video Night’ will take place on the 30th and this will be followed by Model Car Racing on the 13th February. The car racing will see the hall floor laid out to form a small racing circuit, on which the young members will be able to race their own remote controlled cars. With no restrictions on car size it is not unusual for a very small car to overtake a monster vehicle by driving underneath it. Anything seems to go at the Wacky Raceway on race nights.

It’s ‘Spots before your Eyes Night’ on 20th February with a Dominoes Challenge. For the first time in a few years the members which have the chance to become the club champion at dominoes. The month is brought to an end with the final ‘Video Night’ of the winter on the 27th.

There will be only two club nights during March, the first a ‘Games Night’ on the 13th and a ‘Shove Ha’ Penny’ competition on the 27th.

Just a reminder to members, membership fees for the new club year are now due. Fees remain at the same level as last year: Seniors £5 (12 and over) – Juniors £3 (8 to 11)

New members are most welcome, just call in at the Royal British Legion on any youth club between 7.30 and 9.00 pm or contact the leader.

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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from February through to October.

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Friday 30th March
Friday 27th April
Friday 25th May
Friday 29th June
Friday 27th July
Friday 31st August
Friday 28th September
Friday 26th October

GRS Trophy
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Captain’s Cup
Landlord’s Cup
President’s Cup
Rob Hall Trophy
Zoom Trophy

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On December 12th, 2006, WI members enjoyed a very successful Christmas party evening. Twenty two members attended, as well as two visitors, unfortunately one or two members were unable to attend owing to illness. Thank you to all who shopped, cooked and decorated the Drax Hall in truly festive fashion. It was a very memorable evening for members, carols were sung around the piano (played by one of our members), games were played, and the handbag game was a great favourite! Just as the evening began to quieten down a little, Santa arrived with a present in his sack for every member! There was great merriment!

The annual Pancake Race is to take place on Feb 20th at the Sports Club, Bere Regis, at 10.00am – the first race will begin at 10.30 am. There will be a ‘Bring and Buy’, raffle and refreshments. All contributions will be in aid of Julia’s House. A loan of frying pans would be gratefully appreciated. For further details contact Sally Cheeseman Tel:01929 471022.

Please don’t forget knitting wool and needles for the ‘Knit-in’ event on Monday, Feb 26th which will be held at Megan Stone’s - 1, Manor Cottages, Bere Regis at 7.30 pm, all proceeds will be given to the Children’s Society.

The next WI meeting will be held on Feb 20th at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis, at 7.30 pm, the guest speaker will give ‘A man’s view of WI’. New members are always welcome.
In 2004 the school received a Silver Artsmark Award in recognition of the variety and quality of arts experiences provided for the children.

To achieve the award, the school had to show evidence that the children had the opportunity to participate in both curriculum and extra-curricular activities on a regular basis.

The school arts curriculum is based around a number of key artists. Each term, the work of the chosen artist is shared with all classes who then try the techniques/style used to produce their own work. Other ‘arts’ areas such as music, dance and drama are often used to reinforce ideas or bring works of art to life.

Drama plays an increasingly important role in many areas of the curriculum. It is valuable in allowing children the opportunity to model ideas for writing, reinforce concepts and develop confidence in speaking and listening.

We are very fortunate that FOBRS funds allow the children the opportunity to see visiting theatre groups and work with drama teachers. Similarly, we are able to buy in music specialists to work with our children, particularly those with a multi-cultural flavour, like drum workshops. The teachers too, through lunch-time and after school, contribute much to our art curriculum - music, dance, drama, art and pottery clubs have all been well attended.

We are very pleased to have two parents helping and running after school clubs for pottery and recorders. In 2008 we will be re-applying for an Artsmark Award and this time we are hoping to go for gold! In order to achieve this we would like to extend further the Art opportunities provided for our children. I am sure there are many in Bere Regis who have skills in the arts that would be invaluable to the younger generation and I would like to invite you to share them with us. If you feel you have something to offer please contact us at the school on 471334.

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). This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact Trish on 01929-472418.

The Pop In Place Performers

We are a group of people of all ages and abilities who stage regular Community Performances featuring Dance, Drama, and Music.

New members of any age will be most welcome. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. To find out more telephone Alison on 01929-472023.

You must register by filling in a registration form and paying £1.00 on your first visit then 50p per week thereafter. (No children under class 3 age please)

Additional Help Required

If you are able to spare a few hours to help your community we would welcome you as a Volunteer onto our Project Team. Contact us at the Drax Hall on a Monday or Friday morning or telephone Angela on 01929-472261.

Dates for the Diary

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Welcome

We extend a welcome to anyone who comes through the door so why not pop in for a tea/coffee and a social conversation. We meet on Monday and Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00noon. On Friday 9th February we have also have the added attraction of a Quiz.

Nominated Charity

The Pop In Place have nominated ‘Bere Regis Friends of Cancer Research UK’ as their charitable cause for 2007. The committee have decided that all proceeds, after expenses, from events run by the Pop In Place will be donated at the end of the year. The one exception will be the ‘BBC Children In Need’ event in November.

Pantomime ‘Cinders In Space’

Our 21st century Pantomime this year called ‘Cinders in Space’ was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The event was a resounding success thanks to all the cast, the volunteers who made the event possible, and to the public who supported the performances.

Open Gardens 2007

Following the feedback from last year’s very successful event we are planning to hold this years ‘Open Gardens’ on 15th July 2007.

Although this may seem a long way ahead the planning stages have to be started in the near future. Offers of gardens for should be made in writing to Alison Bennett at 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by 1st March. The offers need to...
Some 30 members enjoyed our Twelfth Night Social Evening which was kindly hosted once again at the home of Peter and Pat Wharf. More of an English theme this year with a welcoming glass or two of mulled wine to help stimulate(?) the brain cells in readiness for Sue Stone’s Quiz on a Christmas theme. A lovely buffet, provided by the Committee, was enjoyed by all. Again, we were so grateful to Peter and Pat for their kind hospitality on a cold wet January night.

Monday, 5th February – Twinning AGM, Sports Club (far end of North St)

Please don’t forget this whether you are an old member, new member or are thinking about joining the Association. The Committee needs your support, views and ideas for future events. The subscription is £5 per household for the year and it would make our Treasurer and Membership Secretary very happy if all outstanding subs were received by that date!

Future events

So far we have arranged –

St George’s Evening event Saturday 21st April, – Briantspuddle Village Hall
Twinning visit to Cerences – weekend Friday, 21st Sept – Sunday 23rd Sept

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of our twinning associations, and we understand that Cerences wants to make it a really special occasion. So old members, new members and potential members, make a note of the date in your diaries, and please try and support what should be a really good weekend. As previously, we will be travelling by coach from Bere Regis.

A Robinson, (Tel: 472424)
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May I thank all my friends for their many cards, gifts and visits when I came home from hospital. Thanks also for all the help you gave to Charlie by shopping and running errands.

We are both so grateful to you all.

God Bless

Kath

We would like to wish all our patients a happy and healthy New Year.

THE GP PATIENT SURVEY – Your Doctor, Your Experience, Your Say

The Department of Health (DH) has commissioned a survey to assess patient experience of accessing their GP. Market Research specialists IPSOS MORI are conducting the survey. This is in addition to the annual survey which many of you have responded to over the last 3 years.

Why is this happening?

Apparently over the country, patients have highlighted that ‘access to general practice’ on an ‘as and when needed’ as one of their highest priorities. The DH have set standards on how easy it should be for people to book an appointment, in particular with a doctor, and this survey will ask selected patients about their experience.

How patients have been selected

The patient Registration System (Exeter) will be used to randomly select a sample of patients registered at the practice. Full confidentiality is assured. The only information extracted has been your NHS number, your name and your address.

Questionnaires were due to be sent out at the beginning of the year so you may have already received one. The practice will be sent the results but we will not know which patients took part in the survey. We hope that you will all respond appropriately so that we can make any improvements that are necessary, and are within the scope of our NHS contract. If you have any queries please contact our Practice Manager.

There is a website with frequently asked questions and if you are selected, you can complete the questionnaire on-line or by telephone if you prefer.

Reference for the website is http://www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk/3.php

Phone Debbie Scott FCCA, ATII on 01258 830304

kingsbere@lineone.net
Welcome back to all our children and parents after the Christmas break, we would also like to welcome the new children that have started with us this term and hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Opening times:
- Monday all day: 9am to 3.15pm
- Tuesday all day: 9am to 3.15pm
- Wednesday all day: 9am to 3.15pm
- Thursday morning only: 9am – 11.30am
- Friday morning and lunch club: 9am – 12.45

This year we are hoping to buy a much needed new building as you can imagine this is going to be very costly for us. We have been raising money for several years and the Trustees of the group are working hard to obtain grants from various sources, but we would appreciate any Local help with ideas for fundraising events or any organisation we could approach to help us.

We would like to say a special thanks to The Bere Regis Golf Association for their generous donation of £435.00 from their Christmas raffle also Serco from Winthrith Kindly donated there Christmas raffle of £200.25 also to the parents and staff who through various events leading up to Christmas raised £430.38 we have now transferred these into our building fund. The new building will hopefully give us much needed space to accommodate more children per session and extend our hours further.

The children will be learning all about the Farm this term.

Topics will cover
- On the Farm
- Baby Animals
- Things that Grow
- Visit to a local farm
- Farm Machinery

If you would like to visit and have a look around and meet the staff please...