DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2007

January
15th Pop in Place Bring and Buy sale
27th Pop in Place Cinders in Space Pantomime 2.00 and 7.00 p.m.

March
3rd Dorset Latvia link Jumble Sale

April
28th Annual Church outing - Hampton Court Palace 8.00 a.m.

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

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Christmas is almost over, so how was it for you? Or is it over? The ‘Sales’ in our shops seemed to have started before Christmas and who knows how long they will go on for? Or may be you have been going back to the shops to exchange some of your gifts. Sales used to enable stores to clear their stock ready for the Spring, but now they do seem to go on for ever – a never ending Christmas for our relentlessly acquisitive society. God’s great Christmas gift to us is himself as the baby Jesus and in our Church calendar Christmas is followed by the Epiphany – a Greek word meaning revealed or manifest, when the baby Jesus was shown to the Wise Men and to Old Simeon in the Temple in Jerusalem. They all realised that here was what they had been searching for, God incarnate, God as man, as a vulnerable new born baby, the Saviour of the World. That’s the magical mystery of Christmas.

We will be marking Epiphany at a special Epiphany Carol Service at *Turnerspuddle on Sunday 7th January at 3pm – wrap up warm and enjoy the celebration of ‘God in Man made Manifest’.

But it isn’t enough to just celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. He wants us to do something about it, just as we started to do, eventually, 200 years ago when the nation’s Christian conscience was stirred and this year marks the bi-centenary of the Government’s Bill to abolish slavery. As you may know, a triangular trade grew up; West African tribal leaders and Arab traders sold black people from rival tribes to white people, who transported them to the West Indies...
and America. They were set to work to produce sugar, cotton, rum, and tobacco which were then taken back to Bristol and Liverpool. It took the MP William Wilberforce many years of determined lobbying and debating and shaming, and it was, with the help of the Royal Navy, eventually stamped out. In November, our Prime Minister made a guarded apology for Great Britain’s role in this iniquitous trade, but not without criticism.

The tragedy is that it still goes on today, for example in Sudan. It is racism at its worst and today 200 years on we need to do much more to stamp it out.

We’ll be returning to this topic over the next few months.

In the mean time let us rethink our New Year resolutions and remember that haunting question of the Slave Trade inscribed on a medal depicting a black man: ‘am I not a man and a brother?’

What God in Jesus Christ makes clear is that ‘I am my brother’s keeper’.

With love and prayers and a very Happy New Year

* The 11am service at Affpuddle of Mattins and Communion has been cancelled for the 7th January

**CHRISTMAS DRAW & COFFEE MORNING**

Our recent Christmas Draw & coffee Morning raised £450.00 for our Church funds.

May I thank all who helped gave so much, and all who came along to support it so well

Again many thanks

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**CHURCH AND VILLAGE**

**ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS**

**THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE**

**The Vicar**

The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
Tel 01929 471262 (revianw@btinternet.com)

**Church Officials – Bere Regis**

**Lay Reader**
Brenda Pitfield, Hillbutts, Bere Regis, BH20 7HZ
471391

**Church Wardens**
Bob Croom, 1, Bitchams Mead, Bere Regis, BH20 7ND
(rricoom@yahoo.com)
Peter Wharf, The Old Vicarage, Bere Regis BH20 7HQ
(peter.wharf@btopenworld.com)
472246

**Deputy Warden**
Roy Comben, Beechmast, Whatcombe Lane Winterbourne
471538

**Secretary of PCC**
Chris Maundr, 15 North Street, Bere Regis BH20 7LA
471342

**Treasurer of PCC**
Gordon Phillips, 102, North Street, Bere Regis BH20 7LD
471525

**Organist & Choir Master**
Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill, BH20 7NH
471360

**Weekly Pew Sheet & Gift Aid**
Geoffrey Booth, Tower House, Bere Regis BH20 7JA
471586

**Flowers**
Jenny Kinahan, 13, White Lovington, Bere Regis BH20 7NF
472161

**Church Officials – Affpuddle**

**Lay Reader**
Jonathan Haigh, Hazel Cottage, 25, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HS
471768

**Church Warden**
Sandy Moriarty, The Hollow, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HX
471747

**Secretary of PCC**
Elizabeth Whitley, (elizabeth.e@talktalk.net)
01305 889227

**Treasurer of PCC**
Mike Menzies, Starmoor, Throop, DT2 7JD
471263

**Organist**
Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12, Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2BN
489227

**Sacristan**
Erica Moriarty, The Hollow, Briantspuddle DT2 7HX
471747

**PCC Members**
January 2007

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

7th/14th Mrs G Whittle Mrs K Smith

14th 11.00am Mrs England with children

21st/28th Mrs B Griffin Mrs N Gibson

**Cleaning and Dusting**

**Cleaning**

6th January 2007 Mrs H Day and Mrs K Abbott

13th and 20th January Mrs R Cleave and Miss P Chesney

27th January and 3rd February Mrs J Woodward and Mrs C Tucker

**Dusting**

21st 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith Chalice Mr Croom/Mr Wharf 6.00 pm Miss Fampton

25th 11.00am Miss Miller

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

7th 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr House Chalice Mr House / Mr Smith

14th 11.00am Mrs England with children

21st 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith Chalice Mr Croom/Mr Wharf 6.00 pm Miss Fampton

25th 11.00am Miss Miller

**First Sunday Coffee**

John and Pat House.

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**Plumbing Services**

Tim A Maunders
15 North Street Bere Regis
01929 471342
cmaunder@aol.com

**Winter Logs**

At summer prices. Free delivery.
01929 471286

**Carpet Fitter**

P J Bushby
All aspects of carpet and vinyl fitting undertaken. Domestic or commercial. Your own materials fitted or home selection if preferred. Helpful advice always available. The complete carpet and flooring service.
01202 624684 or freephone 0800 0688982

**HOME AND BUILDING**

Planning a new Kitchen or Bathroom?
Call your local specialist. Let me provide a complete one-stop service and help you with everything from planning and design to supply and fitting.
Martin Debenham 01929 472580

**Painter and Decorator**

Interior and Exterior Work
Gordon Tucker, 10 Elder Road, Bere Regis
01929 471882

**Bere Regis MOT & Service Centre**

Class 4 MOTs by appointment 10 working day retest period £10 discount on MOT when combined with a full service Unit 1, Townsend Business Park. Situated behind Shell Petrol Station, Bere Regis
01929 472205

**Andy Hawkins Motor Engineer**

Servicing, repairs, MOT preparation and tests arranged. All makes of car and LCV. Competitive prices.
5 Southmead
01929 471140

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**Pipes**

Chris’s Window Cleaning Service
Telephone 01929 471075
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(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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Rates for charitable, community or non-profit organisations are charged at 50% of above.

Full year advertising is based on complete calendar years. Adverts inserted for part years are charged at a pro-rata rate of the full year cost.

Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £10 - £30 for complex text and graphics.

**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

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Chalice: 14 Jan, S Moriarty; 28 Jan, M Menzies

**Sugaring**
Effective removal of body/facial hair.

**Holistic massage**
Relaxing, excellent for stress and related problems.

Jackie Macintosh ITEC - 01929 471068

**Bed and Breakfast**
- Ground Floor
- Secure Parking
- Quiet Country Setting

West Acres, West Street
Winterbourne Kingston
Blandford Forum DT11 9AT
01929 471293
www.westacres-bedandbreakfast.co.uk

**SMALL ADS**

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CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

Sunday 7th January - First Sunday of the Epiphany -
The Baptism of Christ

8am  Holy Communion (BCP)  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
3pm*  Epiphany Carol Service  Turnerspuddle

Sunday 14th January - Plough Sunday - Second
Sunday of the Epiphany

8am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11am  Family Service for Plough Sunday & Holy Baptism  Bere Regis
3.30pm  Evensong  Affpuddle

Sunday 21st January - Third Sunday of the Epiphany

8am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11am  Family Communion  Affpuddle
6pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 28th January - Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany

8am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11am  Mattins and shortened Communion  Bere Regis

Sunday 4th February - Candlemass - Presentation of
Christ in the Temple

8am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11am  Mattins and shortened Communion  Affpuddle
6pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

* Please note no 11am Mattins & Communion at Affpuddle on 7th January

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bumper Winter Quiz available now at the Club.

JANUARY

6  SUPER LEAGUE DARTS
13  QUIZ 8.30
20  POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS
7.45 FOR 8.00 £1.00
27  SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

FEBRUARY

3  PRIZE BINGO 8.30
10  CHEESE AND WINE
24  SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

Whist alternate Thursday evenings
Bingo every Sunday evening
Gardening Club first Tuesday each month
Everyone welcome - contact Secretary 472620

All regular advertisers - please note

Both our local parish websites - www.bereregis.org and
www.briantspuddle.info, automatically publish information on all full year advertisers in
this magazine at no extra charge.

Advertisers who place a duplicate advert in the Village Calendar also benefit from a discounted

Bere Regis website: www.bereregis.org
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, Planning Applications for Oakerswood Cottage and Tonerspuddle Farm were considered.

The Parish Council set the precept for the 2007/2008 financial years. It was agreed that the precept should be set at £5575.

Purbeck District Council have recently issued a Council Tax Consultation Questionnaire. Arrangements are being made for copies to be placed in the village shop for anyone interested in completing this questionnaire.

Dorset Fire and Rescue service are currently offering free fire surveys of your homes and may be able to fit 10 year smoke alarms (automatically renewed after 10 years). The normal criteria for a survey is anyone over the age of 70 years, someone with a hearing or sight difficulty or a learning or physical disability. Anyone interested in this service should contact Mr Phil Burridge who is the Dorset Fire and Rescue service Community Safety Advisor on 01202 844657.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on will be on 10th January.

ETHERIDGE & GARRICK IN CONCERT

An Artsreach Event at:

St. Mary’s Middle School, Puddletown

Fri 26 Jan 7.30 p.m.

Two Jazz giants in your front room!

John Etheridge is a legend amongst guitarists, and Chris Garrick one of the greatest jazz violinists in the world today. This exciting duo offers you a special chance to hear 2 great players fire off one another to produce live music that is life-affirming, accessible and charming! This will be a night to remember, don’t miss out!

Tickets £7, £5 (u18’s), £20 (fam 4 - max 2 ad) available in advance from

Sue Chamberlain 01305 261984 or Sharon Hagon 01305 851779

Licensed bar and Soft drinks available from 7.00 p.m.

No Stiletto heels to be worn in the School Hall please.

OBITUARIES

Sue Ironside

The Rev Eric Coulan gave this tribute at Sue Ironside’s thanksgiving service at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis on 16 November

It is fitting that we are holding our service of thanksgiving for the life of Sue Ironside (nee Griffin), in this place and in this village. Bere Regis was Sue’s home for many years, the scene of her childhood and youth. In this village she experienced the love and security provided by her parents Gilbert and Barbara and along with her brother Richard and sister Fiona was well prepared for the adventures and challenges of her life. Nearby lived her grandparents and no.10 North Street was a frequent port of call. Sue enjoyed a close and enduring relationship with her Gran, which ended only at Gran’s death in 2005.

Sue’s schooldays began here; first locally and then in Dorchester. Any parent will tell you that schooldays are quickly over, and all too soon the children leave home. The time came for Sue to leave home for university – her choice – an excellent university, no doubt? But that was not its chief attraction. Already there was her school-days sweetheart and husband to be, Bill, studying engineering. Despite various distractions, both gained their degrees.

Bill and Sue were married in this church in 1973 and made their first home in Sevenoaks, Kent. Sue worked in the Civil Service Land Registry for some years but the demands of home and family took priority when Charles in 1983 and Alix in 1985 were born. In 1990 the family returned to Dorset finding a home and establishing a business in Dorchester.

Sue place a high value on home and family. She wanted nothing but the best for her children. They were to be achievers. No family is without its problems; there are tensions and disagreements at time. But the good times, the fun times are far more numerous and memorable:

Mother and daughter having girly day out in Bournemouth, with shopping and lunch – and agreeing not to tell Dad how much they had spent!

Sue on her scooter – delighting in gradually increasing speed so that those walking alongside found themselves running to keep up

Sue busy cleaning and tidying – before the cleaner comes and being teased for it!
Early morning and time that the children were out of bed but no sign of them – Sue’s solution? To Hoover outside their bedroom doors.

Here’s one of Sue deep in conversation….she had the amazing ability to talk to people, you could put her down in a room full of strangers anywhere in the world and within half an hour she would know their life histories.

Sue loved animals – particularly Juno a German Shepherd dog and Sue’s great companion. Juno had the reputation of being the worst behaved puppy in her class! Apparently she did not improve with age! Then there were the cats. Sue decided to give a home to a British Blue, the runt of the litter, but she came home not with one but two. ‘I think I’m seeing double’ was her comment over the phone to Alix.

Sue loved travelling, and enjoyed many family holidays: France, Austria and Crete. Sue’s favourite island. Richard recalls how on their travels a box of Trivial Pursuit was always included. He recalls how one evening sitting on the terrace outside their apartments in Crete the Trivial Pursuit was brought out, along with a bottle (!) of wine. Sue’s turn came around and the question was asked. She thought about it for a while and then promptly fell asleep. Ten minutes later she woke up shouting out the answer as if nothing had happened.

Sue and Bill enjoyed many skiing holidays over 30 years. Sue loved the snow and the atmosphere. On one occasion her jacket caught in the ski lift mechanism and she was lifted up and carried upside down around the cable wheel.

Seven years ago Sue was diagnosed with cancer. Just a few months ago she wrote ‘with the help of my wonderful family and friends life has continued pretty much as normal.’ After one of four operations at Southampton, the surgeon asked if she had done the ‘stair test’, which all patients had to do before being discharged, and she said ‘yes, I was determined to do it.’ The surgeon replied, ‘you don’t have to tell me you are determined, unlike many people who come here, turn their faces to the wall, and there is nothing we can do for them.’

Sue faced life with an indomitable spirit; she was an inspiration to all who knew her; she always put other people’s feelings and happiness above her own. She was so proud of her children and her great longing was to see both Charles and Alix complete their schooling, attend university and graduate. She was so thankful that she was able to attend their graduations.

Sometime in the spring of this year, Sue came away

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I appreciate that the odds of my locating Noel’s family are incredibly slim, especially given the passage of time since he died. I also realize that this is an unusual request, and that I am a complete stranger to you. Nonetheless, I am hoping that someone in Briantspuddle may remember Noel and, perhaps, set me on the right track to find his family.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Haselden

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

Have you got yours yet?

Last few copies are on sale at £5 each, in village shops or from Alison Debenham - 471780.
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George & Jenny Silavs

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Carlisle on the North Side of the Church.

Alas I haven’t been able to draw together so much about Barbara’s early life. We believe she was born in Southampton, and went to school there. She was the last of six girls and one brother, and to one of her sisters she was particularly devoted because she was blind. She became a secretary and we believe worked in the diplomatic service, including in Germany. On return to England at some point later, she was living in Southbourne and then Canford Cliffs. She became a secretary at a local engineering company and eventually married her boss, Dennis Morgan, who sadly died just a year or so after Henry was born, in Bournemouth. Later, Barbara and Henry moved to live in Sandford House, and by now Henry was at school at Swanage Grammar where one of his fellow pupils was David Mellor, the former politician. Henry went on to be apprenticed as a mechanical engineer at Poole Power Station, and I believe his former boss Ivor may be here in Church today. Henry went on to further jobs in engineering, including a marine electronics company in Poole where he met Chris Draycott and they became firm friends.

Barbara’s and Henry’s next move was to the old police house in Bere Regis where they subsequently lived for more than 25 years, and which was much more convenient for her commuting to the nuclear research centre at Winfrith where she eventually became principal secretary to the Deputy Director there. Her colleagues recall how helpful Barbara was and that she always showed great kindness to all, but always with that immaculate dignity.

By now Henry had decided to branch out on his own. Using both his natural abilities as a mechanical engineer and his great interest in classic cars, he set up a mobile car repair business, travelling to his rapidly expanding clientele, and firmly based on his professionalism and his commitment to his customers. So many people have said to me what a wonderful job Henry did, always that cheerful ‘gentle giant’.

Henry was a man of great humour and likeableness who gave and received great loyalty with his friends, and that is a rare gift.

He particularly liked classic cars, and especially Daimler motor cars and the model known as the Daimler Conquest – he even named his company after it - ‘Conquest Engineering’. One of his Daimlers became Barbara’s regular transport to her work at Winfrith – she could be seen waving serenely to her friends from its ample cabin as she swept past them.

In time Barbara retired and developed her social life.

**OBITUARIES**

**THE DORSET LATVIA LINK**

During the past year we have managed to raise just over £200.00 for our Link village of Ikskile and a huge vote of thanks is due to all our supporters for providing the goodies and to the helpers for their time and effort in sorting and selling.

It is astonishing that such a relatively small sum can provide several disadvantaged youngsters with a place at an annual Summer camp as well as assist with the purchase of equipment, in addition to the training of youth leaders for the Sunday School. I am convinced, each year, that there is nothing left to donate in anyone’s garage, cupboard or bookshelf but the bags and boxes gradually start to accumulate over time and my fears prove groundless.

It is true that we are sometimes left with a small surplus of saleable items and these are passed on to other village events or donated to a charity shop. However, following the Christmas Fair in the village hall, we are left with a considerable pile of goodies and have decided to hold a jumble Sale in March 2007 in consequence. Books, Bric-a-Brac, good quality clothing and anything else saleable etc. We have fixed the date for 3 March 2007 and the idea is proving popular as there hasn’t been a jumble sale in the village for some time. Some folk have started an early Spring clean already - Heaven help us!. Further details will be published nearer the time. In the meantime we wish all our supporters and helpers a Happy New Year.

Jenny Silavs, Hon Sec

**BRIANTSPUDDLE POST OFFICE**

George and I would like to take this opportunity, personally, of thanking our Village Shop and Post Office for providing our community with an essential service and a lifeline for many. It is, as expected, a centre for passing on good and, sometimes, not so good news but keeps us up to date with what’s going on in the community. The shop is staffed by volunteers who are helpful and friendly and fun, work on a rota...
A meeting was held on 5th December in the Drax Hall to discuss the setting up of a village wildlife conservation group as proposed in the Natural Environment Section of our Parish Plan. We were delighted to welcome an enthusiastic group who expressed interest in helping. A brief summary of the wildlife interest within the Parish was presented and we heard of how the wildlife group in our neighbouring Parish of Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle works. A discussion was held from which a number of interesting ideas emerged. These included the organising of village nature walks, looking at opportunities to get involved with practical conservation work, carrying out a survey of our wildlife interests, involving the children through the school and investigating the possibility of setting up a village local nature reserve along the Bere Stream.

We will let you know of opportunities and activities we are planning in due course.

Further information from Tony Bates (471563), Pat Chesney (471519) or Sarah Welton (471562).
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

Thanks are due to all our ringers for their devotion to duty during the year including all the time spent in helping our ringing learners. They have been doing very well and will soon be in action for regular services.

We restart practices on Wednesday evenings on January 3rd at 6.30pm.

We welcome visiting ringers to our tower on Monday 1st January at 2.45pm from Milborne Port and on January 13th at 5.15pm from Newton Abbot.
Man of the Match: Ollie

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For more up to date results, tables and fixtures log onto the Bere Regis Sports Club website [www.bereregis.com](http://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 from 10th January: 19.00 until 21.00 at Milton Abbey School

It may be winter, we may even be losing the Ashes, but Bere Regis cricket goes on undaunted and this is your chance to show us what you have got. Come along and show us your googlies…..

**MOTHERS’ UNION**

Our Deanery Mothers’ Union Advent Carol Service was held on Tuesday afternoon 5th December in Bere Regis Church.

Representatives from other branches joined with us on this delightful occasion. Gifts of toys and children’s clothing were collected for Beckingsale house. Mrs Treeby will be delivering them together with the offering taken at the service. The Service was followed by afternoon tea which was appreciated by our visitors and members alike.

Our annual Pre-Christmas Meeting with Carols, Readings and Mince Pies was held on Wednesday evening 6th December. Residents of Turberville Court joined with us and 26 members and visitors were present. Nancy Gibson has agreed to become our new Branch Leader and was unanimously voted in by our members. Nancy will be formally commissioned at Bere Regis Church on Sunday 21st January 2007.

Our next meeting will be held on 3rd January. Brenda will be our speaker and we will have our time of gift exchange. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to join us.

Beatrice Norgate, 471477

**NOVEMBER SYNOD - WOMEN BISHOPS**

In November the Deanery Synod met in Blandford. There were reports on the Parish of Blandford, the Diocesan & General Synods and the new SPEX initiative led by Jimmy Hamilton-Brown and Marion Miles. SPEX is for those who wish to explore their own spirituality but find conventional churches difficult. (We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Crown at Winterborne Stickland) There was also a report by Patrick Moule on the work of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and their annual fund raising by bike ride in September.

The Diocese had requested that we debate whether the C of E should consecrate women as bishops. At the General Synod there has been an initial debate with voting by houses. The bishops voted 77.5% in favour, the clergy voted 76.13% in favour and the laity 64.39%. The final vote requires a two thirds majority in all three houses for it to be passed, and as can be seen it is the Laity who are the most conservative but are only by a whisker short of that majority.

Church website: [www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk](http://www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk)
There were two presentations. The Rev. Ian Woodward of Bere Regis outlined some issues concerning those of Tradition and Reason, whilst the Rev Stephen Treeby of the Lower Stour Parishes explored the scriptural background from the Bible. As bishops are expected to be a focus of unity there is the dilemma as to whether consecrating women as bishops would be seen as natural evolution or rather a revolution. Also there is a further dilemma as to what to do about those who have voted in all good conscience against such a change, particularly as the C of E is a ‘Broad Church’ and tries to embrace a wide range of traditions.

The debate from the floor was lengthy and interesting, although no vote was taken.

N.B. The next Deanery Synod with Bishop Tim has been changed to Thursday Feb 15

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**At St John the Baptist Bere Regis**

**Funerals**
Barbara and Henry Morgan, 30th November, followed by interment in the Cemetery

**Interment of Ashes**
Audrey Goldie on 25th November

**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS**

**CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN**

This will take place on Friday 26th January between 9.00am and noon. For the last Special Clean, we had a tremendous turn-out. If you would prefer to do a specific cleaning job prior to 26th January, please do so. Just phone Erica (Tel: 471747) to discuss arrangements. Many thanks to you all.

**10th December**

Hamworthy Labour 3: Bere Regis 3
Scorers: Simon Walker (2), Mike Walker

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**Juniors – Under 10’s**

**Results**

**19th November**
Bere Dragons 2: Dorchester Strikers 1
Scorers: Bradley and Laurence
Man of the Match: Ollie

**26th November**
Bridport juniors 7: Bere Dragons 3
Scorers: Jordan, Ollie and Tom
Man of the Match: Jordan

**10th December**
Bere Dragons 3: Weymouth Cougars 3
Scorers: Ollie, Laurence and Jordan
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Adult Saturdays – DIVISION ONE

Results

18th November
Bere Regis 2: Corfe Castle 1
Scorers: Wayne Cope, Matt Elford

9th December
Lytchett RT 7: Bere Regis 0

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Adult Sundays – DIVISION TWO

Results

19th November
Bere Regis 3: Hamworthy Utd 4
Scorers: Simon Walker, Kevin Partt, Tom Bennett

DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE VISIT

Led by Archdeacon Alistair Magowan, members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) visited Alfpuddle Church on 11th December. Their principal reason for doing so was to express an informal opinion on a proposal to erect a timber building in the churchyard which would house a toilet and garden machinery store. There is not the space within the church for a toilet and it is neither acceptable nor practical to attach a toilet and store to the outside. The DAC viewed the PCC’s proposal favourably, but much work is required before such a scheme becomes reality. Costings must to be obtained, plans submitted and a faculty sought etc, etc. We shall however keep you informed of progress.

Whilst the DAC members were at the church, some of whom had not visited the church before, the opportunity was taken to show them new items added to the inventory: the altar frontal chest, the oak table and restored King James’ Bible, the vicars’ record board and the loop system for the hard of hearing. Some discussion also took place concerning our proposal to fit hand rails at the south inner and outer doors.

CHURCHYARD

The Autumn clear-up on 18th November was well supported and those who helped are to be thanked for their contribution. Looking ahead to Spring, we propose to introduce the Peace Garden as a 4th mowing area to the rota but will need 10 more volunteers if we are to achieve this. The Peace Garden, like the other 3 areas, represents about 2 hours’ work in a fortnight period, a relatively light load. Those who would like to join the rota should inform me, Sandy Moriarty (Tel: 471747), without delay, for we would like to circulate the rota in February, in time for mowing which will start on 12th March. Unless I hear to the contrary, I will presume that those currently on the rota are happy to continue their much appreciated good work.

During the past month, the Living Churchyard Group have had several meetings to coordinate management of the wild flower areas, which are an important and admired feature of the churchyard.

MNSM
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
peace is given to those who will respond to His invitation. Potentially that is a universal invitation to everyone – but it is an invitation that has to personally respond to – there is an R.S.V.P. attached!

In order for you and I to ‘reach for the stars’ in terms of personal aims and aspirations, we have first to reach out a hand to the God who made those stars. A God, who in His infinite mercy and love, came down to offer a hand to us through His Son Jesus. Put your hand in His as you move into 2007. He will lead you first to the cross, a reminder that there is a cost involved, and then – even out of the pain and suffering of the cross, He will guide you on a daily basis through the highs and lows of the coming twelve months.

The firm belief of those who have trusted Christ is simply – “the best is yet to come”. My you know and receive God’s favour throughout this coming year.

With love in Christ’s Name,

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

**BERE REGIS NEWS**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Concerns were expressed by Parishioners attending the December meeting, about the notices that had appeared on the Green Lane leading down from Snowhill to the eastern end of North Street. These notices were giving notice that it was intended to apply for the lane to be designated as a BOAT (Bridleway open to all traffic). This in effect would permit the passage of all types of wheeled vehicles. The Council agreed that this is a pleasant lane and that its status as a Bridleway and Footpath should be retained. Inquiries are being made so that a legal objection may be raised to the proposal.

The Council is concerned about a number of mini motorcycles that are creeping on to the village scene. These vehicles are for use in designated areas and not on the roads. The riders are not insured for road use and the bikes are not registered. If Parishioners are concerned, mainly about the noise and their use on the roads, then they should inform the Police.

There has been another spate of vandalism in the village. The Church toilets were the subject of one incident and the Drax Hall has had windows smashed on two occasions. If anybody has any knowledge of these incidents they should inform the Police.

Following the recent heavy rain one lady walker reported that she had slipped on the bridge over the stream. The Council asks that walkers to take care in wet weather when walking on the wooden surfaces.

The Council, in its move into the 21st Century, is anxious to create a e.mail mailing list to allow rapid dissemination of village news and information to those who wish to receive it. Thus would anyone wishing to have their e.mail address added to the list please send an e.mail to Ian Ventham at ian@shitterton.com saying ‘please add (name) to the Parish List’. The list will be used sparingly and only for village information. Participants will be able to unsubscribe at any time. E.mail addresses will not be disclosed to anyone.

The Council noted that the Parish Housing need, eg people with Bere Regis connections, has identified a total requirement for sixty two dwellings.

CM
The Hall has been fortunate to have been awarded a donation from the Awards for All scheme, that is part of the Lottery. This money is to be used on the entrance area with a new door and flooring. Visitors to the Hall will see the improvements that have been added during the past year. These are much remarked upon by outside bodies and go a long way to ensure that the Hall is used continually.

Future events that can now be confirmed are a Puppet Show at the February half term and a performance by the Forest Forge Theatre Company in March. Details will be advertised and written about in this column.

CM

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

The Christmas meeting had everyone singing carols with Kath at the piano and a little fiddling from John helped by some of the members Woodbury Hill Singers who gave us a few of their well rehearsed carols and songs.

At the January meeting on Tuesday 10th at 2.30pm for the New Year’s Party in the Drax Hall there is to be ‘Musical Mayhem’ with David Andrews who came once before and found untold talents among the members.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

Reaching for the stars!

In December NASA announced its new project to send manned space flights to the Moon. The new space craft, named Orion, will be capable of transporting cargo and up to six crew members to land on the moon. There an International Space Station will be set up, enabling these space explorers to stay for long periods on the Moon. From there they will prepare for a much longer manned flight to Mars. The present space shuttle programme will run until 2010 and then be replaced by this mega big bucks operation.

The purpose of all this is to find out more about our universe – to see if there really is any other life forms existing and to provide scientific evidence of ‘how it all began’ – was there a big bang, where did it come from and who or what caused it?! Big issues for little minds to grapple with!

I mention all this at the outset of a new year because the questions NASA is attempting to answer on a huge scale are questions we all respond to in our daily lives. There is something within all of us that wants to ‘boldly go’ forward in our lives. We all want to reach for the stars, however modest our aspirations might be. To improve, to advance – to generally do better in 2007 than we did in 2006. And what better time to start than at the beginning of a New Year? We have rung the old year out and welcomed the New Year in. We are presented with the possibility of a new start in life.

Maybe you have given up on making New Year resolutions. Maybe you just need to set yourself some realistic goals for the next twelve months. As a Christian I believe with all my heart that a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is vital to getting motivated for a New Year. NASA may be looking to outer space for the answers, but I believe that the place to look for answers is in the inner space of our hearts. But that inner space has been contaminated by sin and so we cannot trust our own thoughts alone to guide us through. In fact, in biblical terms we are lost and deceived. Your heart won’t always give you an accurate reading. That’s why God sent His Son from heaven’s glory to this trouble-bound, dying planet, with a message of salvation and hope to all who believe.

The Christmas message of the angels to the shepherds doesn’t say – peace on earth and good will to all men. It actually says, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests.” (Luke 2:14). That doesn’t mean God has favourites but it does mean that God’s favour, His forgiveness, His
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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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

*Courtesy of Pat House*

After the rich food of Christmas, a low fat, low sugar Muesli.

**Own mix Muesli**

- 1lb jumbo-sized rolled oats
- 4oz sultanas
- 2oz raisins
- 2oz dates
- 2oz dried apricots
- 4oz hazelnuts
- pinch of nutmeg
- 3 pinches ground cinnamon

Put the rolled oats in a bowl and stir in the sultanas and raisins. Chop the dates apricots and hazelnuts and add to the bowl, add the spices and mix together thoroughly, store in an airtight container, serve with skimmed milk or low fat yoghurt and add some fresh fruit if you like.
**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL NOTICE**

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGNOTE: CHRISTMAS REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

In order to assist with enquiries from residents here are some notes on collections over the festive period.

For the three weeks commencing Monday 25th December collections will be delayed by two days the first week, two days the second week and one day the third week.

**SOME COLLECTIONS WILL BE MADE ON A SATURDAY, PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE NEED TO BE OUT BY 6AM**

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1 bag of side refuse waste in addition to the wheelie bin will be collected in the first waste collection after Christmas.

Christmas Trees can be deposited at the Household Waste and Recycling Centers at:

- Westminster Road, Wareham

**BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP**

Where do the months go to...it seems like only yesterday that I was typing up last month’s news! Now it’s New Year...and what a year this promises to be. 2007 and Scouting is 100 years old. There is going to be a whole host of celebrations nationally and locally throughout the year...watch this space!

According to the BBC Radio Times Christmas Edition the above documentary is being screened on Jan 2, 8pm, BBC 2.

The programme is a one hour look back on the last 100 years of Scouting. It involves celebrities looking back at their Scouting when they were young. More importantly, it also involves a camp @ Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting, where Neil Morrissey ‘stumbles’ across a Troop at camp and joins in. He arrives with his ‘Scouting for Boys’ under his arm and realises that Scouting today is the adventure every Young Person should get involved with and that the many ‘myths’ of Scouting are not necessarily correct!

The troop that Neil camp’s with is the 3rd Hastings (Holy Redeemer) Scout Troop, from Hastings, Rye & District, East Sussex - an excellent example of what Scouting is all about today!

During December the Scouts welcomed 23 Senior Citizens to a Christmas Dinner and Entertainment at the Scout Hut; this year the dinner was prepared and cooked by Tim and Sonia at the Drax Public House and very nice it was too – thank you both very much. The Scouts enjoyed serving the food and then sitting with the guests and tucking in too – they didn’t even moan too much about the washing up. A good time was had by all who attended.

We would like to welcome Dave and Cecelia Clarke to Bere Regis Scout Group – Dave has agreed to stand as our Chairman, ably assisted by Cecelia – no stranger to the Group as she was Akela some years ago.

Although we have had one response from our recent pleas, we do still need people to get in touch if they can help us in anyway...we need:-

- Help to extend our hut,
- Volunteers to help set up a new Explorer Scout Unit locally,
- Someone to help us with Press and Publicity,
- Adult Helpers in all Sections – it might be helping run the evenings, showing the youngsters some new skill, helping Leaders with the avalanche of admin/paperwork, or something that hasn’t yet sprung to mind!
plenty of food and drink.

Tuesday 9th January 2007 is the date that the youth club re-opens for business. Members old and new will be most welcome to come along to the club at the start of the New Year. The members will be able to take part in ‘Give Us a Clue’ the ever popular team game.

January continues with Pool/Darts Competitions on the 16th/23rd when everyone has the chance to become youth club champion. The month ends with another opportunity to view another batch of video.

Membership fees for the new club year will be due in the New Year, rates being held at the same level as 2006. Subscriptions: Seniors will be £5 (12 and over) – Juniors £3 (8 to 11)

The youth club leaders and members wish to record their thanks to the Officers and Committee members of Bere Regis RBL Club for their continued support in providing accommodation in which to meet. Also to Bere Regis RBL Branch, it’s Officers and Committee members for their support and for setting up the affiliation with the youth club.

On behalf of the leaders and members of Bere Regis Youth ‘Lenny’s’ may I wish you all our very Best for Christmas and the New Year.

Terry Vine  Youth Leader  Tel: 01929 471693

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Firstly may I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. From my own rather selfish and personal perspective 2007 has to be better than 2006 but enough of that!

Commenting on a Planning Application

As more and more people are submitting or commenting on planning applications I thought I would answer some of the “frequently asked questions” that I receive.

Where and how can I see the application?

You can view all applications online by visiting the Council’s website at www.purbeck.gov.uk and following the links to PASS (Planning Application Status Screen). They are also available for inspection at Westport House Wareham (Mon to Fri 09.00 to 16.00. Staff will not be able to discuss the merits (or otherwise) of any application.

Can I have a copy of the application?

Yes from the website off your own printer. If you come to Westport House there is a charge for all copies dependant on size, and whether it is text or pictures.

How do I make comments?

Either by letter to Case Officer, Purbeck District Council, Westport House. Wareham, BH20 4PP; by using the online comment form on PASS; or by email to the Case Officer (email address from the website).

What sort of comments can I make?

You should attempt to confine them to Planning issues such as whether something fits into the street scene or whether it constitutes a major loss of privacy or light (But beware no-one has a right to a view). However, and merely as examples, employment; building something for a sick Granny are not Planning issues and we are not allowed to consider them. If you are in doubt talk to one of the Officers or give me a ring.
When are they considered?

All applications are processed by the Officers and they arrive at a Recommendation for every application. These can either be Grant; Refusal or Deferral because more information is required. Most applications are decided by Officers and they are called delegated applications. Some applications are too large, complex or contentious to be delegated. Any applications that are the subject of major comments by the Parish Council or by a significant number of locally affected residents; or are referred by the Local Member - are also not delegated. The Planning Board meets once a month to consider all non-delegated applications. Typically we consider around 20 applications at these meetings which are of course public and are normally held on the last Thursday of each month starting at 9.15 at Westport House. The meetings last nearly all day.

Can I speak at the Planning Board?

Yes you can have 3 minutes to present your case to the Board if you are the applicant or one of their representatives; or if you are an affected local resident (the definition of local and affected are not straightforward - ask the Officers) or if you are speaking on behalf of the Parish Council; or if you are from some appropriate body (e.g. The Environment Agency on potential flood risks posed by the application). You must apply to the Officers in good time to appear at the Planning Board – details of how to apply are on the website. There is also a leaflet on this that is available from Westport House. The Officers who deal with most of the cases in our area are as below

Rob Jefferies (Senior Planning Officer) : 01929 557229 robjefferies@purbeck-dc.gov.uk
John Hartigan (Planning Officer) : 01929 557359 johnhartigan@purbeck-dc.gov.uk
Philip Payne (Planning Assistant) : 01929 557335 philippayne@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

I have produced the above in good faith but please either look at the website or ask at Westport House for all and any queries.

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Peter Wharf, District Councillor
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

- 8th January: First session in New Year, Monday 10.00am to 12noon
- 12th January: Bring and Buy Sale, Friday 10.00am to 12noon
- 27th January: Cinders in Space, Saturday 2.00pm and 7.00pm
- 15th July: Open Gardens, Sunday 10.00am to 5.00pm

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with Jill Booth
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Practising in Bere Regis and Weymouth
After almost two weeks of continual gale force winds and torrential rain, the majority of people were of the opinion that we would be very lucky to play our annual Christmas golf game at Bulbury Woods. Especially as the course had been shut for a number of days during the past fortnight due to the ground being saturated.

As it was my first event in the new role of Captain of ROGS, I was particularly concerned as in previous years we had enjoyed good fortune with the weather and I was wondering if our luck was about to run out. But no! Good luck was with us and on the day there was not a cloud in the sky and you would not believe how well the course at Bulbury played.

With 36 players, including 4 guests, the President’s Team (Russell French), was playing the Captain’s Team in a Ryder Cup format as well as an individual Stableford.
January 2007

President - Russell French
Captain - Roger Duncanson
Secretary - Guy Storey

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

ROGS on tour - Wiltshire GC 6th - 8th July. Vilamoura, Portugal 4th - 11th October

AGM - Bere Regis Sports Club. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 14th November

Christmas Cup of Good Cheer/Dinner Dance - Bulbury Woods - 15th December

The Nearest the Pin on the 6th, par 3 was won by Shane Mooney, the Nearest the Pin on the 12th was won by Roger Johns and the Longest Drive on the 15th was won by Simon Scott. Guy Storey and Graeme Price sponsored these prizes and I am sure we have not heard the last of ‘Simon’s Drive’.

Our four guests were, Rod Anken, Rob Debenham (brother of our Vice), Tim Porter and Arthur Soar. The winning guest was Rob Debenham with 36 points.

There was £63 in the Two’s Kitty and this was shared between Mike Parsons who had a 2 on the 6th, par 3, Dave Rushton who also a 2 on the 6th, par 3 and John Ruskin who had a 2 on the 18th, which was a PAR 4 (his drive went through the temporary green and he chipped in for a 2).

The overall winner of the Christmas Cup of Good Cheer was Mike Crisford with 41 points, second was Graeme Price on 39 points and third, Russell White with 38 points.

Mark Crocker who has not played for some time came in 4th with 37 points.
Member’s revised handicaps will be published on our ROGS’ Members website www.societygolfing.co.uk, log in as roya/oak with the password bereregis.

The presentation evening was held at Bulbury Woods with 64 members and guests who enjoyed a good meal and excellent service. Shane Mooney excelled himself as our Musical Maestro for the presentation and the disco that followed.

The majority of our winners throughout the season are published monthly as the events take place but there are a few awards that are only given out once a year at the Annual Presentation Evening and these are as follows.

The Most Improved Player Award 2006 went to Russell French.

The Highest Score Award went to Graeme Price with 48 points at East Dorset.

The Ebsworth Builders Matchplay Shield 2005/6 was won by Julian Flower.

The Shaun Brady Knockout Cup was won by Mike Crisford.

The Drax Arms Consistency Trophy was won by Graeme Price with an average of 37.5 points over five matches.

Next year’s Christmas Cup of Good Cheer will be held at Bulbury Woods on Saturday 15th December 2007.

It remains for me to wish all our readers a very Happy New Year for 2007 and we look forward to our first game at Yeovil Golf Club on Friday 23rd February 2007.

Captain Duncanson
November 21st.

On Tuesday November 21st Mr Lawson entertained our WI group with slides from his travels in India some years ago. We not only viewed the traditional tourist landmarks such as the Taj Mahal, The Golden Temple and the mogul palaces and forts, but we also had a glimpse behind the scenes of simple street life with its share of poverty, lepers and beggars. We saw many close up slides of birds and flowers, and we were taken up to Everest without the effects of altitude sickness, we could even see over the rooftops of Delhi through the pollution! We rounded off the theme of the evening with some delicious Indian snacks which one of our members had provided.

Our Christmas Party will be held in the Drax Hall on Dec 12th.

Members are reminded that our next meeting on January 16th 2007, will be the visit to the RNLI Headquarters in Poole. Central meeting point in the village will be at 5.15pm outside Cyril Wood Court. More information will be given out at our next meeting in December.

Meanwhile save all your double knitting wool for our ‘knit-in’ in February - details to follow.
A couple of years ago our school was one of approximately 80 schools across the county, which had higher than average absence rates. The reasons for the unusually high rates were two-fold. Firstly a particularly virulent outbreak of a sickness and diarrhoea bug affected just about every family, and member of staff! Secondly there was also an increase in the number of families taking their annual holidays in school time, and who can blame them when the costs of holidays are often doubled during official school holiday periods!!

There is a serious issue here that the Government is trying to address which is that research has shown that regular absence from school does have a detrimental affect on a child’s education, and particularly on progress.

If a child has 90% attendance this means that, on average, that child misses half a day every week. Over the course of a school year (pupils are at school for 38 weeks each year) this is equivalent to 4 weeks off. Over their whole Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 life (up to Year 6) this equates to 28 weeks absence!

If a child has 80% attendance this means that, on average, that child misses 1 day every week. Over a school year this is equivalent to 8 weeks off per year, more than half a term! Over their primary school life this equates to 56 weeks or one and a half school years absence!!!

As Head teacher I am allowed to authorise holiday for children during the academic year. The maximum authorised holiday period is 10 school days (two weeks) with any further holidays after this limit being classed as unauthorised absence. If a child arrives late for school after the registers have closed then they are marked in the registers as an unauthorised absence and this counts towards their overall absence for the year. Our registers close at 9.05am but a phone call to give a reason for possible lateness such as traffic problems etc allows us to keep the register open for longer.

We have an Education Social Work Officer who visits half-termly to check all our registers and record, and possibly follow-up, regular cases of absence. The Government can prosecute parents who do not regularly send their children to school.

Having said all of this, I am pleased to report that we have no current problems with absence. Latest statistics provided by the Local Authority show us to have fewer absences than schools locally and nationally with half the rate of unauthorised absences of all Purbeck schools.

Our children enjoy coming to school and many still want to come although they are feeling ill! Our newly opened safer route to school will enable more parents the option of walking to school thus making our children healthier than they already are!

Steve Battishill, (Head teacher)

Age Concern Dorchester are implementing a new housing options telephone advice service for older people called “Your home - your choice” to be launched 010207, and is aimed at older people in rural areas who require individualised, impartial advice on their housing options, ie ways in which they can remain in their homes (eg improvements/repairs), or other options such as moving to a care home or with family.

Bere Regis Health Walks

Walks will start again on Tuesday 2nd January. There will be a one hour walk, no steep hills or stiles. Also a thirty minute walk on tarmac. Walkers walk at their own pace.

During 2006 there were twenty six registered walkers with an average of sixteen on a walk. So instead of sitting indoors come and join us for a walk and lots of chat!

Every Tuesday at 1030 come rain or shine in the Car Park. No charge to walk.

More details Lynda 471180

Walking the Way to Health/Get Purbeck Walking.