I wonder if you feel that life is ever more confusing and complicated these days; that it is not as straightforward as it used to be and that more and more people find themselves despairing of what is going on in the world. Is it because of what some commentators have called a moral vacuum amongst our nation’s leaders – government and political, industry, the judiciary, in education the military and even Church institutions too? Is it this that generates TV programmes like ‘Grumpy Old Men’ (and women), that somehow many people can’t and won’t keep up with change? I think this is an over simplification.

We had very encouraging numbers at our Easter Day services last month and I mentioned in one of my Easter sermons that 25 years ago on Easter Sunday a Royal Navy task force set sail to the South Atlantic to recapture the Falkland Islands from the Argentine invaders and that there was a clear universal moral justification indeed an imperative for doing so. A despotic dictator ordered the invasion of a remote archipelago as a means of galvanising public support in his own country and diverting attention away from his corrupt and failing regime at home; and all this wholly against the wishes of the Falkland Islanders. It was a clear, black and white issue of right and wrong. It was similar in the case of Kosovo in the Balkans and in Sierra Leone and Afghanistan, and I think there is a strong case to be made for international intervention in Darfur- and it is encouraging to read the Chinese as a permanent UN Security Council member – at last saying that the Khartoum government in Sudan should agree to this.

But today, in many of our conflicts the moral imperative is not always so clear.
The recent debacle over the 15 Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel being captured for fulfilling the United Nations mandate in inspecting shipping in the busy waterway that separates Iran and Iraq and that their release at Easter was a sign by the Iranian President of a better understanding of Christian and humanitarian principles than our own Government, as has been implied by Church leaders here, fudges and confuses the real issues. Iran has been arming many of the insurgents in Iraq as it has in Sudan Lebanon and other places. No wonder so many people are confused or worse still indifferent to what it is that makes for a moral and just society, and why many people have little trust in our secular leaders and see little relevance for the Church today.

So how does the Church and how do we decide on the morality of such momentous issues as war and the defence of the helpless in an increasingly politically and morally complex world? The war in Iraq is increasingly unpopular here and yet it is with hindsight that many of this war’s critics are saying we shouldn’t be there. More practically we are there and we are needed to defend the defenceless – and we need to support our brave men and women who are serving there. The politics may be unacceptable to us, but the idea of walking away without alternative solutions is untenable, just as it was in Northern Ireland. So we need to apply all the diplomatic and humanitarian efforts we can to end the violence and the bloodshed and to help build a just society. Our Christian duty and joy is that we are our brother’s and our sister’s keeper, whoever they may be.

As a final thought; as you may know I am much involved in our Diocesan link with the Sudan. Sudan is one of the poorest countries of the world but it has great potential. Darfur is an ongoing tragedy that holds our attention for but a few moments. We must increasingly expose the continuing barbarism there by the Sudan government and the many militias operating there and the Church has a big role to play in this.

As we celebrate this month the birthday of the Church – Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians 50 days after Easter, the moral and Christian imperative is clear; we can’t and we must not turn our backs on this tragedy in which 400,000 people have died and two million are homeless.

With love and prayers

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May 2007

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007

May

1st Gardening club - Iris, Ian Smith  8.00 p.m.
9th Autumn Leaves - ‘Thinner Sanctum’ Rob Curtis  2.20 p.m.
12th Conservation group visit to hyde Woods/Forest Gate  2.00 p.m.
12th Gardening club coffee morning and plant stall
23rd Gardening club - evening visit to Minterne Gardens  5.30 p.m.
27th Band Concert - Sailors Return, Chaldon Herring

June

3rd Briantspuddle Open Gardens
5th Gardening club - annual outing
9th Pop in Place Performers Summer Bring Me Sunshine show  7.00 p.m.
13th Autumn Leaves trip to Sidmouth  10.00 a.m.
23rd Affpuddle Church Fete - Cruck Cottage  2.00 - 4.30
26th Gardening club - Afternoon visit to Farrs Lodge, Wimborne

July

3rd Gardening club - Kenya orphans, Ian Ventham  8.00 p.m.
7th Conservation group - 'Breakfast with Moths', Higher Hyde  8.00 a.m.
11th Autumn Leaves Rose competition and exhibition of cushions  2.30 p.m.
15th Pop in Place Bere Regis Open Gardens event  10.00 - 5.00
29th Barbecue in the Peace Garden at Affpuddle Church  12.00 - 3.00 p.m.

August

7th Gardening club - annual summer BBQ, Shitterton farmhouse
8th Autumn Leaves 22 years on the road with Sooty and Sweep by Connie Creighton  2.30 p.m.
8/9/10/12th Holiday Club for children - Congregational Chapel  10.00 a.m.
12th Annual RBL Garden Show
17/24/31 Pop in Place children’s summer activities  10.00 - 11.45

PS: Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Sherborne, is leading a pilgrimage at the beginning of June to the Crossways Benefice, just to the South of our own Parishes. Two years ago he led the St Aldhem Pilgrimage from Sherborne to St Aldhelm’s Head on the Purbeck Coast and last year his pilgrimage was to the Lyme Regis Parishes. To mark the start of this years pilgrimage on the 3rd June - Trinity Sunday, there is to be a special ‘Songs of Praise’ style service at 6.30pm in a big marquee next to the Rectory in Crossways, at 17, Warmwell Road. As a neighbouring benefice we are planning to support this important event, so do please join us. If you would like transport do let me or the Church Wardens know.
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Dorset Latvia Link | Jenny Silavs | 471577 | | | Fundraising for youth of link village of Ikskile in Latvia
Kingsbere Consort | Tim Colquhoun | 471360 | Heatherdown, Brock Hill | choir@tacmusic.com | Set rehearsal dates for each performance
Kingsbere Quilters | Miss G Miller | 471745 | 3 Boswell’s Close BH20 7/E | kmt@tacmusic.com | Charitable trust supporting devotees of real music
Lenny’s - Bere Regis Youth club | Terry Vine | 471693 | The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP | terry.vine@tscal.co.uk | Weekly, RBL Club Mon 1st Wednesday and following Tuesday evenings Juniors (8-11) 7.15-9.00 Seniors (12-17) 7.15-10.00
Mothers’ Union | Nancy Gibson | 472105 | 15 White Lovington BH20 7NF | NancyGibson@msn.com | Monthly, Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.
Mobile Library | Dorset County Council | 01305 224440 | | dorchestermobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk | Alternate fortnights Car park Mondays 9.20- 9.50 Fridays 10.50 - 12.15
Pop in Place | Angela Jones | 472261 | 7 Boswells Close BH20 7/E | | Weekly, Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00
Purbeck District Councillor | Peter Wharf | 472246 | The Old Vicarage West Street | peterwharf@hotmail.com | Monthly surgery, Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
Royal British Legion Club | Mrs Glo Curtis | 472620 | 32 Old Barn Road | Glo.curtis@tiscali.co.uk | Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.
RBL Gardening Club | Mrs Megan Stone | 471627 | 2 Manor House | gos.gov.uk | Monthly, RBL 1st Tuesday. 8.00 p.m.
RBL Women’s Section | Mrs Eileen Maidment | 471616 | 9 Elder Road | | Monthly, RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
Twinning Association | Mrs Ann Robinson | 472424 | 3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU | southbarn@tiscali.co.uk | Meetings and events arranged as and when.
Village scrap book | Jenny Silavs | 471577 | 74 | | Scrap book for Affpuddle, Brantspudle, Throop and Turnerspudle
W.I. (Bere Regis) | Mrs Diane Edmunds | 472331 | 74 | jnurrish@aol.com | Monthly Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm

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**BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS**

**Bere Regis Evensong Readers**

- 6th Miss Frampton
- 20th Mrs Jutting

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

- 6th 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr House  
  Chalice  
  6.00 pm Miss Frampton
- 13th 11.00am Mrs England with young people
- 20th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith  
  Chalice  
  6.00 pm Mrs Jutting
- 27th 11.00am Miss Miller

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  Mrs B Bell and Mrs M Turner |
| 19th and 26th May | Mrs C Clarke and Mrs M Comben  
  Miss G Miller and Mrs J Harvey  
  Mrs H Day and Mrs K Abbott  
  Mrs E James and Mrs J Woodward |
| 2nd and 9th June | Mrs Jeanette and Mrs M Abbott  
  Mrs M Turner  
  Mrs Juttering  
  Mrs K Abbott |

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

- May 6th/13th Mothers’ Union
- May 20th/27th Mrs J Harley and Mrs K Abbott
- June 3rd/10th Mrs H Loxton/Mrs J Clifford

**First Sunday Coffee**

- May 6th Pat and Peter

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**CHURCH AND VILLAGE**

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**Chalice:**
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**CHURCH SERVICES - MAY**

**Sunday 6th May**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Easter 4)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Afpaddock  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Bere Regis  
11am Mattins and shortened Communion  
Afpaddock  
6pm Evensong  
Bere Regis

**Sunday 13th May**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation – (Easter 5)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Afpaddock  
11am Family ‘Pets’ Service  
Bere Regis  
6pm Evensong  
Afpaddock

**Thursday 17th May**  
Ascension Day  
7pm Benefice Communion for Ascension Day  
Afpaddock

**Sunday 20th May**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Easter 6)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Afpaddock  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Bere Regis  
11am Family Communion  
Afpaddock  
6pm Evensong  
Bere Regis

**Sunday 27th May**  
Pentecost (Whit Sunday)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Afpaddock  
11am Mattins  
Bere Regis

**Sunday 3rd June**  
Trinity Sunday  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Afpaddock  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Bere Regis  
3pm A Trinity Sunday service with the Barn Choir  
Turnerspuddle  
6.30pm ‘Big Sing’ Service  
Crossways  

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Obituaries

Eileen Royal

Eileen Royal was born on Lady Day - the Feast of the Annunciation on the 25th March 1926 in South West London. At the beginning of the War she and her younger brother and sister were evacuated to Newhaven in Sussex. After watching the Luftwaffe bombing convoys in the Channel, the authorities moved the family to Talgarth in Wales. Three years later in 1942 Eileen’s family moved to Surrey.

It was an eventful year – arguably momentous: she met John, he joined the RAF and she joined the Foreign Office in Downing Street.

Eileen and John corresponded throughout the war, while he was completing his flying training in Rhodesia and later on Bomber Command in Huntingdonshire. They married just before the end of the war and shortly after John was posted to SEAFF (South East Asian Air Forces). Eileen retired from the Foreign Office in late 1945 and Jan was born in Surrey in 1946. Eileen said that she gave up being a spy to become a mother!

John finally returned in 1947 and in 1951 they moved to Woking where Richard was born in 1952.

In 1955 the family moved to Alresford in Hampshire. And after a while they were able to buy a plot of land behind the Church and adjacent to the Watercress Line where they built a house to their own design. Daughter Nicky was born there in 1959. In 1966, they moved a little further North to the lovely village of Westmill in Hertfordshire.

As John says, Eileen now came in to her own! At the age of 40, she learnt to drive and enjoyed delivering meals to on wheels and shopping trips to Saffron Waldron and Bishops Stortford. She enjoyed her work as secretary of the local Children’s’ Society which entailed attending many AGMs on some of the beautiful cathedrals around the country. In addition to this she was also secretary to the Missions to Seamen, Treasurer of the Women’s Fellowship, a WI member for 32 years and for five of which she was president. She was also a member of the Church Council and a choir member for almost 30 years. Eileen also helped at the Village school where daughter Nicky and grandson Ben were pupils.

Eileen and John enjoyed a busy social life; they both enjoyed dancing and regular trips to London for the theatre. They attended most of England’s home games at Twickenham! Throughout her life Eileen was...
involved in providing cricket teas at whichever club John was a member. I wonder if she isn’t making cricket teas in heaven – the England team needs some divine help.

Eileen and John celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with ‘open house’ for villagers, cricketers and golfers on Sunday and with family from all over on the Sunday. That week they drove to Edinburgh for the Tall Ships race and a meeting. All this when she was over 70.

But then Eileen began to have as John puts it ‘one or two health hiccups’, but she was always resilient and when John finally retired in 1997 Nicky found them Blackthorns in Briantspuddle where they have been very happy. She enjoyed trips to Southwest France to see Jan and Brian but three years ago she said she was finding that journey too long. For years John and Eileen had motored all over Europe, and they did a lot of fell walking in the Lake District and they visited her favourite hotel – The Palace Hotel in Torquay.

Eileen really enjoyed her 80th birthday lunch last year at which all four generations of the family were present and she gave a delightful little speech.

Her greatest happiness over the past few years came from the birth in 1999 of her granddaughter Anna who regularly visited her up to just a few hours before her death. Eileen enjoyed her birthday on the 25th March talking to all the family, but she gradually faded during the afternoon. Throughout her illness and at the end, she was made much more comfortable by the regular care and attendance of Dr Tim Harley and the district nurses who called daily. She passed away peacefully in her bed and John and Nicky were with her at the end. For me, I will remember her cheery smile, her sense of not complaining and getting on with life, her hospitality, her delight in her granddaughter Anna and her committed presence in Church invariably with John at the front pew of the transept. As John says she always had a droll sense of humour and regularly put him in his place. John and all the family and their wide circle of friends will sorely miss her.

May Eileen rest in peace and rise in glory.
NEWS FROM NEPAL

Just after Easter I picked up Andrea and Allan’s e-mail from Nepal. Time had been taken off for Easter. Sunday is normally a working day in Nepal but Christians take Easter as a holiday. The day started with a sunrise service starting at 5.00 a.m. which lasted for two hours. The congregation then had breakfast in the church garden and afterwards Andrea and Allan went for a picnic in the jungle about fifteen kilometres east of Butwal. The party all went off in a bus that is supposed to seat 29 but 50 adults and 30 children all crammed in.

The little baby Darshan Neupane who has a heart problem has been admitted to a nearby heart hospital where he can receive treatment. This will cost the family a significant amount of money as Nepal has no health service. Your prayers are asked for his swift recovery. Andrea and Allan are expected home at the end of April and will be in U.K. for some three months. They can be contacted at their home in Briantspuddle. Tel. 01929 471412.

Philippa Thorniley

Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

Pets

Sunday 13th May

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

All children from age 4 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 - 11.30 a.m.) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!
**BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS**

**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm. New learners always welcome.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers are holding their AGM at Fordington Church, Dorchester on Saturday 12th May. They have asked our tower to be open to welcome visiting ringers on the way to the event from 9.45 to 10.45am and hope that a few of our ringers will be there to allow individual visiting ringers a chance to ring with others on our musical six.

**BERE REGIS CHURCH GUIDED TOURS**

These start on Tuesday 1st May at 11.00am followed by Thursday 3rd May at 3.00pm and then every Tuesday and Thursday at the similar times through the months of June, July, August and September.

Come along and be surprised at what history there is in your Parish Church and bring your friends.

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism**
**At St Laurence, Affpuddle:**
Amelia Jayne Wootton on 8th April

**Funerals**
**At St Laurence Affpuddle:**
Eileen Royal on 11th April, and interment in the Churchyard

**AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

At the April meeting of the Parish Council, Planning Applications for Plumtree, Briantspuddle to erect single storey rear extension and 33 Briantspuddle to remove existing utility room and greenhouse and erect a kitchen extension and conservatory.

It was reported that a meeting would be held on 16th April at County Hall with the Director of Environmental Services regarding the B3390. It was to be attended by representatives of 4 Parish Councils through which the B3390 runs including Affpuddle, together with District and County Councillors. It is hoped that some progress will be made as a result of the meeting.

At the June meeting of the Parish Council we intend to review requests for donations to local charities and non-profit making organisations as authorized under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Anyone wishing to make an application for such a grant is asked to do so, in writing to the Clerk, to be received by 30th May 2007.

The Clerk stated that she had sent a letter of resignation to the Chairman. The Council agreed that the position should be advertised with immediate effect and adverts would be placed shortly in the local press. Anyone interested in the position can contact the clerk on 01258 837672 for further information.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 9th of May and will also be the Annual Statutory Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting to which everyone is invited.

**HEARTS FIRST BIKE RIDE**

Would you like to support David Payne on the British Heart Foundation’s sponsored 25 mile bike ride on Sunday 6 May.

The ride starts and finishes at the Queen Elizabeth School in Wimborne and is suitable for families and cycling enthusiast alike.

If you would like to cycle with him, or sponsor him then please phone 01258 837700.

For more information call 0800 652 5818 or register online at bhf.org.uk/dorsetbikeride

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Come and enjoy a ‘Grand Day Out’ at the best open gardens event in Dorset!

Contact Stephanie Klejdy 01929 472709 or Philippa Thornley 01929 471497

BERE REGIS CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

A very big thank you to the eleven volunteers who kindly came to help with the Spring Clean of our Church. Although few in numbers we achieved 99% of the work list drawn up by Christine Tucker and myself. Thank you once again.

Jane Woodward

A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

An occasional series by the village organist

SELECTION OF CHURCH SERVICE MUSIC

There are many services held in the parish church every month. There are regular services (the pattern of services for each Sunday) and special services (Saints and Holy days, weddings, baptisms, blessings and funerals). The majority of these require organ and choral (choir) music. As organist it is part of my job to

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prepare a draft list of appropriate music for all the services. Each monthly list is drawn up several weeks before publication at the start of the calendar month to allow for any necessary discussion and practice. The draft is given to the church wardens and various musicians for comment, and to the vicar who always has the last word! (The buck stops with him – I just get the blame for the bum notes on the day!). The final music list is published on the church website (http://www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk), is displayed on the church porch notice board, and hard copies are provided for the choir and anyone else who wants one. It is also available in “Word” format by email request from me at tac@tacmusic.com or choir@tacmusic.com. The list gives details of the day, the particular service, the hymns with the tunes to be used, psalms and canticles to be sung with their individual chants, an anthem to be sung by the choir, and any other music appropriate to the occasion. It also provides the dates of Saint’s feast days each week (see this column next month).

How is this list put together? Well, it is not just at the whim of the organist (you will be relieved to know!) I am merely the “constructing clerk”. The requirements for each individual service are more or less laid down. We use two reference books and the appropriate hymn book and psalter. “The Lectionary” provides the liturgical information for every single day of the year. It tells us what psalms and/or canticles are appropriate for each service (and Bible readings which are someone else’s responsibility), and the “theme” of the day which I need to know to select a proper choral anthem.

Having entered these on the list I turn to a book called “Sing God’s Glory”. This is a volume made up of tables of hymns from every conceivable hymn book (currently there are 13 categorised and another 25 referred to!). This is a guide to which hymns are most appropriate for each Sunday and Holy Day over a 3 year cycle. There are many publications providing this information, including the reference section found in music copies of the major hymn books. I look at them all (or some of them!). I also listen to the requests of the congregation and try to put their favourites on the list where they are appropriate for the day or occasion. The problem with “favourites” is simple – it is usually the tune that is popular rather than the words; which latter, of course are really the important part for selection for a service. This has to be balanced with the other music being used.

If you are planning a wedding in the future, do have a look at “Music for Weddings – A Simple Guide”. This useful booklet provides lists of suitable hymns, organ music, choral and instrumental music, and covers the problems of copyright and fees. It is available on request either on line or as printed copy, through the above email addresses or by ringing 01929-471360.

The Development Project

The Committee has been working hard on the lottery bid for funds to carry out the much needed improvements to the Village Hall. By the time you read this the bid will have been submitted and we then wait to see whether we have been successful.

The Open Gardens

Stephanie and her team are busy with the preparations for the 2007 Open Gardens which takes place on Sunday 3rd June. Since the last report in the April magazine a list of gardens has nearly been completed, Graham Thorogood is providing his vintage bus to transport the visitors from one end of the Parish to the other, Selwyn McGrory has agreed to be the resident, for the day, “Garden Expert” (so come to him with any garden questions that have been puzzling you over the years and hear his expert answers!) If you have not yet been approached and are able to help in any way (making cakes, helping with the serving and preparation of the food and washing up, or helping at one of the stalls run for the benefit of the Hall Repair Fund) do please contact either Stephanie (01929 472709) or Philippa (01929 471497) who will be delighted to hear from you. If you are not able to help in the above ways could you think about giving a raffle prize for the grand raffle once again let Stephanie or Philippa know.

By next year we hope to be making a start on the improvements so hopefully this is the last Open Gardens to be held in the hall in its present condition so do make every effort to make it a really successful event.

Philippa Thorniley
as Lawrence of Arabia in his play “The Warrior and the Poet”. Over seventy people attended the performance which was enjoyed by everyone. I confess that I could not necessarily enjoy the finer points of the play as I was doing the lighting along with Ray’s wife who was doing the sound. Since it was the first time that I had ever done the lighting for a play I had my head in the script for the entire evening to make sure that I did not miss a cue! After all the expenses were paid £122 was raised for the hall repair fund.

At the end of May I, together with three other Committee members, will be attending an Artsreach Promoters’ evening when we will be choosing the productions for the next season. We were either very lucky or very expert in our choice for the last season. We had two sell outs and one near sell out. We hope to have a similar programme of plays and music events in the Autumn and Winter and hope to be able to combine the December production with the Social Club and make a village Christmas event. The last two Christmas events which have combined a supper have been enjoyed by all who attended.

Philippa Thorniley

Moviola

Forty seven people came to see “The History Boys” the film of Allan Bennet’s successful West End play. After all the expenses were paid £62 was raised for Hall funds. Unfortunately we have been told by Dorset Film Touring that our name will be removed from the list of Moviola promoters because, despite raising more than the minimum fee payable or seventy five per cent off the box office takings which ever is the greater, we are not successful enough in our promotion. This is a pity as the films have been enjoyed by many residents. However, the Committee are looking into the matter and hope to be able to provide a programme of films for the next season from another source.

The 100 Club

As I write I am in the middle of selling the numbers I hope to be able to report in next month’s magazine that I was able to sell all hundred numbers. I know I should have started sooner but I kept thinking of other things to do! However, it

Bere Regis Parish Church

invites you to....

Our Family Pet Service

On Sunday 13th May

at 11AM

Please Join Us

The service will be outside if the weather is good.
Committee notes

The 12 months since the last AGM have passed swiftly and the 2007 AGM takes place on Wednesday 2nd May 2007.

The village hall is a community facility and the role of the committee is to conduct the day-to-day management of the hall to ensure that this valuable community asset remains viable, available and accessible to all residents for a long time to come.

To adequately fulfil that role it is important that the committee receives regular feedback regarding community needs and whether those needs are being met.

The AGM is expected to last no longer than one hour and is your opportunity to tell us if we are meeting community needs. Your views count so please come along and share them with us.

The Repair Project

By the time you read this report our application to the Lottery for around 50% of the funds required to repair and improve the hall will have been submitted. There will then be up to six months to wait before it is known if the application has been successful after which a more detailed application has to be submitted and if that meets all the criteria then in summer 2008 work will be able to commence.

As a result of all the fundraising over the last 10 years and a funding commitment by Purbeck District Council over the next two years 30% of the building costs are already covered. So we are already well along the path to make the repair and improvement of the hall a reality. The main task for the forthcoming 12 months is securing the remaining funds so that work starts in 2008 and can be completed in 2009.

Peter Talbot

Artreach

The last Artsreach performance of the Autumn 2006/Winter 2007 Season took place on Saturday 24th March. Ray Sargent gave an inspiring performance
MOTHERS' UNION

Meeting held on Wednesday 4th April 2007
The branch leader welcomed members to the meeting and opened with prayers.

The meeting on 2nd May will be held in church with members from other branches being invited and coffee will be provided.

A coffee morning will be held on 5th May at 10.30 a.m. with the usual stalls and a raffle.

Beckingsale House will be having an Open Day on 13th June.

On 19th June, Lower Stour MU are having a meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Blandford St Mary Church at which the President will be speaking.

The Treasurer gave a report.

A letter had been received from a member from an Australian Link.

The branch leader introduced Mrs Carol Reynolds who gave a talk entitled ‘Saints Alive’.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

THE VISIT OF BISHOP TIM

Bishop Tim attended the synod at which the main subject was the Deanery Strategic Plan. The Rural Dean assisted by Ian Woodward outlined the details of the Deanery and its plans.

The Deanery should enable the church to engage with the wider community but in our case this is complicated because:

* A Large geographical area. (N - S is 20 m, E - W is 12m)
* People are pulled in different directions (Wareham, Dorchester, Shaftesbury & Wimborne as well as Blandford)
* This makes for difficulties when trying to organise things on a Deanery basis (e.g. Youth work)
* We include parts of several local authorities including North Dorset, West Dorset, Purbeck
* Although we have only one secondary school in the deanery children attend many schools.

**The Deanery Strategic Plan covers our activities**

* To help parishes work together for their mutual benefit and the glory of God
* Every parish has its own identity whilst we recognise that most people work through different networks, and parish boundaries become less important.
* We want to nurture, develop, respect and release the ministry of the laity. (The Deanery is the base for training Lay Pastoral Assistants)
* We need to encourage vocations to all forms of ministry. Thanks to the Non Stipendiary & Local Ordained ministry schemes there are now more priests in the deanery.
* We seek to increase the profile of mission and evangelism in the Deanery. Two Synod meetings have been "open" when we have invited community leaders to attend sessions on drugs and the travelling community. SPEX meets once a month at the Crown in Winterborne Kingston when we seek to share peoples' difficulties with the church and Christian Faith
* We have been asked to reduce the number of stipendiary clergy by one (probably in the S, since the N lost one about 7 years ago.) This requires careful listening as well as planning for the future.

Bishop Tim thanked the Synod for their welcome, and for the work done in preparing the Deanery Strategic Plan. One of the reasons for these plans currently being prepared by the Deaneries throughout the Diocese was to better equip the Church locally as more emphasis was placed on Mission.

He had himself been working with groups in Deaneries and parishes in exploring new aspects of ministry and mission, and the training of people in these. He gave details of some of the projects he had been involved with, especially some in parish visiting. He spoke about the Aldhelm Mission continuing with a mission each year. This year it is to be based at Crossways, outside Dorchester. There are already people being trained to take part, and in other parts of Sherborne Area Lay Evangelists are actively involved in evangelising in their neighbourhoods. The example of Wool was given, where door to door evangelism is taking place, with a good reception from locals. The Evangelists go out in pairs and there are others praying for them in the parish church. One pair actually called on a family of Jehovah’s Witnesses who were absolutely stunned at this development!

Another aspect was the provision, in cooperation with Oxford Brookes University of Courses in Ministry, leading to a foundation degree in Ministry.

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**BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB - HIRE FOR FUNCTIONS**

Just a little reminder to all that the Sports Club is available for hire for any functions. With a licensed bar, lots of space and a very large play area just outside it may be just the thing you need. If you are interested, please contact Cyril Cheeseman on 471512.

**BERE REGIS JUNIOR FOOTBALL - A SPECIAL PLEA!!**

In last month’s parish magazine we made a plea for extra helpers at our Saturday morning junior football sessions. Two volunteers have stepped forward and we would like to say a big thank you to those brave souls!

We now have a vacancy for a lead coach for the 6-8 year olds, as the legend that is Alan ‘Lamby’ Lambert will be retiring at the beginning of June. We need to fill this position or the keen and skilled players in this age group will not be able to continue football at Bere Regis.

If you would like to join the coaches at junior football then please contact Darren Spivey (471908) asap. Training can be arranged, if needed, and you will need to undergo a CRB check. Please help us.....
Shaftesbury 0: Bere Dragons 3
Scorers: Harry Fearnley, Vince Hall, Laurence Ball
Man of the Match: Vince Hall

18th March
Dorchester Strikers 0: Bere Dragons 5
Scorers: Laurence Ball (3), Harry Fearnley, Jordan Muscato
Man of the Match: Laurence Ball

25th March
Bere Dragons 3: Bridport Juniors 2
Scorers: Jake Maytum, Olly Robinson, Laurence Ball
Man of the Match: Olly Robinson

8th April
Weymouth Cougars 0: Bere Dragons 5
Scorers: Olly Robinson, Laurence Ball, Jordan Muscato, Vince Hall, Tom Walker
Man of the Match: Jordan Muscato

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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.

A further development, within the diocese, has been the development of the Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Team, which will go around the diocese providing courses to help Christians grow in faith and engage more readily with the world around. There will be more information throughout the forthcoming year.

There was then a question time in which different views were expressed about the Deanery Action Plan and the different approaches to Mission and Evangelism that had been discussed.

Sudan Prayer Request

Give thanks for

All those in Sudan and the wider world who continue to seek the common good for all the peoples of that country.

Archbishop Joseph Marona and his leadership of the Episcopal Church over the years. Lord continue to give him strength and good health in the months ahead as he looks to retirement in December.

Please pray

For The Holy Spirit to continue to guide those charged with selecting and appointing a successor to Archbishop Joseph and to give wisdom and understanding to those advising and assisting them.

For the Government of Sudan to accept and welcome the need for a strong force in Darfur to prevent attacks on civilians.

That the United Nations will find the resources to support and enhance the African Union Force in Darfur and will be able to deploy them swiftly. Give them the energy and determination to persevere through the setbacks and disappointments of broken promises.

For the suffering men, women and children in the Darfur refugee camps and for all those who administer to their needs.

That we, as the people of the Diocese of Salisbury, will give generously of both our material resources and our time in Prayer to our Sudanese Brothers and Sisters in Christ.
Flowers, Coffee and Cleaning

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Adult Sundays – DIVISION TWO

Results

18th March (League Cup)
Bere Regis 3:Bryanston Club 1
Scorers: Shaun Cope (2), Mike Walker

25th March
Dumpton Academicals 5: Bere Regis 0

1st April
Bere Regis 1:AFC Marina 5
Scorer: Mike Walker

8th April
Bryanston Club 2: Bere Regis 0

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Juniors – Under 10’s

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17th March
**BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB**

**Adult Saturdays – DIVISION ONE**

**Results**

17<sup>th</sup> March
Bere Regis 2: Bishops Caundle 5
Scorers: Adam Rogerson, Matt Elford

24<sup>th</sup> March
Bishops Caundle 5:Bere Regis 3
Scorers: Matt Elford, Rob White, Shane Hewitt

31<sup>st</sup> March
Bere Regis 3: Kangaroos 3
Scorers: Adrian Moore, Pete Macklin, Shane Hewitt

14<sup>th</sup> April
Corfe Castle 5: Bere Regis 1
Scorer: Pete Macklin

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**St Laurence’s Church, Affpuddle**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

10.00<sup>a.m</sup> until noon

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Entry £1 (for adults)
The Council, at its April meeting, was informed that County Council Officers had been to look at the pathway leading up to Black Hill from the cemetery and had agreed that it was in need of improvements. Quite when anything will happen was not stated but it is good to know that this popular way is being considered for improvements.

The Poole Hill roundabout continues to be the subject of meetings. For some long while the Council has tried to get improvements together with the County Council. The Council are keen that such roundabouts are ‘adopted’ by commercial undertakings who would, in return for advertising, undertake the maintenance of suitable floral arrangements. Parishioners will recall how originally this roundabout had a block surface and when removed the weeds moved in. Since then, and particularly this year, there is a fine crop of daisies. It is understood that the next meeting is to try to move towards its adoption.

The Council continues to battle on with the C6 and the traffic problems. It is hoped that the improvements by the school, leading to the completion of the Safe Route to School, will soon be resolved. However there is concern about the variety of traffic using this busy road by the school, particularly at times when the pupils are either entering or leaving the premises. The Council is meeting with the Army authorities to limit the tracked vehicle movements in relation to school times.

The Council remind Parishioners that the Village Website is a source of good information. Parishioners who are prepared to undertake small tasks are asked to put this information on the site. Likewise any Parishioner requiring assistance with a small task is also asked to put their request on the site. The aim is to try to match one with the other.

Following on from last year’s successful village clear up operation there is to be another similar event on Sunday 27th May – the May Bank Holiday. The aim is to tackle specific areas this time. If any Parishioner has any particular area that they feel should be tackled then they are requested to let Councillor Munro know. He would also like to be advised of any volunteers willing to help out for a couple of hours on that day.

CM
May 2007

and spiritual initiatives were forged that have helped make our imperfect world a better place to be. In terms of social justice we may have only just scratched the surface, but the work goes on around the globe.

We are encouraged to keep our world clean and green. I believe it has to start internally in each individual heart. Are we willing to own up to the moral and spiritual pollution within? Only by God’s grace will this greater climate issue be dealt with.

Let’s enjoy the sunshine around us, but let’s also soak up the light and life that is found in the One who is described as the Son of Righteousness – Jesus.

With love in Jesus
Pastor Jim Morris
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Butt Lane

Our aim is to offer compassionate pastoral help and 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)

Monday 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 a from 6-7.30pm - Sonseekers Club for 7-12 yr olds

The March meeting of the WI, held at the Drax Hall had a definite Spring theme. As well as our annual ‘Daffodil in a vase competition’, members were treated to a superb demonstration of sugar craft skills by one of our own members Megan Stone. We were shown how to make Spring flowers, with the theme of Easter in mind. Megan showed us how to make delicate roses and primroses using the most basic of tools – fingers, thumbs and cocktail sticks! Many of our members were surprised by their own skills and results. Megan brought other examples of her sugar craft work to show us, as well as some of the tools and materials that she uses for her work.

It was a very enjoyable evening and members were grateful for her encouragement and patience.

On May 15th, members will be enjoying an evening out at the seaside – ‘A supper in Weymouth’.

New members are always welcome, any enquiries please contact:
Mrs Jan Nurrish – President 01929 472214
Mrs Diane Edmonds – Secretary 01929 472331

Bere Regis W.I.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Doreen’s Cherry Cookies

- 4oz Butter
- 3oz caster sugar
- half a beaten egg
- few drops vanilla essence
- 5oz S.R. flour
- pinch salt
- 2oz crushed cornflakes
- 1oz glazed cherries

Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla, egg, flour and salt.

Work with the hand into a firm dough then form into 16 balls, roll the balls into the crushed cornflakes.

Place well apart on to a baking tray and flatten the tops slightly place a quarter of a cherry on top.

Bake in a medium oven for 15/20 minutes and cool on a rack. These biscuits travel well and are nice for picnics, they are so good you will want to make double the quantity.

Global Warning!

I am writing this just a week after Easter as we are enjoying a long spell of warm sunny days. There’s something about the warm sun on our bodies that lifts our spirits and encourages us to have a brighter outlook on life in general.

How different to April 2006 when many parts of the country were being blasted by icy winds and heavy snowfall. Even Lancashire’s Cricket Club had to postpone the start of its season as staff scraped thick ice off the ground. What a difference a year makes! April 2007 has thus far seen temperatures soaring as high as 26c and at Easter Bere Regis was even hotter than the Balearic Islands!

In all this muddling of our seasons scientists and meteorologists are trying to gauge what is happening. Governments around the world are grappling with the important issues of climate change and global warming and our own Government has become obsessed with what we should all do to bring down carbon emissions.

Now a careful look at God’s Word, the Bible, will tell you that the great Creator of the Universe is also concerned about climate change - not just the natural aging and decay of the universe - but the spiritual and moral decay that characterises much of our world today. In other words He is concerned about the spiritual climate change and the global coldness, not warming, of the human heart towards the things of God. Jesus told His followers to be spiritual meteorologists, looking out for and reading certain signs that will herald the return of the Lord Jesus and the eventual winding up of history as we know it.

In the last hundred years or so we have seen an escalation in these tell-tale signs that we are living in ‘the last days’. The rejection of God as the Creator of the world; the rebellion against all forms of authority, and the dismantling of God’s laws has left us with a world without a compass, where truth is what you want to make it, where there are no absolutes, where life is cheap and violence is rife, and where man is willing to trust blindly in his own wisdom.

And all this despite the many global warnings that God has sent. We are all being encouraged to play our part to save the planet. But are we concerned about our own need to be saved from a lost eternity? Some of the greatest social and economic changes in the world, e.g. the recent reminder in the news of the abolition of slavery, have been accomplished when vulnerable men and women humbled themselves and sought God’s forgiveness and received the new life that comes through Jesus. Through their transformed lives huge social
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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

Saturday  FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY  6.30 pm  LULWORTH
Sunday  MASS  9.00 am  WOOL
Sunday  MASS  11.00 am  WAREHAM

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For mass times on Weekdays or Holy Days of Obligation please contact Father.

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Kath Jeeves picked a lovely day for her coach outing to Stewart’s Nurseries (what an excellent selection of snacks and lunches) at Christchurch and the possible chance to do a little retail therapy in Sainsbury’s store next door followed by a drive round the Burley area of the New Forest avoiding the odd pony or two who have not learned the ‘Green Cross Code’ yet.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th May at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall when Rob Curtis is to give a talk entitled ‘The Inner Sanctum’. We leave it to you to work out what this is all about but a clue may be the competition item which is A Toilet Roll Cover.

There will be an Autumn Leaves coach tour to Sidmouth on June 13th so please give your names to Kath at the next meeting to book your seat. This is always a popular visit.

At our last meeting, Ray Maycock gave an interesting talk on the use of colour and how this can reflect our personalities.

The speaker for the next meeting on May 1st 2007 is Ian Smith who will be talking about irises.

Annual Spring Flower Show Results

There were some excellent entries this year for the Annual Spring Flower Show this year. Thank you to Jimmy Barnes for judging Classes 1 to 7 and to Peter Whittaker for judging classes 8 and 10. Thank you also to all who participated and well done to all our prize winners.

Congratulations to Heather Dixon who won the Crystal Bowl for the Best entry with her vase of mixed Spring Flowers and gained the most points in the Show. A second prize of a Silver Cup was awarded to Pat House for her reserve entry of a Multi Headed Narcissus and for the second highest points awarded.

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Reserve Heather Dixon 2 Points
Class 2 Multi Headed Narcissus
1st Place Pat House 4 Points Reserve Mary England 2 Points
Class 3 Small Narcissus
1st Place Heather Dixon 3 Points
Class 4 Bowl of Flowering Bulbs
1st Place Cyril Bennett 3 Points
Class 5 Vase of Mixed Spring Flowers
1st Place Heather Dixon 5 Points Reserve Pat House 2 Points
Class 6 Six Chitted Potatoes
1st Place Megan Stone 3 Points
Class 7 Spring Flower Arrangement
1st Place Megan Stone 3 Points Reserve Pat House 2 Points
Class 9 Five Easter Biscuits
1st Place Heather Dixon 3 Points Reserve Pat House 2 Points
Class 10 Pot of Seville Marmalade
1st Place Gordon Phillips 3 Points Reserve Mary England 2 Points

Coffee Morning
Megan Stone is hosting a coffee morning from 10.30 to 12.00 at 2 Manor House on 12th May 2007. There will be a plant stall and a raffle in aid of funds for Speakers costs. Donations of surplus seedlings would be gratefully accepted!

Dates for your diary
May 12th Gardening Club. Coffee morning with Plant Stall at Megan Stone’s house, 2 Manor
May 23rd Gardening Club. Evening visit to Minterne Gardens. Meet on the Car Park at 5.30 pm.
June 26th Gardening Club. Afternoon visit to Fars Lodge in Wimborne
**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

**Smokefree England- Countdown to 1st July!**

From 1st of July 2007, virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will be smokefree. This means that it will be against the law to smoke indoors in pubs, bars and restaurants, lunch rooms, membership clubs and shopping centres. At work, smoking inside and indoor smoking rooms will become a thing of the past. Public transport and work vehicles used by more than one person will also need to be smokefree.

Secondhand smoke causes cancer, increases the risk of heart disease and can cause childhood respiratory disease and is even linked to sudden infant death syndrome. And, because 85% of secondhand smoke is invisible and odourless, even though you think your workplace or pub is not very smoky you may be at more harm than you realise.

Is this all bad news for smokers? Well, 75% of the population does not smoke and of those that do 70% want to give up! This might be the time to kick the habit.

For smokers who want to quit, the NHS offers a range of excellent free support. Call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 or visit www.gosmokefree.co.uk

All businesses in Purbeck should have received a leaflet from the District Council, for those who haven’t, or who wish more information, you can email or telephone the Council or download the leaflet from the PDC website. Contact details below.

At this stage the single most important message for businesses is that you should register for information, free signs and leaflets at www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

**How will Purbeck District Council enforce the legislation?**

PDC will be working with businesses to build compliance through education, advice and support before and after 1st July. It is hoped that, as in Scotland and Ireland who are already smokefree, there will be little need for formal enforcement action.

A telephone number will, however, be available to report any non-compliance and all reported incidents will be investigated. Follow up action can include cautions, fixed penalty notices and, only in extreme cases, prosecution.

For further information visit

www.purbeck.gov.uk and www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

Or call Purbeck District Council Environmental Services on 01929 557277, email envservices@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

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Meet your MP - CANCELLED

I am afraid that Annette Brooke has broken her hip and as well as being in serious pain is confined to a wheelchair and is not moving about very much! We have decided to cancel her surgery with me on Saturday 23rd June and to reschedule it for later on this year.

A35 - Bere Regis by pass

I asked the Chief executive of Purbeck District Council to write to the Highways Agency, following the fatal accident at the Bere Regis end of the A35 last autumn.

I have now been informed me that the Highways Agency is proposing to carry out a study of the A35 between the Stinford and the Bere Regis roundabouts this year. They hope to commission the study in April and would expect a report back by the end of the year, possibly by the autumn. I have been told that completion of any resultant works will obviously be dependent on resources being made available, which is, in turn, dependent upon the respective priorities of the Highways Agency. As always I will keep you informed of progress.

Veterans Badges

Those who served in the UK Armed Forces before December 31st, 1969, might be eligible for a ‘Veterans’ badge. It cannot however be issued posthumously as it is a survivors’ badge, which to be worn on civilian clothing.

The following people may also qualify:

- Merchant Navy seamen
- Members of the Home Guard
- Polish Forces under UK command
- Members of the Cyprus Regiment during the Second World War
- Veterans of the Suez Canal Zone (1951-1954)
- War widows or widowers who receive a War Widows/Widowers Pension.

If anyone believes that they might qualify for this badge and would like an application form, these are available from the Veterans Agency and online at veteransagency.gsi.gov.uk
Surgery

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

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

8th May, Gardener's Delight by Julia Harrison from Exmouth.

Pop In Place - Bere Regis

Present

Bere Regis - Village Quiz
An opportunity to have an enjoyable fun evening

Monday 11th June 2007
at 7.30pm

Venue - Drax Hall

Teams
Teams of four persons required at £1-00 per person (Cheques payable to Pop In Place)

More Information 01929-472261

All profit from the evening will be donated to ‘Bere Regis Friends of Cancer Research U.K.'
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. The offers need to be submitted as soon as possible so we can arrange the insurance for the event.

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. (No children under class 3 age please)

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.

Following the success of our pantomime ‘Cinders in Space’ we ran a series of fun workshops to build upon the latent talent and enthusiasm that our performers have in abundance. Our aim was to provide individuals and groups with the necessary performing skills and to inspire confidence in their own abilities.

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

9th June ‘Bring Me Sunshine’ Show Saturday 2.00pm and 7.00pm
11th June Village Quiz Monday 7.30pm
15th July Open Gardens Sunday 10.00am to 5.00pm
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.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on the 27th April 2007. We heartily thank all of the people who have supported the Pop In Place over the last year. An expression of thanks was given to all the Volunteers who have given their time to run the project.

Bring Me Sunshine’ Variety Show – Saturday 9th June – 2.00pm and 7.00pm

We look forward to our ‘Bring Me Sunshine’ Variety Show on Saturday 9th June 2007. (Please note, by popular demand, we will also be running a matinee performance at 2.00pm.) This show will be featuring song, dance, drama, poetry and instrumentals; all performed by local people.

There will be two performances: the matinee at 2.00pm and the evening at 7.00pm. Tickets are available cost £ 3-50 each; book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Village Quiz – Monday 11th June – 7.30pm

The Pop In Place will be running the Village Quiz on Monday 11th June 2007. This event has proved to be a popular occasion for a fun filled evening. Please enter a team of four people at the cost of £ 1-00/person. We will also be running a raffle. Everyone is most welcome.

Open Gardens 2007

Following the feedback from last year’s very successful event we are planning to hold this year’s ‘Open Gardens’ on 15th July 2007.
Pop In Place - Bere Regis

“Bringing the Community Together”

Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday mornings
10 am to 12 noon

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

Pop In Place Performers Performers of any age are welcome for music, dance and drama
Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm
(not second Thursday)

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

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

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

Volunteers are always welcome

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from Bere Regis, visit a relevant battlefield and take part in the Commemorative Service and Parade at the Menin Gate, Ypres. The culmination of their findings will be presented to the Village Community at a suitable date later in the year.

If anyone is able to help with the Remember Them project by way of research information, passed down knowledge, artefacts or assistance with mini-bus hire, fuel, ferry/tunnel crossing, accommodation, food, etc., please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will be holding our Group A.G.M and a Fund Raising Auction on Tuesday 22nd May, 7 p.m., at the Scout Hut. This event is to raise money for the Group as we have a very busy year ahead of us, which includes, hopefully, a much needed extension to the Scout Hut.

Any offers of services or items that we may auction will be greatly appreciated. Please contact any of the Section Leaders or Committee Members with any offers as soon as possible so that we may draw up a list of Lots.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On the 20 March members from the Branch and the Womens Section enjoyed an evening at the Club to celebrate the birthdays of both sections.

The Branch is 85 years young and the Womens Section 80 years.

The members were welcomed with a glass of sherry. This was followed by a delicious fish and chip supper with the must have bread and butter and ketchup for those who wanted it. This was all washed down with a drink from the bar kindly provided by the Branch.

Old fashioned games followed, heads and tails, pass the parcel and everyone joined in, including undertaking the forfeits with good nature.

A toast was made to both sections for their continued success and all members past and present were thanked for their support.

The throng then sang happy birthday and the two Chairmen blew out the candles on the cake with what available wind they had left. Everyone then enjoyed coffee and cake.

The Womens Section proudly handed out certificates to members from both sections who had been loyal supporters and workers over many years.

The Branch and Womens Section want to pass on their thanks to everyone involved with their work now and in the past and new members are always welcome.
I was asked why I had chosen Ashley Wood as one of my venues this year especially as the club had let ROGS down in previous times.

Well it drains well having been built on chalk, so that was a consideration for a March outing and there are a lot of very good individual holes. However when you put them together collectively the course is a bit up and down but again it is local and the fifth oldest in Dorset. We were playing for the GRS Architects Trophy sponsored by Guy Storey and 27 players turned out. My thanks to Keith Nurrish who sponsored the nearest the pin on the 4th which was won by Guy Storey.

The 2,5 money of £27 was shared between Guy and Robbie Hall.

Guy sponsored prizes on the 4th nearest the pin in two and 18th nearest the pin and these were won by John Ruskin and Peter Cheeseman.

The longest drive was won on the 14th by Julian Flower.

The Captain had a bad day at the office and came in last with 21 points and other notable scores were put in by Bobber with 38 points, Dean Merritt with 38 points, Russell French with 31 points. The bronze medal went to Paul Ebsworth with 39 points, the Silver medal went to Jamie Lake with a mega 41 points and the winner of the Gold medal on a card play off with 41 points was Shaun Brady. A good meal and a rather cold but nice day was had by all.

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“REMEMBER THEM”

THE SCOUT CENTENARY WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

Research for the Project continues. A final session was held at Bere Regis Community School recently using the School computers to search on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website which gives details of the date of death and the location of the Cemetery or memorial for each casualty. In addition, there are further details for some casualties, such as the age at death from which a birth year can be worked out. In some cases there are details of parents and next of kin addresses.

The Canadian Archives website provides similar details and also access to the casualty’s Attestation Forms which give further details about date & place of birth. Have got as much information as we could using the School computers, the Team went recently to the Dorset Local History Centre in Dorchester to get free access to the 1901 & 1891 Census Returns and to the Baptismal Registers. 11 youngsters and 4 adults spent several hours searching the records and added a great deal of family history to the information we already had.

There have been the inevitable frustrations and dead ends in the records and one or two mysteries. Generally, some interesting facts are beginning to emerge and the whole team are beginning to feel that they know so much more about the men listed on the War Memorial. All the information collected will be shared with the local community at a presentation later in the year.

The climax of the Project is to be a long weekend in Flanders in November when the Team hope to visit and lay wreaths at a relevant battlesite and cemetery connected with the men from Bere Regis. We hope to stay in Ypres and attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Sunday 11 November at the Menin Gate.

We have looked at the costs of the Project, in particular the costs of the long weekend in Flanders. We shall be approaching various grant-giving bodies for financial assistance and the young members of the Project Team have numerous ideas for various fund-raising activities. If you are approached, please be generous and support this very worthwhile project, which has attracted a lot of interest in the community. It has also made the Act of Remembrance so much more meaningful to the young people involved and enabled them personally to fulfill the Nation’s promise, given after the First World War, never to forget the sacrifices of the previous young generation, some little older than the youngsters working on the Project today.

If you can assist with information about any of the 32 men listed on the War Memorial, please contact the Project Team through Phil Ventham on 01929 471215. Similarly, if you can help the project financially, please let Phil Ventham know.

BERE REGIS CONSERVATION GROUP

Open to everyone in the Parish

There will be a meeting of the group on Saturday 12th May when we will be visiting two properties that are managed for wildlife conservation.

We will start at 2.00 p.m. at Hyde Woods, Hyde, where we hope to meet Thelma and Louise who have a significant part to play in the management of the land. We will then move on to Forest Gate, Bere Heath, which is the site of one of the SSSIs in the Parish. Karen Smith has kindly offered to provide tea for us while we are there.

At both properties we will hear how the land is managed and we will have the opportunity to walk around two lovely areas in our Parish which we are not normally able to see. We are very grateful to the owners for giving us this opportunity.

For the purposes of car-parking and catering we do need to know numbers. If you intend to come would you please let Sarah Welton know by Wednesday 9th May. She can be contacted on 471562 or by e-mail at sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk.

Date for your diaries—Saturday 7th July - ‘Breakfast with Moths’ at Higher Hyde Reserve

from 22 to 23, Mike Parker from 23 to 24 and the Captain from 23 to 24. (we need all the help we can get)

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If you have a little time to spare, would like to join our friendly volunteers, and would like more information about becoming Chairman, please contact:

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AGE CONCERN

AGE CONCERN LAUNCHES NEW YEAR-LONG BENEFITS CAMPAIGN

Age Concern Dorchester has put an extra £300,000 of benefits cash into the pockets of local older people over the last year. To help even more older people to claim the money they are entitled to, the charity is now launching its ‘Your Rights’ campaign.

The new, year-long campaign aims to build on the success of the week of action run in previous years, by helping more local residents than ever before to claim the benefits they are entitled to. Kicking off this week, the campaign will focus on different benefits every two months, starting with Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit during April and May.

Further increases in council tax bills are once again stretching the finances of many older people in Dorset. Yet despite this, around £1.2 billion of Council Tax Benefit went unclaimed by older people in the UK last year, with almost 50% of those entitled to claim (up to two million pensioners) missing out.

Despite millions of pensioners finding it hard to make ends meet across the country, up to £4.2 billion of money benefits is left unclaimed by millions of older people each year. Many older people miss out because they don’t realise that they are entitled to extra cash, don’t know how to claim, think the system is too complicated, or feel there is a stigma attached and would rather ‘make do’. Yet Age Concern Dorchester offers clear, free and confidential help and advice which can overcome these obstacles.

Mr and Mrs F contacted Age Concern Dorchester to discuss welfare benefits. When an adviser went to visit them the couple had a weekly income of £261.40, which included an occupational pension and their state pensions. The couple were paying £69.88 for rent and £21.64 for Council Tax per week. They were advised to apply for Housing and Council Tax Benefits and they were awarded £34.52 towards their rent and £10.88 towards their Council Tax bill per week. The successful outcome meant that they increased their weekly income by £45.40.

Diane Brisenden Welfare Benefits Adviser at Age Concern Dorchester said:

“As part of the British Gas/Help the Aged Partnership, which also funds the National Benefits Advice Programme, we’ve helped around 250 local older people to claim benefits worth about £300,000 in the past year. Yet hundreds more older people in Dorset may still be missing out on cash that is rightfully theirs.

“Claiming the benefits they’re entitled to can make a massive difference to an older person’s quality of life. On average those older people missing out on..."