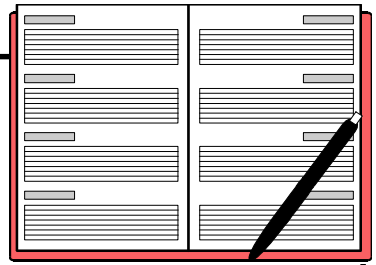

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th	PiP Fun day - Bingo		
10th	Church Autumn Fayre, Drax Hall		10.00 a.m.
14th	Autumn Leaves - Wells, Wells, Wells		2.00 p.m.
17th	PiP Jumble Sale and Mini Auction		2.00 p.m.

November

3rd	Gardening Club - World of Garden Colour		
11th	Autumn Leaves - Beautiful Slides		2.00 p.m.
20th	PiP Children in Need	10.00 am -	12 noon
28th	Church Christmas Fayre, Drax Hall		10.00 a.m.

December

1st	Gardening Club - 100 Years of Dorset Weather		
4th	PiP Fun day - Christmas Prize Bingo		
9th	Autumn Leaves - Christmas Afternoon with Carols	2.00 p.m.	
12th	PiP Christmas Show		6.00 p.m.
18th	PiP Fun day - Mince Pies and Carols		

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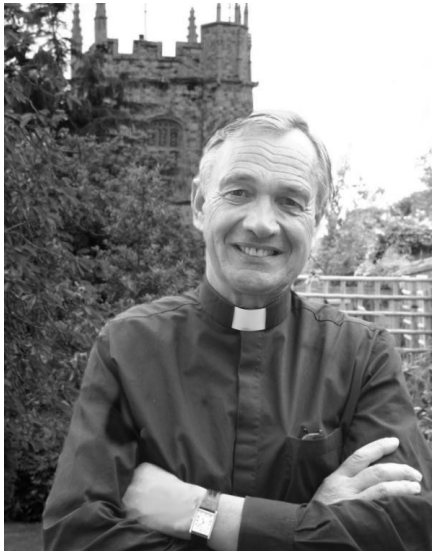
April

24th	Annual Church Outing		



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JUNE 2009

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

It seems a sad disgrace to me that whilst we are wallowing in the mire of petty parliamentary expense claims, millions of people around the world are suffering incalculable miseries.

I had a meeting recently with the United Nations Ambassador to Sudan. He has an open and very realistic view of his exceedingly challenging task and was thoroughly immersed in the details of the politics and the needs of all the people in the complex and volatile society that is Sudan today. He was keen to engage the Churches in making positive contributions to sustaining the fragile Peace Agreement that just about keeps major conflicts from breaking out again. We discussed the delayed timetable for elections – the first for more than 20 years in

Sudan – and the expectations of the people. The reality is that democracy only works if life is likely to be better than under any other system. What democracy should be delivering is 'choice' – a fundamental human 'Right' enshrined in the *Millennium Development Goals* and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* that recently celebrated its 60 birthday. In the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement there is freedom of worship and the supposed guarantee of elected parliaments. Here in the UK we take our human rights for granted. What the recent huge elections in India have shown us is that democracy and the choices that secret voting provides is at the heart of a free and prosperous and indeed developing, caring and loving society.

But with all the privileges we enjoy, what we also take for granted, and all too often fail miserably at, are our responsibilities to each other and to our institutions. *'Human Rights'* cannot work unless we also practice *'Human Responsibilities'* which means we take responsibility for the care of our neighbour wherever they may be at home or in the wider world.

The recent furore over Parliamentary expenses has brought into sharp focus the relationship between 'rights' and 'responsibilities', but it has also done great damage to our political institutions and not just at national level. With European and County Council elections taking place early this month, there is a risk that for many electors their faith in their elected leaders and our democratic institutions is so eroded by what they see, that they are saying 'a plague on all your houses' - to slightly miss-quote Mercutio in Shakespeare's in Romeo and Juliet – and thus the turn out for elections becomes ever lower. It is essential that we vote if we are to make changes for the better. Integrity is an essential element of leadership and how we behave affects those around us. For too many of us an 'allowance' is seen as a 'right' – but it has to be claimed for 'responsibly' – and moats and horse manure and bogus mortgages etc are clearly unethical and irresponsible and its not acceptable to blame 'the system'. If we cannot behave ethically, how can we expect our children to behave ethically, and to think and live with integrity, when our elected leaders abuse their responsibilities and thus damage the human rights of others?

We should cherish and nourish our 'rights' and practice our 'responsibilities' for the benefit of others – it's at the heart of our faith, and the reason why Jesus came amongst us.

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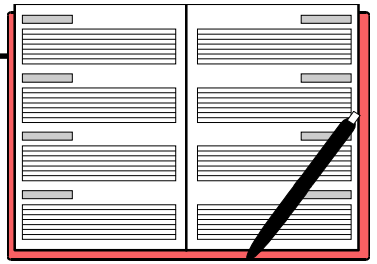

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

2nd	Gardening Club - Summer outing	
5th	Village Duck Race, Scout Hut	7.00 p.m.
7th	Briantspuddle Open Gardens	10.00 am - 6.30 pm
10th	PiP Fun day - Guest Speaker	
10th	Autumn Leaves - Summer tour to Sidmouth, Car Park	10.00 a.m.
22nd	PiP Village Quiz	7.30 p.m.
27th	Church Garden Party, The Vicarage	2.00 p.m.

July

4th	Affpuddle Church Fete and Dog Show	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
4th	Mencap Abba's Angels Event, Rye Hill Farm	
7th	Gardening Club - Margaret Green Animal Rescue	
8th	Autumn Leaves - Rose Competition	2.00 p.m.
12th	PiP Open Gardens	10.00 am - 5.00 pm

August

1st	Bladen Social Club, Horticultural Show	
4th	Gardening Club - Annual BBQ at Shitterton Farmhouse	
8th	Church Open Day	
9th	Gardening Club - Annual Flower Show	
12th	Autumn Leaves - Purbeck Ice Cream talk	2.00 p.m.
14th/21st/28th	PiP Children's Summer Activities	10.00 am. - 11.45 am

September

1st	Gardening Club - Bulbs for Alpine Gardens	
5th	Church Gift Day, outside the Post Office	9.00 a.m.
5th	PiP Performer of the Year Competition	6.00 p.m.
9th	Autumn Leaves - 39th birthday lunch	1.00 p.m.
11th	PiP Fun day - David Andrews One Man Band	
19th	Ragamuffins Dog Show	2.00 p.m.

October

3rd	The Yetties - Drax Hall	7.30 p.m.
4th	Church Harvest Festival	6.00 p.m.
6th	Gardening Club - Pear Harvest Supper	

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Drax Hall (hire)	Sally Cheeseman	471022	4 Elder Road BH20 7LY		
Dorset Latvia Link	Jenny Silavs	471577			Fundraisiing 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 7JE		Monthly Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am
Kingsbere Music Trust	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	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@tiscali.co.uk	Weekly. RBL Club 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	NancyEGibson@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	Alison Bennett	472023	3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU	paul@bennett3518.freeserve.co.uk	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
Ragamuffins Playgroup	Manager - Mrs Tracy George	472125 405440	c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7LP		
Royal British Legion Club	Mrs Glo Curtis	472620	32 Old Barn Road	Glo.curtis@dorset.probation.gsx.gov.uk	Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.
RBL Gardening Club	Mrs Megan Stone	471627	2 Manor House		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	Sue Stone	471993		SJStone97@aol.com	Meetings and events arranged as and when.
Briantspuddle village scrap book	Jenny Silavs	471577			Scrap book for Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle
W.I. (Bere Regis)	Mrs Arlene Duncanson	472141		duncanson@madasafish.com	Monthly Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm
Wildlife Events	Mrs Tasie Russell	471414			Talks in winter. Briantspuddle Village Hall. Also field meetings in Parish in summer
Woodbury Hill Singers	Mrs Kath Jeeves	471175	"Larkspur" Snow Hill		Weekly "Larkspur" Snow Hill Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.

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Licensed Lay Minister	Brenda Pitfield, Hillbutts, Bere Regis, BH20 7HZ	471391
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	Sarah Welton, 38 West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HW (sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk)	471562
Secretary of PCC	Chris Maunder, 15 North Street, Bere Regis BH20 7LA (ctmaunder@me.com)	471342
Treasurer of PCC	Richard Smith, Forest Gate, Bere Heath, BH20 7NS (Bereheath@btinternet.com)	471339
Organist & Choir Master	Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill, BH20 7NH (tac@tacmusic.com)	471360
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Flowers	Jenny Kinahan, 13,White Lovington, Bere Regis BH20 7NF (jenny.kinahan@hotmail.co.uk)	472161

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Secretary of PCC	Elizabeth Whatley, (elizabeth.ew@talktalk.net)	01305 848959
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Organist	Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12, Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2BN (jmullins1@sky.com)	01202 889227
Sacristan	Erica Moriarty, The Hollow, Briantspuddle DT2 7HX	471747
Lay Pastoral Assistants	Erica Moriarty and Penny Haigh	

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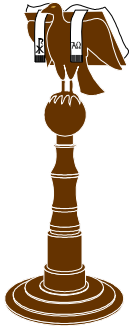
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Bere Regis Evensong Readers

14th Mrs Jutting

28th Miss Frampton

Bere Regis Sidesmen

7th 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr House
Chalice Mr House / Mr Smith
Intercessions Mrs Robinson

14th 11.00am Junior church
6.00 pm Mrs Jutting

21st 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
Chalice Mr Croom/Mr House
Intercessions Mr Croom

28th 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton

Cleaning and Dusting

	Cleaning	*Dusting*
6th and 13th June	Mrs C Clarke and Mrs M Comben	Miss S Frampton and Mrs J Spicer
20th and 27th June	Mrs Rachel Brown and Mrs Bernie Lightfoot	Mrs N Scott

Sanctuary Flower Guild

7th	Mrs J Clifford
14th	Mrs H Loxton
21st	Mrs K Smith
28th	Mrs L Butterfield

First Sunday Coffee

7th June Philippa and George

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@jjoneser.freeserve.co.uk	Monthly RBL Club 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Margaret Dann Kath Jeeves	472734 471175	4 Bitchams Mead "Larkspur" Snow Hill		Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Church Choir	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	choir@tacmusic.com	Rehearsals weekly. 7.00 p.m. every Friday in BR church
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Roger Duncanson Herbie Swann Dave Rigler	472141 472812 471728	April Cottage, Southbrook	duncanson@madasafish.com	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Parish Council	Jim Parsons Chairman Ian Ventham Vice Chairman	471050 471480	14 White Lovington BH20 7NF Shitterton Farmhouse BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk	5.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Health Walks	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.crisford@btinternet.com	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	John England Adrian Standfield Jenny Kinahan	471469 471774 472161	10, South Mead		Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis First School	Steven Battishill - Headteacher	471334	Rye Hill BH20 7LP	office@beremegis.dorset.sch.uk	First School for pupils aged 4+ to 9 years
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers) Scout Hut hire	Paula Miller Susy Hamilton Tony King	472539 472793 472054			Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5¾ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Greta Richardson Carl Grigg	01258 489131 472670			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8– 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts) General or group enquiries	Mike Whitfield Scout Leader Chris Gall Christine Whitfield	472159 01305 772634 472159			Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Toddler Music group	Liz Teather	471216	The Old Mill, Doddings BH20 7NJ		Fridays 10:00 a.m., including school holidays, Age 0 - 4, Scout Hut,
Book Swap Club	Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot	471002 472483	6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall
Bere Regis Wildlife Watch, Nature Conservation group	Tony Bates Pat Chesney Sarah Welton	471563 471519 471562	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk	Meetings arranged as and when

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
7 Jun	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
Trinity	11am	K Wharton	A Armitage	Rom 8: 12-17
Sunday		A Armitage	K Wharton	John 3: 1-17
14 Jun	9.15am	J Royal	P Haigh	2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17
1st after		P Haigh	J Cropper	Mark 4: 26-34
Trinity				
21 Jun	8am	P Badcock	P Badcock	BCP as set
2nd after	11am	D Buck	t.b.a	t.b.a
Trinity				
28 Jun	9.15am	D Coates	S Sanderson	2 Cor 8: 7-end
3rd after		D Payne	M Menzies	Mark 5: 21-end
Trinity				
5 Jul	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
4th after	11am	R Prideaux	A Grindrod	2 Cor 12: 2-10
Trinity		A Grindrod	R Prideaux	Mark 6: 1-13

Intercessions:	*14 Jun J Haigh.*	*28 Jun M Menzies.*
Chalice:	*14 Jun J Haigh.*	*28 Jun M Menzies.*

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

Sunday 7th June **Trinity Sunday** (green)

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins & shortened Communion	Affpuddle
12.30pm	Holy Baptism	Bere Regis

Sunday 14th June **First after Trinity** (green)

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

Sunday 21st June **Second after Trinity** (green)

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Family Service – 'Pets Service'	Affpuddle

Sunday 28th June **Third after Trinity** (green)

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

Sunday 5th July **Fourth after Trinity** (green)

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9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins & shortened Communion	Affpuddle

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3rd May – Samuel Joshua Arthur Emm

Holy Matrimony
at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
2nd May – Alan Holyoak and Ellie Morris

Funerals
at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
29th April, David Miller followed by interment in the cemetery
7th May, Dennis Watts followed by interment at Athelhampton

At West Hertfordshire Crematorium
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OBITUARIES

Dave Miller

David George Miller was born in Dorchester Hospital in 1950 the middle of five children to Albert and Dolly Miller, a farm worker. To just about everyone he was Dave; usually 'Big Dave' by all his workmates at Sunseekers and this was depicted on his lorry and for some reason as 'Rat' at Hedgemans when he worked there. Julie tells me that he was only ever called David when he thought he was in trouble. Dave's elder siblings were Kathlene and Bob, and the younger sisters Caroline and Irene. Home was initially in West Stafford and then in the Broadmayne area. Schooling was first at Broadmayne, and after the family moved to Cobbs farm in West Chaldon in 1959, and then later at Bovington Secondary School.

Dave's childhood was happy – and in spite of five children, they rarely argued or fell out. It was perhaps a sign of his placid nature and indeed sense of fun. Often he and his chums played around the farm yard and the fields on their motor bikes. Treats were days out to Weymouth. He loved the outdoor life and the countryside.

Leaving school at 15, Dave's first job was Mill's Nurseries at Owermoigne and when he was old enough to drive he also helped out Morris Guy with his taxi service in Knighton. He then went to work at John Mile's Builders at Bere Heath and he became John's mechanic and driver.

It was here at Bere Heath where he met Julie who was working in John Miles' office. Julie was 15 and they became engaged when she was 16 and married here in our Parish Church a couple of years later in 1974. They lived initially with Julie's parents in Donkey Lane; then Mark came along, and in June 1978, when he was just three months old they moved to their brand new house in Elder Road where they have lived very happily ever since. And so it was that Donna came along in 1980.

Dave moved on to drive for ECC and with some sense of pride and trust drove their first sand tanker. The transport business in those days, just as today, was always subject to the health of the general economy and job security could be fragile. So he then spent a brief period with Andrew's Plant before moving on to Hedgemans transporting stone etc often from local quarries – particularly from Portland – to help build sea defences on the local coasts. He was with Hedgemans for more than 20 years and then via a short return to Andrews Plant on to Sunseeker about eight years ago where he has been very happy and greatly enjoyed his

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Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available on the day at a modest cost.

The second element of the course is a **Practical Car Driver Refresher Course**. A driver is accompanied by a driving instructor on this 90 minute session. The aim of the course is to work with the driver to improve on the driver's existing level of ability. The course does not involve a test and individual drivers will not be compared. The driver can use their own vehicle provided it is taxed, insured and road worthy. More details about this element of the course will be given at the first session on 16 June.

If you would like to participate but can't make this date then call 01305 224558 for alternative dates and venues.

BRIANTSPUDDLE OPEN GARDENS - 2009

Don't forget the Open Gardens in Briantspuddle on Sunday 7th June. Delicious refreshments are being served in the Village Hall throughout the day. Do make a point of visiting all the gardens and also, a new attraction for this year, the art exhibitions being shown round and about Briantspuddle.

There will be a full report of the event in next month's magazine.

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time. He was a much valued and experienced member of the Sunseeker Transport department based at Tower Park. Originally 'Big Dave' was deployed moving the boats around but later he moved on to working more locally around Poole and Portland and New Milton etc carrying sections of boats and jigs and supplies etc between the various Sunseeker yards and bases. He was proud to belong to Sunseeker and was a good team player and I know that Dave and Julie have been very grateful to the Company for their understanding and generosity over the past few months. Sunseeker have said how much they miss him.

Dave started to be ill a year ago and underwent many weeks of chemo and then radio therapy and yet he continued to work all the way through them.

At heart Dave was a true family man - time for real beach and camping holidays in Devon and Cornwall and North Wales. Dave was a dutiful son-in-law looking after John's garden in Donkey Lane. One of Dave's great loves was Country music and Julie and Dave particularly enjoyed the Country and Western music nights at Wool RBL. This resulted in not a little embarrassment to Marc when his father got up and started dancing! Dave also had a great love of classic cars and motor bikes and especially old lorries and he went as often as he could to truck festivals and steam fairs and classic car shows.

Dave loved his driving and his family and his friends and his country music. He will be so sadly missed. It is now our responsibility to support Julie and Marc and Donna, now and in the years to come.

Dennis Watts

Dennis Brian Watts was born on 8th December 1952 in Athelhampton, one of nine and the fifth child with three brothers and five sisters. His elder siblings – Dorothy, Joan, Les, Diane, and the younger ones – Marion, Elaine, Austin and Maurice. He was baptised at St Mary's Church in Puddletown. Sister Joan says that when they lived in a house in Tolpuddle there were two bedrooms on the first floor and two attic rooms. The rooms were separated by a staircase with a gate at the top to stop the younger ones falling down the stairs. The boys were on the first floor and the girls in the attic. One night the gate started to squeak and move all on its own which as we can imagine seriously scared the girls. Calling out to see if anyone was there, no one answered. The girls froze, but eventually Joan plucked up courage to investigate – the boys had tied some cotton thread to gate and were

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pulling it from down below. A sign of Dennis' inventiveness.

Schooling at St Mary's Infant and Primary schools and then just up the road at Puddletown Secondary School as it was then.

Joan says that they all looked after each other but if there were trouble, Den would inevitably have been in the middle of it. But Joan always looked out for Den, and he became inevitably Dennis the Menace. Joan remembers wonderful Christmas celebrations – with the family – and bearing in mind there were already 11 of them in the house before anyone else arrived – Christmas lunch was a cosy affair – with sometimes 40 or so mouths to feed and trestle tables and mountains of orange peel and nuts all over the place yet Edna always managed to work miracles and no one went without. Even Father Christmas unfailingly turned up. One Christmas Dennis received a carpentry set and again with his mate in crime Freddie set about sawing a leg off the table whilst hiding beneath it.

On leaving school Dennis chose as his prize a book called the Boy's Companion which gives all sorts of hints about solving problems – I don't think he needed it – indeed I suspect he could have written it.

Dennis's career was almost unavoidably to do with farming and the land and his first job was with major Martin at Higher Came farm south of Dorchester where his father Ronald was the dairyman, and in the early days he was particularly upset when the pigs he had been rearing went off to market. Dennis loved his cars which were variously a Bubble car and they used to pick it up and put it over the fence to get it in the garden. Subsequently there was a Nash Metropolitan, an Austin A35, a Triumph Herald and his favourite a Vauxhall Manta. His natural mechanical gifts were no doubt developed in his love of motor cars. Later in life he could be seen fixing engines well into the wee small hours for neighbours and friends.

Dennis met Rita and they married in February 1972 and they had two children Garry in later that year and Lisa in 1975. Subsequently they presented Dennis with grandchildren

Carl, Tanya, Cloe, Bradley, Jasmine and Dillon. He started work with Nick Findings in 1982 and they moved into a cottage in Butt Lane in Bere Regis.

Garry recalls a time when he was just eight years old and he and his Dad with his uncle Pete went sea fishing in a boat whilst they were in Devon. Dennis was properly concerned that Gary would be safe and happy and not

activities of the Parish Council, which included continued campaigns to close the illegal Travellers camp at Sares Wood, to try and increase safety measures on the B3390 and to ensure proper controls on organised events at Shakes Hole. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Lightfoot also thanked all local organisations who give their time and effort to the benefit of everyone in the parish.

The Parish Council also received details of the Drive 55 Plus courses. These are free short courses organised through the county council to refresh and update driving skills. It's a three hour course and requires no driving. To book a place or find out more see the article below or, call the Road Safety Team on 01305 224558 or email roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11 June, 2008 at 7pm.

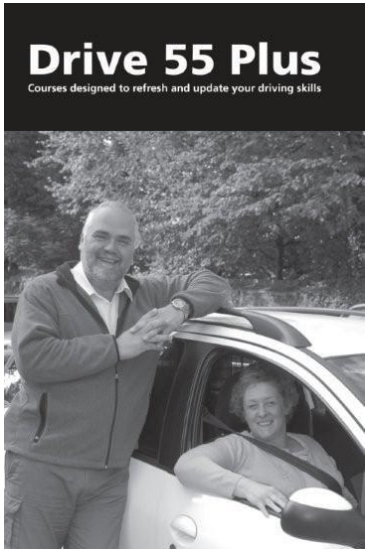
For more information, look at www.briantspuddle.info

DRIVE 55 PLUS, BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 16 June 10am

Drive 55 plus is a road casualty reduction initiative focusing on the over 55's and is being run jointly by Dorset County Council and the Boroughs of Poole and Bournemouth. Dorset County Council has kindly agreed to run a course at Briantspuddle Village Hall.

There are two elements to the course. The first is a **Driver Refresher Course.** This is a three hour seminar run by professional driving instructors. The session covers:



- New driving techniques;
- Changes in the law;
- Hazard awareness, road positioning and speed safety.

The session ends with time for questions and answers and topics usually include keeping fit to drive, roundabouts, motorways and how to avoid crashes.

This element of the course will be held on **16 June at 10am – 1pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall**.

NEWS FROM NEPAL

I have just received another newsletter from Nepal.

At the present time life in Butwal is affected by political instability after the resignation of the Maoist Prime Minister and Government.

In the Hope children's Home the children have moved up in classes at school and it is the start of the new school year (new uniforms, school bags etc) There are fourteen children living in the home. Life at the home has its difficulties mainly caused by the unpredictability of cash flows. The home is dependant upon funding from overseas charities and recently very little new money has come in. Unfotunately shortage of money means shortage of food for the children and debts with the suppliers.

Work at the Jaitan Church is making good progress. There will be a church with attached lodging for the elderly and destitute. A building problem has been a shortage of water. However, this has been solved by an arrangement with the local fire brigade who take their tender to the river every Sunday and then pump about seven thousand litres of water into the church storage tank. Concrete laying has to be done in the late afternoon since at present it is too hot to do it earlier in the day. It is cured over night and afterwards it is soaked in water for about a week.

Your prayers are asked for the work Andrea and Allan are doing in Nepal and for the people of Nepal.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting of the Parish Council we intend to review requests for donations to local charities and non-profit making organisations as authorised under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Anyone wishing to make an application for such a grant please write to the Clerk, Anthony Braine as detailed below, to be received by Friday 26 June, 2009.

You can write to Anthony either by email at anthony@abraine.wanadoo.co.uk or by letter to 2 St Catherines, Wimborne, BH21 1BE.

The Parish Council meeting in May was the annual meeting where Councillor Jenny Lightfoot was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council and Councillor Nick Gore was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr Lightfoot summarised the previous year's

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be sea sick., and yet as you my have guessed it was after only about two minutes that Garry was fine but Dennis was very sick indeed and there was Garry comforting his father. Alas Dennis's and Rita's marriage did not last and eventually Dennis set up home with Jean in 1992.

Dennis was naturally gifted with very practical mechanical engineering skills – as Garry says he could just as easily rebuild a motor car as build a new dairy. In 1992, with his brother Austen restored an old mini motor car and drove it very successfully on a rally to Italy – re-creating the film 'The Italian Job'. I haven't discovered if they had to 'blow the doors off' as Michael Caine memorably says in the film. They did up the engine and gave it a new paint job and went on the trip from Brighton to Newhaven and then on the ferry to Dieppe in France, on to the Swiss Alps and into Northern Italy. They visited local orphanages and delivered toys. They toured vineyards collecting wine on a time trial and then drove down to Austria, and Germany and stayed on the motor racing track at Nuremburg and then all the way back to Brighton for a presentation in the Grand Hotel where they were awarded 'best car' out of 106 that took part. And they were presented with the trophy by John Cooper of Cooper Cars, and all this in aid of the NSPCC charity. In April 2002 Dennis and Jean went to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone for a whole but very wet weekend and they hugely enjoyed the experience. David Coulthard won the race. The following year Jean and Dennis enjoyed time in London including a trip on the London eye and a boat trip on the Thames. More recently their holidays have been further afield – with Jean and Dennis fond of the Canary Islands and in particular Fuerteventura and later Gran Canaria and Lanzarote. Jean's growing family became very much part of Dennis' life with the little grandchildren in particular calling Dennis their 'Benzil'

With all his multi skills, Dennis was a very much valued member of Nick Finding's team and he was a very hard worker and he will be greatly missed.

Dennis was a familiar sight around the village with his red pick-up truck and his big green tractor. He always worked very long hours especially at harvest times. Yet Garry remembers his father saying to him 'there is more to life than money'. He says he was great believer in going out to earn what you want and he is grateful that his father persuaded him to stick with his four year sheet metal apprenticeship when he felt like giving up.

He had a great sense of fun too; telling his nephew Wayne that they used to get the cows to lay on their backs so that when they stood up the cream would rise to the top. He fitted out the cooking equipment on that

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very familiar site in our village here Di and Ken's fish and chip van. He was always a very hard worker and unfailingly helpful. He would help out at the Miller's farm and George Ireland's farm and he was always to be found in the run up to each Guy Fawkes celebrations building the bonfire, a fixture in the Village calendar, and raising funds for our Village School. The bonfire always burned so well, thanks to Dennis's devotion and skills.

We may be able to explain how this tragedy came about, we cannot explain why. We cannot know the mind of God but we can take comfort in knowing that Dennis is in God's care and we are thankful for having known him. I hope and trust that as a community we have been fortunate and thankful to have had Dennis amongst us.

Harry Waterman

Harry was a relative newcomer to Bere Regis having moved from West London with Marion just a couple of years ago. He could often be seen around the Village with their lively Jack Russell terrier 'Buster' and they especially enjoyed sitting on the bench under the beech tree in the Churchyard. Harry was very congenial company and he enjoyed the peace and quiet of country life. He was intrigued that we should be flying the flag all the time – and took confidence that it meant 'God was open for business.'

He wasn't too sure at first about the church bells, living as they were so close to the Church but they soon became part of his daily life. He was born in 1961 in the Elephant and Castle in London and was brought up in Hayes in West London and then settled in Uxbridge. He had been a bus conductor and a bus driver and he had worked as a security guard and he had been a decorator too. Harry had a brother Alan, whose death in 2007 greatly affected Harry. It re-opened his interest in more spiritual matters and we enjoyed many conversations not only about the meaning of life and all that but the ordinary things of life too. Harry realised that God was never far away and it was a joy to know him.

He had been having treatment at Hillingdon hospital and was having a check up there when his health seriously deteriorated and his death was a great shock to us all. To Marion, and his eldest brother Ted, and his children Rachel and Harry and all who loved and miss him we extend our love, prayers and support.

Fund raising was once again very successful and produced a net profit of £5,556.

For the first time the Committee organised an Auction of promises. This was extremely successful. Sue Jone, Sheila Pearce and Stephanie Kledys begged some splendid promises and paid attention to every detail. The profit from the auction was £3,460.

We also had a good selection of talks, films and Artsreach productions. These apart from being both entertaining and in some cases instructive all covered their costs and made several small profit which amounted to nearly one thousand pounds.

The 100 Club was run again. This provides a profit of £700.

This year we were fortunate in receiving grants to buy the sound system and the projector and screen. These additions have greatly enhanced the film and talks programmes. No longer do the helpers have to struggle on the floor to erect a vast portable screen neither to we have to watch slides and films on a wonkey home screen.

Unfortunately we still have t o contend with extremely high heating costs for a heating system which is not efficient. (It is hoped to address this problem with the application to funders for the essential repairs and renovation to the hall.)

Another big cost is the annual insurance premium these two fixed costs are unavoidably high at the present time, (the insurance cost is offset by a grant from the Parish Council) but it does mean that hire charges amounting to £4393 before any surplus is created. This is a big burden on a small community.

It has been said many times before the main purpose of the fund raising is to carry out necessary maintenance work, to purchase equipment to enhance the facilities of the hall to attract hirers and mainly to provide matched funding for any grant application the Committee may make. £3300 has already been contributed towards the matched funding required for the thatching at present being done.

The Committee endeavour to run the hall in a business like manner. It is ever conscience that apart from the Parish Council grant which is used to offset the insurance premium that hire charges should cover the basic costs of heating, lighting, cleaning, insuring and basic administrative costs and that running costs should not be subsidised by fund raising.

Finally thanks are due to the members of the Committee for all the unpaid work they put into running, maintaining and fund raising for the hall and also to Debbie Scott who so kindly audited the accounts for the charity.

Philippa Thorniley, Hon. Treasurer. 6th May 2009

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

On 8th May there was a performance of "Man on Wire" a docudrama about a Frenchman who was obsessed with tight rope walking and achieved his ultimate ambition to walk between the twin towers in New York. There was a very poor attendance. Obviously some thought will have to be given to showing films in the future. There will, however, be another film night on Friday 26th June when "The Young Victoria" will be shown. Tickets will cost £4 and be available from me, Philippa Thorniley or on the door.

The Hall Committee is taking part once again in the 2009 Purbeck Film Festival. We are combining the festival theme and this year's icon, Marilyn Monroe, with a request from one of the questionnaires and showing "Some Like it Hot". The film show will be combined with a supper and tickets will cost £8.00 to include the supper. Our Festival date is Saturday 17th October 2009.

AGM

Briantspuddle Hall Committee Charity No. 388210

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee's AGM took place on Wednesday 6th May.

The Chairman and Treasurer presented a report. I reproduce the Treasurer's report for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2008

2008 was another satisfactory year.

The Committee continued with its policy of covering the running cost from the hire charges.

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GRAND BERE REGIS DUCK RACE AND BARBECUE

Friday 5th June

7.00 - 9.00pm

at The Scout Hut, Elder Road.

In aid of church funds

Races at 7.30pm and 8.30pm

1st Prize - £10.00
2nd Prize - £5.00
3rd Prize - Bottle of wine
Raffle and other stalls

Please buy a

duck £1.00 and join us!!!

SENIOR CRICKET - Results

Saturday Div 3

Poole Town II - 150-7

Bere Regis - 153-6 (R Cole 48, D Rogerson 35)

Portland - 122 (C Oram 3-19)

Bere Regis - 124-3 (P Smith 50, A Kent 38)

Sunday Div 3

Bere Regis - 186-7 (D Rogerson 49 n.o. R Hewitt 31)

Mudeford - 187-6

Bere Regis - 227-4 (R Hewitt 69, T Bennett 59, G Price 30)

Sherborne - 115 (G Elphinstone-Davis 5-18)

Evening League

Bere Regis - 127-5 (T Bennett 85)

Charlton Down – 129-1

Abbotsbury - 146-2

Bere Regis - 113-5 (T Bennett 49)

Home Fixtures for June are as follows

Sun 14th – Christchurch

Sat 20th – Pavilion Sports

Wed 24th – Cattistock

Sun 28th – Iwerne Minster

Adult Sundays – DIVISION TWO

Table (Final Standings)

	Played	Points
Harbourside	18	47
Upton WMC	18	43
Wool RBL	18	41
Dumpton Academicals	18	38
Wallisdown Sports	18	24
Morden	18	24
Harrys Sports Bar	18	24
Windgreen CM	18	10
Bere Regis	18	5
Broadmayne	18	4

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

Bere Regis Sports Club – Cricket Section

YOUTH CRICKET

Training for 9 – 14 year olds (Year 5 – Year 9) is being held on Tuesday evenings at the Rec from 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m .

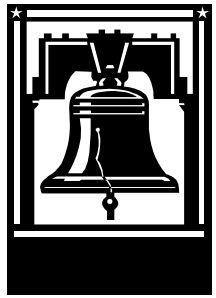
Sessions cost £1 and will include net coaching and games.

Players are asked to bring any equipment they have, although the club does have a limited supply that can be used.

Please contact Andy Kent 471079 for further details.

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS



We had an interesting visit to the tower at Cerne Abbas last month, where we were made very welcome, and learned how different another six bell tower and bells can feel. Thirst forced us to visit the local hostelry and the event was declared a success. We must try it again next season.

Home practices continue on Wednesday evenings at the usual time of 6.30pm.

IT'S OUR CHURCH

You may be tempted not to loiter on the page of the magazine which lists the Church Officials, assuming it will be the same as for previous months. However, at the Annual Parish Church meeting held in April, Sarah Welton joined Bob Croom to make up the full compliment of two churchwardens, whilst Richard Smith took up the reins as Treasurer, allowing Gordon Phillips a well earned 'retirement' after more than ten years of conscientious hard work.

Reflecting the belief of the whole Parochial Church Council that it is important to keep the parish regularly informed about our parish church, the church buildings and the finances, here are some initial thoughts, first from Sarah:

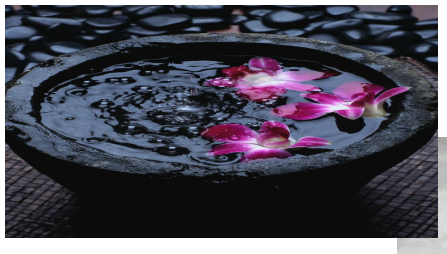
When I wake in a cold sweat, wondering why I recently agreed to become a Church Warden, I remind myself just how privileged we are to have such a beautiful building here in our village. It has been cared for by people like me, for nearly 1000 years and I feel proud to play my very small part in its history.

Perhaps over the years I, like many of us, have taken our church for granted and have not taken the time to explore it properly. Last weekend I had some friends staying and we visited the church. I looked at it through their eyes and realised just what a treasure we have on our doorstep. The church is open every day, so please find time to pop in and just enjoy it – it is ours!

The other cause of my sleepless nights is the huge responsibility in looking after the church so we can hand it on in good condition to future generations. When our Treasurer presented the accounts at my first PCC meeting last month, I first thought there must be some noughts missing. I then realised just how little money we have and how precariously we exist, never knowing whether a major repair is

Bere Regis Junior Church

How full is your bowl.?



Sunday 14th June

Bere Regis Church

10.00 a.m. - 11.00

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.)

We would also like to thank the supporters, who we appreciate turning up to offer their advice, encouragement and support during games. Sometimes we don't live up to your expectations, but we do provide you with some laughs, and as every football supporter knows, there is always next season.

Talking of which, next season will mark Bere Regis F.C 125th anniversary. Various events and exhibition games are being planned to commemorate this historical event, and if you would like to offer your services during the year, or if you would like to sponsor us during this momentous year, we would be pleased to hear from year.

The annual Bere Regis 6-a-side competition is taking place at the rec on the 6th of June, and our annual presentation is being held at Bulbury wood golf club on the evening of 26th June. Bere Regis Football Club's AGM will be held at the sports club in mid July with training starting the week beginning the 20th of July. If you would like further information on any of these events, please contact Dave 'the secretary' Rigler on 01929 471728

Thanks once again, and for another season, That's all folks.

Table (Final Standings)

	Played	Points
Upwey & Broadwey	26	69
Chickerell Utd	26	55
Wool RBL	26	55
AFC Bluebridge	26	53
The Balti House	26	45
Crossways	26	36
Bere Regis	26	35
Ferndown Sports	26	33
Stalbridge	26	29
Corfe Castle	26	28
Piddletrenthide Utd	26	24
Child Okeford	26	24
Mere Town	26	19
Lytchett RT	26	5

orange squash before the restart. Nick 'safe' White and Adam 'secure' Moss looked safe and secure at the back for Bere. So much so that Russel Wenger decided to replace both fullbacks to test the central defensive partnership, and it was at this stage that Chickerell got their consolation goal. (See Russel's plans always work). However, Bere still looked confident on the ball going forward and with the youth policy still in mind, Adrian Moore was bought on for the last few minutes, to replace P.Macklin who had run tirelessly all afternoon. Despite some great link up play with Jonny 'look at my legs go' Sanders, the final score remained Chickerell 1 Bere Regis 2

Bere Regis 2: Corfe Castle 5

A disappointing end to the season, in a game that typified Bere's season as a whole. Bere went behind to an early Corfe goal, but, during the last 30 minutes of the first half, played the beautiful, flowing, pass and move football that some of us have witnessed (unfortunately only) sporadically throughout the season. Corfe couldn't handle Bere's overlapping full backs and slick passing during this period of domination, and it resulted in P 'Diddy' Macklin being fouled in the box . Shane '4862' handsomely dispatched the spot kick to make the score 1-1. Five minutes later, another slick one touch move, resulted in Marc 'take cover' Slade racing through on goal, and calmly dispatching the ball past the keeper despite the crowd taking bets that he would blast it over or wide. Half time 2-1

However, the second half of this match also typified Beres second half of the season. Chris 'blisters' Oram who had made some quite literally breathtaking runs, had to be replaced and Bere's lack of discipline then cost them the game. Corfe scored four goals in quick succession and despite hitting the metalwork and having some glorious chances, Bere failed to score. Final score; Bere Regis F.C. 2, Corfe Castle 5.

This result marks the end of another progressive year for Bere Regis F.C. They finished a creditable 7th in Dorset Division One, ending the season with 35 points, five points more than in the previous season. A further aim of the club, to have a nucleus of players from Bere Regis has also been achieved. This season, the return of Adam 'safe' Moss, Nicholas'2 Jags' White and Matty'no credit' Elford, to the squad, along with Natt 'i've come of age' Scott, means the future is bright, the future is Bere Regis F.C.

The players, the managers and all those connected with Bere Regis F.C. would like to thank the ground staff of, Herbie'in the valley' Swann and Mr & Mrs Chrissy Oram senior, for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. This, has resulted in one of the best, if not the best, playing surface in Dorset.

just round the corner. This is why every pound donated or raised for the church is so important.

My first task as Church Warden was to discuss the implications of Death Watch Beetles, recently found on the Altar cloth. I don't know how much you know about Death Watch Beetles but it is almost certainly more that I did! I have now discovered that they have up to a 10-year life cycle (a diet of wood is not exactly nourishing!), like damp conditions (like churches), emerge in the spring to mate (that is why we find them at this time of the year) and are very expensive to treat. I have to say I haven't heard the well known 'tapping' sound (a mating call) that is associated with this beetle, yet. We think the infestation is limited to the Chancel roof - serious enough, but if it spreads to the unique mediaeval carved roof of the nave, it would be catastrophic. We are considering the best way forward with this problem but whatever that is, it is going to cost money.

One thing I am certain about. I agree with my fellow Church Warden and mentor, Bob, that we don't want to go down in history as the Church Wardens who let our precious, ancient carved roof turn to dust!

Sarah Welton

……and from Richard as Treasurer ;

Sarah has already mentioned the difficulties of maintaining our Parish Church building, which is undoubtedly an architectural gem of regional and national importance, and which is enhanced by its literary connections. In fact a small number of us from the church congregation have got together in the last few years to give guided tours of the church on a regular basis during the Spring and Summer, and also to pre-booked groups from various types of organisations. It has been interesting that so many people had no idea of the beauty or history of the church, despite living within Dorset for most or all of their lives.

In our own small way, we are hoping to raise a wider awareness of the delights of the building and also of the realities of maintaining it in a proper way. If you know of any groups, organisations or societies that would be interested in a detailed tour of the history of the church and the village, please contact either John England (471469) or myself (471339) at any time.

But above all else of course, we maintain the church as a place of regular worship and for those important events, baptism, marriage etc in Parishioners lives.

If you would like any information on donating, or indeed any financial matters concerning our Parish Church, I would be more than pleased to speak to you or visit you if necessary.

I will also now be dealing with the arrangements for the Gift Aid system for donations (again, many thanks to Geoffrey Booth for his hard work over so many years), which is a vitally important source of income for us and for all churches. I will put some more details in a future parish magazine, but again, if you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me.

For now, many thanks for all of your support

Richard Smith, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

BERE REGIS - MOTHERS' UNION

Our May meeting was held at Turberville Court. The guest speaker , Mrs Marguerite Treeby gave an interesting talk on The Cost of Relationships which is the Mothers Union theme for 2009.

Members brought knitted squares for the blanket and donations for the bucket of love.

The worldwide president, Rosemary Kempsall is visiting the Diocese in July. There will be a chance for members to meet her in Dorchester on Friday 17th July. A special service is to be held at Wilton on Saturday 18th July when the buckets will be presented.

Our next meeting will be Holy Communion in Church on 3rd June at 7.30. We would be pleased to welcome any who would like to join us at the service.

Nancy Gibson - Branch Leader, 01929 472105

However, it wasn't without a scare or two as Bere were lucky not to concede during the first half with Adam Moss making two goal line clearances and Dean Rogerson making some great blocks amongst his customary clangers. And it was a Dean' I don't get enough praise' Rogerson clanger that allowed Lytchett to take the lead early in the second half when he started then stopped then started again, a bit like a horse pulling up at Beeches Brook . A powerful Ian 'I like playing on the left wing' Michie header levelled the scores, before Pete Macklin's cross come shot held up in the wind to loop over the 12 year old in goal and give Bere the lead. From that moment on Bere controlled the game with some intricate passing moves and following a corner, Nick White slammed the ball home from a full 8 yards to give Bere the lead 1-3. With aircraft providing the lighting for the extended second half due to the ref being taken off injured, Shane '4862' Hewitt chased onto a beautiful through ball to lob the on rushing 12 year old.1-4. Matt' I've been on holiday and am well rested' Bennet, then came on as a sub and produced a powerful drive from 25 yards following a well worked free kick routine, to make the final score Lytchett 1 Bere Regis FC 5

Chickerell Utd 1: Bere Regis 2

Well, well, well. Following on from the midweek thrashing which consisted of 5 defensive errors and P.'diddy' Macklin scoring a consolation goal, Bere outplayed and beat a team vying for the runners up spot.

Russel Benitez decided to rest some of his senior players and go with youth for this game, possibly with next year in mind? With the wind blowing up the slope at Chickerell (i.e. vertically) Shane ' 6824' Hewitt opened the scoring with a well-rehearsed free kick move. A long punt downfield bounced over two defenders and with the goalkeeper stuck on his line '8246' comfortably toe poked the ball home to give Bere the lead 0-1. Alex 'D.Anderton' Moorse made a welcome return following a lengthy injury and 'mum won't let me do games today syndrome' and bolstered the Bere defence, who for once looked comfortable. This added confidence allowed Bere to play some entertaining football for the rest of the first half, which resulted in P 'diddy' Macklin planting a bullet like header into the far corner from the edge of the penalty area. 0-2 to Bere at Half time.

The last time Bere went in 2-0 up at half time was before the great recession and for once, a calm Bere Regis changing room even managed to enjoy a glass of

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

BERE REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB

Adult Saturdays – DIVISION ONE

Results

15th April

Lytchett RT 1: Bere Regis 5

Scorers: Ian Michie, Pete Macklin, Nick White, Shane Hewitt, Matt Bennett

22nd April

AFC Bluebridge 5: Bere Regis 1

Scorer: Pete Macklin

25th April

Chickerell Utd 1: Bere Regis 2

Scorers: Shane Hewitt, Pete Macklin

29th April

Bere Regis 2: Corfe Castle 5

Scorers: Shane Hewitt, Marc Slade

Lytchett RT 1: Bere Regis 5

There she blows! Eventually the mighty Bere managed to win with an impressive second half performance away at Lytchett in the first of their midweek fixtures. You could write a full scale essay on this eventful evening, when following their first win in 2 months, a number of milestones were passed and the curse of Kev Curtis was broken! Natt Scott and Adam Moss both won their first games for Bere Regis, who are now safe from relegation and will maintain first division football next year and, who have already gained more points this season than last. The return of players from injuries and holidays also meant that Bere had an impressive 7 players on the bench to choose from which enabled Russel Benitez to change both personnel and formation.

BERE REGIS CHURCH CLOCK

About nine weeks ago our son, Christopher, came to see us, which was very fortunate, because, although several people were willing to help, I really needed another clockmaker to help me to put the clock together again.

The clock is now going well, and it is maintaining a very good daily rate. It is slightly slow, and I need to adjust the pendulum to give it a slight gaining rate. It will be then easier to correct the clock once every two weeks or so.

Many thanks to Christopher, and other helpers, and once again to 3D CNC Engineering for the beautiful gear which they cut for us.

Meanwhile, Christopher and his dog, Beauty, have taken seven weeks off to walk the 621 miles S.W. Coastal Path from Minehead to Shell Bay. He started on Sunday 10th May, and has made very good progress.

If anyone would like to sponsor him, he is walking for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This can be done on the justgiving website:
http://www.justgiving.com/chrisboothsw621

Geoffrey Booth, FBHI

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A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

An occasional series by the village organist

"ROOD SCREEN, ROOD LOFT & PULPITUM"

At the south-east corner of the Morton Chapel in Bere Regis church stands one of the original substantial pillars supporting the main fabric of the building. Within that pillar is a spiral stairway which emerges in the nave several feet above the heads of the choir. The steps are very little worn as the stair leads nowhere – merely into "space"! During the Easter egg hunt at the Easter Day family service two youngsters were searching eagerly the nooks and crannies of the Morton Chapel and came upon the stairway entrance. The organ console is just there and thus I was quickly able to assure them that there were no Easter eggs hidden there lest "little-boys' curiosity" drew them over the bottom barrier and up the steps! Naturally they were fascinated by their discovery and asked me if this was the way up to the roof to change the light bulbs (an ingenious notion, I thought). I took them round to the nave side of the pillar and showed them the exit high up the north wall. Following their several "wows" and "oos" I told them about the rood loft that had once graced the chancel arch, and that the stairway was to allow access for the priests and musicians of the day.

The "rood" is a crucifixion group of Christ flanked by the Virgin Mary and St John the Evangelist, usually carved sometimes painted, above the screen dividing the nave from the chancel. Nearly all disappeared at the Reformation, but some were reinstated by the Victorians. The decrees of the Council of Trent (1545 - 1563), enjoined that the celebration of the Mass should be made much more accessible to lay worshippers; and this was widely interpreted as requiring the removal of rood screens as physical and visual barriers. The rood group was carried on a beam or more often on a complete screen. The latter normally carried a loft, as Bere Regis had, in which the priest, singers and musicians would perform the Easter Week rituals, and its base or "dado" would have been painted with saints. These screens and lofts were usually built of wood but occasionally were of stone in larger churches and some cathedrals. A few stone examples survived the Reformation and later threats of destruction. Indeed, today the position of the rood screen is often marked by a low chancel wall of wood or stone to demarcate the boundary between the chancel and nave.

A couple of weeks ago I was in Exeter Cathedral where there is a particularly splendid version of a screen. However, here it serves two purposes. It divides the cathedral into the Nave at the West end and the Quire at the East. The "screen" or "pulpitum" (a much larger version of the screen), bridges the nave at the North and South transepts. Originally as elsewhere, the Quire was reserved exclusively for services and the clergy. The Nave provided a meeting place for the people, who

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Normal Mass Times

There is a children's liturgy group at the 11.00am service at Wareham.

Saturday	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY	6.30 pm	LULWORTH	For mass times on Weekdays or Holy Days of Obligation please contact Father Geoffrey or Sister Rita.
Sunday	MASS	9.00 am	WOOL	
Sunday	MASS	11.00 am	WAREHAM	

would have listened to the worship taking place out of sight in the Quire. This "pulpitum" not only has a large gallery but also provides the ideal platform for the magnificent organ, from the console of which the organist is afforded a splendid view of what is happening in the cathedral. Originally there would have been a beam on the west side of the pulpitum, and separate from it, on which stood the Holy Rood itself.

In many a rural church, particularly in the fortified ones of East Anglia, the rood screen had yet another function. The nave was often used as a safe place for the local livestock during periods of threatened attack (there were no pews in those days) and the screen fenced off and protected the chancel (or quire) from invasion by the local cattle, pigs and sheep!

(In the north nave aisle at Exeter is a charming Elizabethan memorial to Matthew Godwin, organist, who died in 1586 aged 17 years and 5 months. This is said to be the oldest monument to a musician in the British Isles)

Bere Regis Church

Garden Party

Saturday 27th June

From 2pm to 4pm

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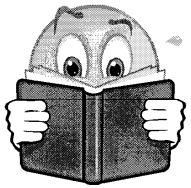

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The world would truly be a better and fairer place if these simple life principles were adopted. But is it possible to achieve this ? How can we overcome the pull and pressure of a selfish consumer society ? The answer is that we need outside help – we need God's help. Somehow we need to know and experience that inner divine energy working in us to make us into the people God wants us to be. We need His outside help, but working effectively on the inside, sharing and guiding deep within our thoughts and feelings, our emotions - touching the very heart of our spiritual lives. Jesus promised to those who put their trust in Him that He would never leave them or forsake them. He promises to give the One who is called the Counsellor – The Holy Spirit. His promise is, "*But you will know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.*" (John 14: 17) We need to come back to God and receive God's forgiveness and acceptance through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And then we can know that inner peace and guidance as God gives us His Holy Spirit.

We have just celebrated Pentecost (31st May), when that same selfless Holy Spirit of Jesus was poured into the lives of fallen and broken men and women, dramatically transforming them and bringing new love ,hope and vision – and giving birth to the Church with its vibrant message of God's love. .

There's no denying these are depressing days, but as long as we open ours hearts to the One who can give Abundant Life, there is hope and encouragement for us all. Have you received Christ into your life?

Find out more about the Good News at our Sunday Morning Service! Or get involved in one of our activities.

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

Bere Regis Congregational Chapel - 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)

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Monday Chapel Toddlers Group* 1.30-3.00pm

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Wednesdays from 10.30am- 12.00pm - Early Days Café for Young Mums
(for details phone Lynda Essex on 07766 257902)

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Fridays a from 6.30-8.00pm - Sonseekers Club* for 7-12 yr olds

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

A culture of greed

Having weathered the storm of greedy bankers lining their pockets with tax payers money, last month we found ourselves in the midst of a political scandal regarding 'company expenses'. Politician after politician has appeared on our TV screens in recent days trying to look suitably penitent, at the same time saying they had done nothing wrong in the eyes of the law. And, in most cases, they are right. They may well have stayed within the legal boundaries, but morally and ethically they have gone the way of all flesh and milked the system to their own advantage.

But we do need to get this whole issue into perspective. It is not just bankers and politicians who are seeking to get as much money out of the system as possible. "Business, office and travel " expenses can be abused by everyone. Perhaps the whole area of expenses within big corporate companies and other areas also now needs to be urgently investigated and policies revised accordingly. Sadly this to me is further evidence that we live in a world that has turned its back on biblical values only to face spiritual and moral bankruptcy. It has produced a mindset that is wholly fuelled by greed and self indulgence. The outcome in these days of economic struggle has meant that the rich still get richer (but at a slower rate!) and the poor struggle to maintain a reasonable standard of living.

So what does the Bible have to say on this subject? Our Creator God made all men of equal status and standing . He built into the fabric of His ancient people Israel justice and equality. Some would do better than others and be blessed with great riches. But they in turn were required to ensure that others on lesser incomes were helped and supported.

Christians are people who's role model is the life of the Lord Jesus. He had no first home let alone a second home; He had none of the paraphernalia of possessions that we accumulate. On one occasion He commented, "*Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.*" (Matthew 8:20) His life was one of simplicity and purity. Even the tomb He was placed in at His death belonged to another. Yet, as the famous poem by Dr James Allen Francis concludes *"all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat. all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man on Earth as much as that One Solitary Life."*

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

ROTAS

Flowers and Cleaning

	Flowers	Cleaning
7 June	Erica Moriarty	Janet Cropper
14 June	Jane Talbot	Jane Talbot
21 June	Shirley Prideaux	Shirley Prideaux
28 June	Doreen Sanderson	Doreen Sanderson

Coffee

14 June	9.15 am (Parish Communion)	Liz Arkell & Liz Howard
21 June	11.00 am (Pet Service with Puppets)	Penny Haigh & Hilda Menzies
28 June	9.15 am (Parish Communion)	Hilda & Mike Menzies

Mowing

Period	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
1 – 14 June	Henry Hogger	Ben Bunnell	Robin Gainsford	Steve Wootton
15 – 28 June	Campbell de Burgh	Robert Mileham	Paul Badcock	Joe Barnsley
29 June – 12 July	Stephen Sanderson	Stephen Sanderson	David Griffiths	Alec Armitage

COFFEE MORNING AT MOOR LANE HOUSE

Despite unsettled weather, the Coffee Morning at Moor Lane House on Saturday 16th May was well supported and much enjoyed. This was in large measure due to Sheila Kayll who kindly opened up her lovely house and garden for the occasion. Also we must thank those who ran the stalls and contributed in one form or another. Stall profits were:

Entrance		57.00
Plants		22.25
Books		16.80
Crafts		66.69
Cakes		110.30
Raffle		110.00
Donations		30.00
	Total	£413.04

PURBECK VILLAGE QUIRE

The Quire came to St Laurence's Church, Affpuddle on Sunday 10th May. This authentic West Gallery Quire consisting of a band and a small group of singers in Victorian costume transported the audience back to the days when the young Thomas Hardy and his father played and sang in the west galleries of their local churches. The old hymn tunes, some by local composers of those times, evoked memories of stories of those past times when life was so

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How can you help out?

We will need home made cakes for the cake stall and to sell with the teas if you can possibly make us something it would be such a great help as we are catering for over 500 people during this day.

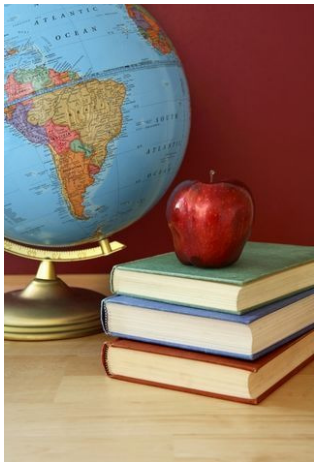
We need Raffle Prizes on a garden theme. The new Pop In Place team has all clubbed together to purchase a lovely patio table, chairs and parasol for the first prize, but we will need lots more items on a garden theme plants, books, garden ornaments anything you can think of will be greatly appreciated.

We need items for the stalls Bric a Brac and books and plants anything saleable.

We will be at the Drax Hall from 7pm on Saturday 11th of July to take in your kind donations.

Please help to make this a very special day and a worthy tribute to the person whose untimely death was the very reason it all started. Thank you all for your support.

Alison Bennett Pop In Place Team Leader 01929 472023



THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In August the Foundation will be considering applications from those that live in the Parish, are under 25 years of age and may need assistance with Educational Expenses. Applications from Youth based organisations are also invited. Previous beneficiaries are also eligible to re-apply. Applications should be received before Monday 3rd August 2009. For an application form, please contact: Clerk to The Foundation, Mrs Claire Gamble, 17 Boswells Close, Bere Regis (Tel: 471682. E.mail: claire.gamble@tiscali.co.uk)

much slower than today. It was a gentle reminder of what has been lost. During the Interval an appreciative audience mingled with the Quire to enjoy refreshments, and a total of £186 was raised for church funds. We thank the Quire most sincerely for this happy occasion and look forward to a return visit.

AG

CHURCH FETE & DOG SHOW

Preparation has begun for the Fete and Fun Dog Show on Saturday 4 July (2.00 – 4.30pm) which will again be in the gardens of the Old Granary and Longacre Barn by kind permission of the Croppers and Barnsleys. There will be the usual stalls and games of luck and skill, and music provided by the Weymouth Concert Brass Band. Offers of help with manning the stalls would be much appreciated and interested persons should contact Sandy Moriarty (471747). Last year's introduction of a fun dog show proved particularly popular and is to be repeated; again we are fortunate to have Gillian Yates who will judge the following classes, some of which are new:-

- Best Puppy
- Most Handsome Dog
- Waggiest Tail
- Best Cross Breed
- Dog and Handler most alike
- Prettiest Bitch
- Best Veteran (over 9 years)
- Best Six Legs
- Dog the judge would most like
- Irish Brace (2 different dogs)

Entry £1 per class & Rosettes to 3rd Place and Prizes

MNSM

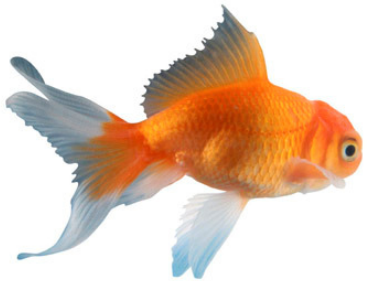
SPECIAL CLEAN OF THE CHURCH ON 13 MAY

Thanks goes to all who again worked so hard and to Jane Talbot for steam cleaning the stone floor. Would anyone else consider helping out at the next Special Clean on Wednesday 14 October? The load is inclined to be borne by the same volunteers. Any time you can spare would be a help and much appreciated.

EJM

AFFPUDDLE FAMILY SERVICE, SUNDAY 21ST JUNE – PETS AND PUPPETS!

A Pet Service with a difference! Come with your pets and see and hear what the puppets have to say about it. There will be activities for children beforehand, so children and parents please come to the church at 10.15 am. The rest of us will meet them at St Laurence's (outdoors if fine) in time for the service to start at 11.00 am. All pets under control are welcome. If the weather is fine, bring rugs or folding chairs to sit on. If it is raining or seems likely to, please only bring pets that can be taken un-messily into the church!



JH

Details of our regular groups are as follows:

Don't Pop Out Pop In Healthy Eating Support Group. Every Friday at 10am until 10.30 Drax Hall

For the small fee of £1 you will be weighed and offered a food diary there is also the opportunity to purchase fresh fruit and Vegetables.

Pop In Performers

We will be taking in new members from the 1st of June as this will be the start of another project so if you want to join phone Alison Bennett 01929 472023 you will need to be at school if you are a child but adults are also welcome phone for an informal chat re joining its a lot of fun !!!

Poppets Baby and Toddler Group meets Thursday's in term time 1.30 until 3pm at lower Drax Hall

This is a support group for parents and carers also giving the children opportunities to meet up and play together in a friendly safe environment phone Trish White 01929 472418 for details all most welcome.

The Pop In Sessions on a Monday and Friday morning 10 until 12 at the Lower Drax Hall

All new comers are very welcome pop in for a coffee and a chat. We also take donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac and books this is sold during the mornings to help to fund our rental cost. Donations would be most welcome and a great help to our running costs .

Bere Regis Open Gardens Sunday 12th July 10 am 5pm In Loving Memory of Tina Elford

Please support this years open gardens come along buy a programme and visit some of the lovely gardens all profits will be donated to Cancer Research UK

BERE REGIS OPEN GARDENS

An opportunity to view some of the beautiful Gardens of the villagers of Bere Regis

Sunday 12th July
10am until 5pm

Programmes £3.50 per person, accompanied children free, available at the Drax Hall North Street

Refreshments & homemade cakes at the Drax Hall.

GRAND DRAW at 4pm

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BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Vice Chairman:	Laurie Fairhurst	471507	lwfairhurst.bereregis@btopenworld.com
Parish Clerk:	Jim Ruddock	556263	bereregispc1@btconnect.com

Your Parish council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 14th May

Public Participation

Andy Kent and Roger Duncanson gave an excellent presentation, and showed the plans, for the proposed development of the Sports Club facilities. Andy outlined some of the successes the Club is presently enjoying, and then went on to outline the phased plan the club was trying to put into place. Plans, which are all dependent on raising considerable sums of money, include re-roofing the building which is presently used by the British Legion, developing new changing facilities and eventually putting in a multi purpose, hard surface pitch called a MUGA, to enable the club to offer improved facilities for a wider range of sporting activities and to relieve the pressure on the grass field, particularly during wet periods.

The council was happy to give its support to these plans, provided that the outcome benefited the largest possible number of parishioners.

Elections

Jim Parsons, our chairman for the past three years, and a council member for six, announced that he was standing down, not just as Chairman, but also from the council. He outlined some of the achievements of the council against the agreed actions in the Parish Plan, and was pleased to report that, during his chairmanship, more than 30 items could be ticked off as being completed or well under way. Jim was congratulated and thanked for his leadership, not just by the

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Pop In Performers production The Magic of the Musicals. Also thanks to those who came along to hear the entertainer James Owen last month.

Nail Cutting Service (For the over 50's) Monday 1st June 10.30 am Lower Drax Hall

The nail cutting service will be at the Pop In Place on Monday 1st June please phone Denise Smith 01929 471075 for more details of cost and to book a place.

Funday Friday Prize Bingo Friday 12th June eyes down 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to come along for a game of prize bingo there will also be a raffle and refreshments on sale.

Pop In Place Village Quiz Monday 22nd June 7.30 at the Drax Hall

Any teams of four wishing to take part in the annual village quiz are most welcome please phone our secretary Lyn Simmonds 01929 471528 to enter the fee is £4 per team so come along and join in the fun.

Advance notice of the Pop In Place Childrens Summer Actvities on Friday August 14th 21st 28th

We have some very exciting activities workshops book Arts and craft Drumming and Dance. If you want to book a place or find out more phone Maria on 01929 471881Book now to avoid disappointment limited spaces available.

THE POP IN PLACE BERE REGIS

Where People matter !

Pop In Place Sessions Mondays and Fridays
10am until 12noon at the Lower Drax Hall
An opportunity to meet others in your own community, have a coffee or a tea and a chat in an informal and friendly environment.

Pop In Place Performers Group
Meets Thursdays (Except the second Thursday)
6pm until 8pm at the Upper Drax Hall
Please phone Alison Bennett for more info
01929 472023

Pop In Place Poppets Baby and Toddler Group
Meets Thursday 1pm until 3pm at the Lower Drax Hall everyone is most welcome
Phone Trish White for more info 01929 472418

The Pop In Place has been at the heart of this community for the last twelve years, during this time we have reached out to hundreds of local people with our various regular groups and our events programme.

Everyone is very welcome to come along and new volunteers are always needed!
Phone Alison Bennett on 01929 472023 to find out how you can become a part of this vital and Special Village Organisation.

Council, but also by Jane Woodward on behalf of those parishioners who regularly attend our meetings.

Ian Ventham was elected as Chairman, and Laurie Fairhurst as Vice Chairman. On taking the chair, Ian Ventham said that he wished to continue the efforts to achieve what was agreed in the Parish Plan. He said he felt that most of our residents share quite modest aspirations. They want to live in a place which is safe, clean, and has a strong community spirit. To that end, Ian, with the council, would like to set as his priorities:

- Strengthening the links between the village organisations and the council
- Presenting our village better through good signage, less litter and a tidied up village car park
- Trying to provide improved facilities for our young people, particularly the teenagers
- Enabling some modest housing development to include a proportion of affordable homes.

Sustainable Communities Local Spending Reports

The council felt that this consultation document, which had been issued by the Department of for Communities and Local Government, did little but add to the already heavy burden of bureaucracy in local government. The council therefore refused to endorse it, as had been requested.

Village environment

Dog poo bins had been requested for Snow Hill, Shitterton, and Chalk Pit Close. We are going to get some prices for additional bins before taking this further. Dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for picking up and binning dog waste. **Please do not throw plastic bags of dog poo in the hedges!**

It was noted that that a number of street signs are either broken or unreadable. Purbeck District will be asked to clean or replace such signs. Dorset County Council will be reminded again of the need to cut

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Ian Ventham, Chairman

THANK YOU

Dennis Watts

Jean and family would like to say a heart felt thank you for the support, kindness, cards, beautiful flowers and messages of sympathy following the tragic loss of dear Den. The packed congregation made his funeral an extra special thanks giving for his life. Please accept this as a personal thank you to you all.

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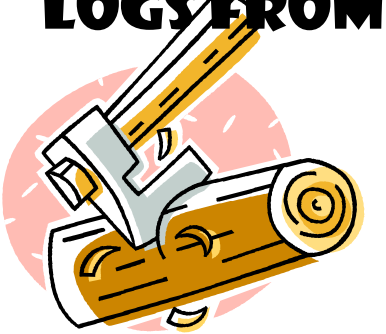

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DRAX HALL

After many years at the helm , Mrs Kathleen Jeeves has decided to step down as chairman of our village hall. Kathleen has worked tirelessly for the hall and has agreed to stay on as a committee member.

A new committee was elected at the AGM and Maria Long was elected as the new chairman. Alison Bennett has agreed to stay on as secretary and Chris Maunder as treasurer.

The committee are hoping to make strides towards heating and disabled access to the upper hall this year.

Look out for upcoming events as we have the Yetties booked again later this year and following the success of the showing of Mamma Mia by the Purbeck Film Festival , we have invited them back for a showing of Young Victoria.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers on the committee for their hard work and commitment.

Looking well ahead it is planned to hold another 'Step Back in Time' on Monday 5th April 2010 - Easter Bank Holiday Monday. This will be the second village history exhibition that has been arranged by Alison and Paul Bennett together with John Pitfield.

Please can anyone who has any old photographs artifacts or anything that we could display, please look them out and label them and then come to an Open Meeting on Friday September 11th at 8.00pm in the Lower Hall of the Drax Hall.

This will be a Planning Meeting for the event. Any one who wishes to be involved or is interested in displaying items is invited to attend. The previous event was such a success and aroused tremendous interest. We are certain that with the great interest of previous generations that has been shown in recent years - with programmes such as 'Who do you think you are' - this has the makings of another success.

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BERE REGIS W.I.

Report on 2009 Annual Meeting

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The Bere Regis Women's Institute Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st April at the Drax Hall.The existing committee were returned to office with the exception of the retiring Secretary, Mrs Diane Edmonds, who will be replaced in this role by Lesley Clarke. Miss Susan Stone was elected to the committee. Warm thanks were extended to Mrs Edmonds for all her work over the past years with warm wishes for her pending Antipodean trip to see her new grandchild.

The President gave her report on the past year's events which had included the celebration for the Institutes 90th birthday. Acknowledgements were given to the many members who gave their time and efforts to support the work of the committee.

It was proposed that a skittle team would be formed to represent Bere Regis WI in the winter County League and ten ladies expressed a keen interest.

A letter from a WI lady, Gwen Robinson who lives in New Zealand was relayed by Mrs England to the meeting.

Following a brief synopsis given by Mrs Stone about the life and habitat of our native Honey Bees, who are fast becoming a rarity due to crop spraying and changes in agriculture; a vote was taken to support the only resolution being put forward at the AGM of the Federation of Womens Institutes which is to support every effort to protect and encourage our Bee population. This was unanimous and the information will be relayed to our representative accordingly.

The Vice Chairman of the Bere Regis Parish Council, Mr Ian Ventham, gave an address to the meeting on the work of the Parish Council. He thanked the ladies for their active participation in supporting the village.

The evening ended with a quiz organised by Mrs Edmonds on 'How Well Do You Know Your Committee?' Not very well it transpired - but then it was only a game !

Bingo

Bet and her wonderful team continue to organise fortnightly bingo at the Scout Hut – June Bingo will be held on the 12th and 26th. This is a good evening out locally, and everyone is made to feel welcome. Refreshments are available during the break.

Any enquiries please contact Bet Moss on 01929 471186

As usual, if anyone would like any further information about the individual sections, please contact the following:-

Scouts - Mike Whitfield 01929 472159,

Cubs - Greta Richardson 01258 489131 or Carl Grigg 01929 472670,

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BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Section News

Bere Regis Scouts…2nd in District Banner Camp

Well done to the six Scouts who took part in the 2009 Competition. Your hard work paid off particularly with the knots and your three course international meal – Greek.

Camps

Family Camp is the next one on the Agenda and we're looking forward to being 'Shipwrecked' at this camp.

We really would like/need some Parents to come and help on our other weekend camps or summer camp. Help can be in many different ways from helping with transport, collecting in fees and forms to helping to run and organise activities on camp. Please speak to any of the people listed below for further information.

AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 6th June at 6:00pm at Buddens Scout Activity Centre, Puddletown Road. There will be a free 'Thank You' Barbecue afterwards. Anyone who has a child in any of the sections, or who is interested in helping the Scout Group in anyway is invited to attend. All we ask is that you contact Christine (see below) so that we can cater accordingly.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Time and Tesco Vouchers for Schools and Clubs, too!!

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The next meeting will be conducted by the members and will entail a trip to East Holme Nurseries at the invitation of Simon Goldsack. This event will start at 6.00pm and following a tour of the nursery, late afternoon tea will be served in the restaurant.

If you would like to come to any of our future meetings, just turn up or contact; **Sally - 01929 471022 or Lesley – 01929 471732**

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

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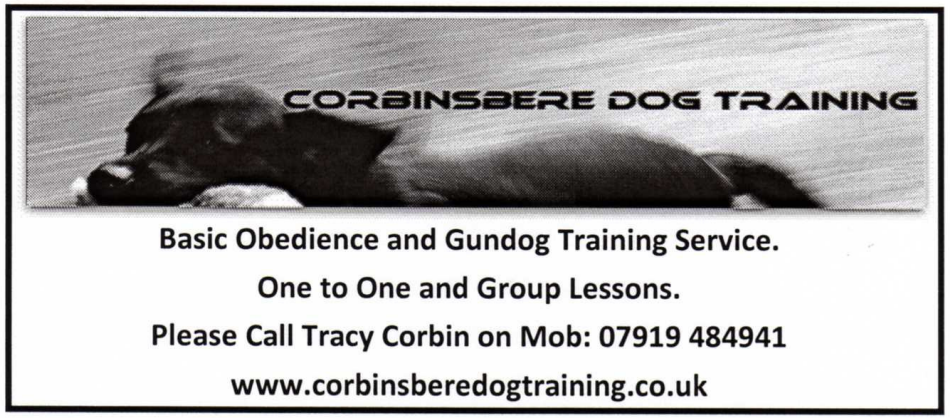
June 9th, Club Show, Judge: Jill Mitchell from Christchurch.

JUNE 6th COFFEE MORNING by kind permission of Mrs. Joan Herridge. In aid of club funds and Breast Cancer.

Joan's garden is beautiful, please come and support this very necessary charity. Starts 10.30 at Throop Farm House.

Various stalls and plants, further information from Pat House.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Macaroni Cheese with Mushrooms

- 1lb. quick cooking macaroni
- 3tbsp olive oil
- 8oz mushrooms, sliced
- 2fresh thyme sprigs
- 2oz plain flour
- 1 veg. stock cube
- 1 pint milk
- sprinkling celery salt
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 6oz grated cheddar cheese
- 1oz freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 oz pine nuts
- salt and pepper

Bring a saucepan of salted water to the boil and cook the macaroni .

Heat the oil in a heavy based pan, add the mushrooms and the thyme sprigs over a gentle heat for 3 minutes. Draw from the heat and add the stock cube, add the milk a little at a time, stirring until evenly blended, add the celery salt, mustard and Cheddar cheese and season to taste. Simmer for a moment till the sauce has thickened.

Drain the macaroni well, toss into the sauce and turn into a large ovenproof dish, scatter with Parmesan cheese and pine nuts, then grill until brown and bubbly.

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

Instead of our usual monthly meeting, the Women's Section of the RBL held a Coffee Morning at Turberville Court, which proved very successful. Thanks to all those lovely people who supported us and helped us to raise £200 for our Benevolent Fund which is paid out to Ex-Servicemen's' Widows and families.

Seven of us spent a pleasant morning at Briantspuddle at their Coffee Morning for Help for Heroes.

We look forward to our next meeting on 20th May.

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BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

As I write this on a gloomy day I can hear the happy sounds of children tasting tropical fruits and researching Africa on the computers - we are all hoping for a little of the tropical sun to find its way to us sometime soon!

Last week we held our annual Sports Day early to avoid the heat of the summer as July has proven to be a very hot month in the past. The whole school turned out decked in either red, blue or green team colours and the races began. Every child in the school took part and we were very happy to welcome a supportive audience made up of parents, relatives and friends to cheer on the competitors. One of our teaching staff who is currently covering Mrs Bennett's maternity leave commented how nice it was to be a part of a school where the whole community joined in so positively with this event. We as a staff were also very proud of all the children, from the youngest to the oldest, who took part and cheered each other on and especially for those children for whom it was not an easy race.

At the end of the afternoon it was the Blue team this year who were the winners, but in my view the whole school is a winning team!

The busy summer term will continue with trips and activities and our gardens are currently being tended with a view to taking part in the Open Gardens event in July. Our Year 4 children who will leave us at the end of term will be visiting the middle school on 4th June and will no doubt come back to regale us with tales of the bus and hot dinners!

On a more practical note could we ask parents to remember to send their children to school with sunhats and suncream already applied when the weather is good – unfortunately we are unable to apply suncream to the children due to current legislation. If however, the weather is not too kind then a waterproof coat is always handy to have!

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At the May meeting Ray Hayward (nearly a local) gave an interesting slide show and talk on growing vegetables both for table and showing. He is a well known judge at shows and was able to give us many tips on success with foodstuffs now becoming so popular.

Instead of a normal meeting in June there will be a visit to Langebride House, Long Bredy on Tuesday 2nd. Members are asked to meet at the Car Park at 6.15pm. Cost £3.50. Those requiring transport can be accommodated. Names to Susan Stone on 471933 please.

Please Note. The July meeting is to be held at the Drax Hall starting at 7.30pm when there will be a talk on Hedgehogs by an Animal Rescue speaker.

An advance notice is given of the Annual Open Flower Show to be held at the Drax Hall on Sunday 10th August. Schedules from Mrs Carole Whittaker, Watendlath, North Street (471176).

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BERE REGIS WILDLIFE WATCH

On 25th April a group of us enjoyed a most interesting walk around the Pampered Pigs farm. In addition to the farmland there is a hazel coppice wood along which the public footpath follows an ancient trackway. This area is now one of the sites of nature conservation interest within our Parish.

Jon Cleave who had spent many months restoring this trackway by clearing the overgrown scrub and laying the hedges, accompanied us and described his work. The clearance had given the spring flowers an opportunity to come to life against a stunning backdrop of bluebells in the woodland. We were particularly pleased to see a beautiful patch of early purple orchids. Our route took us back along the Bere stream where we met George, a fine Highland bull who viewed with interest!

Do come to our next meeting which is an evening visit to Higher Hyde Heath nature reserve to see and hear nightjars, and look for gloworms and other interesting wildlife. **This will be on Friday the 26th June at 9.30pm.** Coffee and biscuits will be provided in the bird hide. The reserve entrance is on the Puddletown road just before the left hand turn to the Golf Club.

It was lovely to see four new families join us in May. The composition of the group is always changing, as children perhaps start nursery on a Friday, or change their days and come back again. We lose a few to school each year in September, but sometimes see them come back in the holidays for a while. We have new-born babies coming along to listen and to learn to socialise, sometimes with their elder siblings. We are still averaging at about 10 families each week, which works well. With all the dancing the May sessions feel almost like a work-out, so the June sessions may be just a little less active for the grown-ups!

We are a voluntary group offering fun music sessions for preschool children aged birth to four, with their parents and carers. We meet during most school holidays. If you want to come along and see what we do, you will be very welcome.

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RBL FLOWER SHOW SUPPORTED BY BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

Sunday 9th August 2009

The last 9 months have really flown by, but now, we are well into Spring and our gardens are once again full of life.

I'm releasing the schedule for the show earlier this year, so that you keen vegetable gardeners and photographers can assess the classes and plan your entries accordingly.

Schedules are available from the Pop In Place, RBL Hall and the Spar Shop. I don't need to have your completed entry forms back until a couple of days prior to the show, which gives plenty of time.

As many of you are now aware, the Show venue has had to be moved from the RBL Hall, which will be closing in July, to the Drax Hall. We won't have as much space so pot plant sizes have had to be restricted; no more Ficus Benjamina's in massive pots I'm afraid.

In next month's magazine, Pete and I will again release tips on how to show your exhibits which we hope will be of use to you.

I wish you all well with your gardening and look forward to see the fruition of your labours in August!

Carole Whittaker , Show Secretary

NEW MENCAP GROUP - CAN YOU HELP?

We are setting up a new MENCAP group in this area, launching it with a big event at Rye Hill Farm, Bere Regis, on 4th July. This will take the form of an afternoon fete, including local crafts and displays, and an evening of musical entertainment for the family.

For further information on the MENCAP group please contact Mervyn Harris on 01305 848338.

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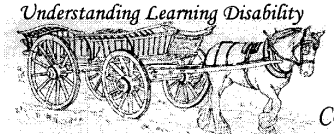

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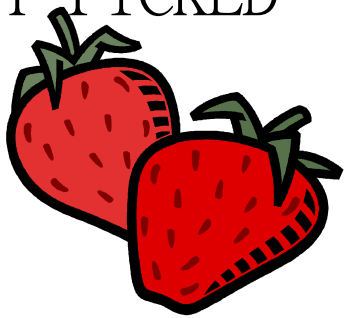

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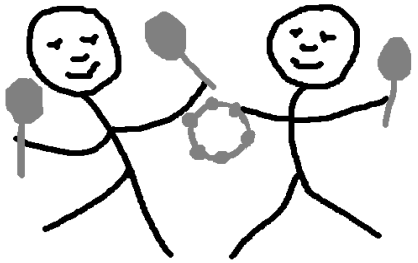
by fluking a 20 footer. The Captain's day got worse as the pairs arrived back at the clubhouse with Peter (Shotgun) Cheeseman, Dave Rushton and Tim Porter also taking the spoils away from the Captain. Congratulations to all and I hope you can live with your conscience!

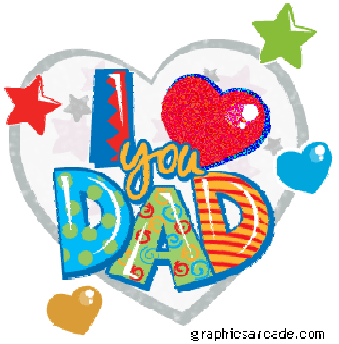
Congratulations and thanks to all for a supporting the pairs competition this year and I look forward to seeing you all next month at Meyrick Park for Captain's Day

Captain Flower



BERE REGIS TODDLER MUSIC GROUP

This month we will be singing about our Daddies and what they do for us. Over the three years the group has been going we have had a few dads coming along regularly with their children. Unfortunately we only ever seem to have one at a time! Dads are always very welcome to join us, and the children benefit from having them involved too.



We will have a special craft and sing session on 19th June to make a card and a little present for Father's Day (no extra charge). We will sing about the exciting things the children might do with their Daddies - camping in the garden, fishing, even washing the car is fun when you are three. We will also have a lot of songs about cars, trains, boats and buses.

Our May sessions were great fun. We danced around our mini-maypole, and learned a circle dance and a line dance as well. We made crowns on the 1st May and sang songs about kings and queens (of the May!). We used our sticks, rain shakers and our new lollipop drums for songs about rain and growing. We also used our squeaky and jingly flowers to make a "garland" as we circled around the ring. The children enjoyed learning some of the traditional May songs.

The sessions about wool are always popular as the children can see a spinning wheel and feel some fleece. Nursery rhymes such as "Baa Baa Black Sheep" are included as well as less well-known songs: "one man and one other shall shear my lambs, my ewes, my rams and gather my gold together".

ROGS

Whitbread Shield Pairs Competition
Canford Magna

April brings the ROGS just down the road to Canford Magna and the annual pairs competition. The pairs traditionally provide a unique challenge of teamwork, course management and motivation. The ROGS style of pairs consist of abuse and barracking of your partner at every opportunity, groans when you get paired with a golfer who doesn't want to share a buggy and of course partnering Jeff (allergy to mahogany) Adams knowing you will be buying all the drinks after the round.

The normal draw was done and with the sun on our backs, the competition was under way. Canford Magna provided a stern but fair test for the pairs with a strong breeze adding to the challenge. As ever during any ROGS event, the misfortune of any tales of woe seems to spread across the golf course before any great play. The day's main beneficiary of abuse was Mike (don't tell the wife) Parker. After playing several holes of faultless golf, Mr Parker noticed that his clubs looked slightly different than normal. The pink headcovers with matching umbrella coupled with mirror and make-up holder on the golf trolley should have indicated that he was playing with his wife's clubs! The comments from his playing partner unfortunately cannot be printed however the individual likened Mike's golf swing to a part of ladies anatomy.

This years dream pairing and competition winners were Brett Standerwick and Keith Nurrish with a magnificent 50 points. Keith as team captain paid tribute to his partner's attitude and professionalism, despite being carried the whole way round by his playing partner! This months bridesmaids were the Cheesman and Lake combination finishing second on 48 points, closely followed by Ruston and Keeping on 45 points. The nearest the pin prizes went to Dave Rushton, Rob (Manc git) Parry and Tim Porter. Longest drive went to the Captain. The 2's money took on extra significance this month with no one winning last month; there was over £60 in the kitty. The Captain after sinking a 10 footer on the 8th was thinking about what charity to donate his money to? Whilst he was deciding, a loud shrieking noise coming from the same green disturbed him. Jeff (peel an orange in my pocket wearing boxing gloves) Adams ruined the Captains day

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The Dorset Design and Heritage Forum is seeking entries for the Pride of Place Award 2009, offering the chance for one community to work with an 'artist in residence' on a landmark project over the next twelve months.

Artists and community members from across Dorset are invited to attend a workshop in Dorchester next month to find out more about how the award will work – and the kinds of features and qualities which give residents a real 'pride of place'.

The award was developed by the Design and Heritage Forum last year, to help champion high quality design and conservation of the built environment in Dorset's town's and villages.

It is administered by Dorset Community Action alongside the existing 'Village of the Year' awards. Judges are looking for the local community group or parish/ town council that takes the most pride in its local environment and heritage.

Last year's competition was won by 'Turn Lyme Green', a campaign to raise awareness and inspire action towards more environmental responsibility in Lyme Regis, which pipped thirteen other community entries from across Dorset.

And Alex Murdin, the artist currently working on the Lyme Regis project, will help lead the workshop at Dorford House in Dorchester on Saturday, 16th May, to illustrate the benefits the award can bring.

Residents, architects, landscape designers, artists and community groups are all invited to attend, and explore ways they can work together to improve the areas where they live.

The judging panel for award will be chaired by Maggie Bolt, Director of Public Art

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V E N U E S 2009

DATE	TROPHY	VENUE	WINNER
27th February	Members' Challenge	Sherborne GC	Martin Debenham
27th March	GRS Trophy	Old Thorns GC	Jim Corbin
24th April	The Whitbread Pairs	Canford Magna (Parkland)	Brett Standerwick & Keith
29th May	Captain's Cup	Meyrick Park	
26th June	Landlord's Cup	Wareham GC	
31st July	Jim Corbin Cup	Botley Park	
28th August	President's Cup	Woodbury Park Hotel	
25th September	Rob Hall Hacker's Trophy	Bramshaw GC	
30th October	Zoom Trophy	Yeovil GC	

ROGS mini tour - De Vere Wokefield Park, Reading (12th - 14th June 2009).
Annual Cricket Match and BBQ - Sunday 16th August
ROGS annual tour - Lagos, Algarve, Portugal (3rd - 10th October 2009)
AGM - Bere Regis Sports Club. - Wednesday 11th November, 7.00 for 7.30 pm
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South West. She said:

"The Pride of Place Award enables creative thinking to be at the heart of rural regeneration and renewal. By empowering communities and providing a local voice for local change, it challenges conventional thinking on who shapes our environments, and provides an important model for the region coupled with exciting opportunities for artists."

To book a free place at the workshop, or for further information, contact Dominic Tambling at dominic@creativedorset.co.uk or on (01305) 755613.

The deadline for communities to apply for the award is 26th June. Application forms and guidance leaflets are available from Dorset Community Action, Community House, The Barracks, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1YG, by calling (01305) 216412 or 216400 or online at www.dorcom.org.uk

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

We hope you all enjoyed hearing about 'Dad's Army' at the May meeting.

The June coach trip to Sidmouth will be on Wednesday 10th June starting at 10.00am from the Car Park. Please note change of time from the Autumn Leaves programme and the magazine diary. Names to Kath Jeeves please with the cost of £10 if you would like to go.

The July meeting is the annual Rose Competition to be held at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 8th at the usual time of 2.30pm.

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Annual Council Meeting

On Thursday 14th May we held our annual Council Meeting at which all key posts are decided following elections. This year there is no District Council elections – just the County and Euro MP Elections which are now being held on June 4th rather than in May to broadly coincide with elections in the other EU countries. However because Purbeck District Council is perfectly balanced with 11 Conservatives 2 Independents and 11 Liberal Democrats the outcome of the meeting was in doubt. Last year the Council appointed a Conservative administration on the casting vote of the previous Chair (who had remarkably lost

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his seat at that election!). This year the Liberal Democrats have taken over the administration from the Conservatives which means they will be in power until the next set of elections in May 2010. On a separate note I am delighted to say that I have been reappointed as Chair of the Planning Board.

Telephone Boxes

Nineteen telephone boxes in Purbeck earmarked for closure by BT have been given a temporary reprieve, thanks to objections raised by the local community. BT carried out a consultation last summer to remove the telephone boxes; they argued that more people use mobile phones instead of the traditional payphones and that they were uneconomic.

Although BT has confirmed it will not remove the kiosks at the current time, it has stated it will keep them under constant review and may propose to remove them at a future date. The affected boxes in our area are Affpuddle (DT2 7HH) and Bloxworth (BH20 7EG).

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

THANK YOU

Les Lewis

Mary and Garry would like to say a big thank you to all family and friends for the love, support, cards and flowers given to them on the loss of Les - a kind and loving husband and Dad. Greatly missed.

BOOKS ON WHEELS - DORSET'S HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

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If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive this service please contact your local library. A member of library staff will visit to establish the need and set up the service, then volunteers will take on the regular delivery and collection of the books. The service is absolutely free and currently well over a thousand people benefit from the Home Library Service.

You can telephone Blandford Library on 01258 452075, or Library Headquarters on 01305 225000 or email dorsetlibraries@dorsetcc.gov.uk for further details.

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