DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th Autumn Leaves - Christmas Afternoon with Carols 2.00 p.m.
12th PiP Christmas Show 6.00 p.m.
16th Affpuddle Church Carol Service 6.30 p.m.
18th PiP Fun day - Mince Pies and Carols 7.30 p.m.
19th New Scorpion Band, The Holly and the Ivy B V H 7.30 p.m.

2010

January
30th Tom Langham’s “Hot Fingers”, BVH 7.30 p.m.

February

March

April
24th Annual Church Outing

May

June

July
11th Pop in Place - Open Gardens, Bere Regis

The other day I was somewhat ruefully reflecting on last month’s ‘Thoughts from the Vicarage’ on the lack of rain – here at least – on the 14th July, St Swithun’s day. But it rained very soon after and we have had a very wet late July and early August (but alas not wet enough to save us at the Headingley Test match).

A couple of days ago I had an e-mail from an old friend called Anthony who last year was made Bishop of Kaj-Keji, a tropical place just in Southern Sudan and right on the border with Uganda. In fact it is so close to the border that the folks there can use the Ugandan mobile telephone networks which are usually more reliable than the Sudan systems. He told me that for his people August should be ‘a time of lots of rains’. He went on to say ‘unfortunately this is not the case, over the last two months we have witnessed intermittent rains in Kajo-Keji and most parts of Southern Sudan. This is the time we should be harvesting the first crops of

Our Mission:
To encourage awareness of the presence of God through worship music and the arts;
To encourage everyone in the Christian faith through example, learning and spiritual growth;
To make our churches open and welcoming to all, and supportive of those in need;
To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

Our Vision:
To make Christ’s love known in the world today and to live out his teaching.
the year; however this is not the case as most crops could not survive the (recent) drought. He said that when he was growing up in Kajo-Keji, the annual seasons were easily predictable; they had their rainy season from March/April to October/November and they knew that May to August were usually the wettest months in South Sudan.

But in 2007 they experienced floods in most parts of Southern Sudan and the Eastern African region. The unpredictable weather patterns have resulted in diminishing crop yields and they are praying for adequate rains, and the introduction of sustainable agro-forestry projects and the introduction of drought resistant crops. They are praying that the rains will be sufficient to allow a second planting season now or prepare themselves for a looming famine. It all sounds very biblical.

Whilst we complain about too wet a summer for our own holidays and recreational needs they need rain to survive. Whilst their prayers are for rain our prayers and efforts are to sustain the life of our Churches here. How do we sit with these conflicting demands, and how is Christ’s love best demonstrated? A tough question. Our Church life is seemingly a relentless worry about money, theirs is about survival. We hope and pray we can continue to enjoy our Parish Churches but we cannot be completely certain about this.

I look forward to seeing you outside Bere Regis Post Office on Saturday morning 5th September between 9am and 12noon to receive your offerings, if you are able and willing to support us. Recently we discovered death watch beetle in the Chancel roof at Bere Regis and it has to be treated urgently to avoid further damage to a priceless building and yet we don’t have the money for it yet. We hold a wonderful building where prayer has been offered for more than a thousand years, in trust for our future generations. With this in mind, an envelope and explanatory letter will be dropped through your door about now. Our recent flower festival in Bere Regis for the Moving Mountains charity for

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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 2.00 p.m.
19th Ragamuffins Dog Show 2.00 p.m.
20th Bere Regis Wildlife Watch Rock Pool Ramble, Kimmeridge

**October**

3rd The Yetties - Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
4th Church Harvest Festival 6.00 p.m.
4th Affpuddle Back to Church Sunday and Harvest Festival 11.00 a.m.
6th Gardening Club - Pear Harvest Supper 2.00 p.m.
9th PIP Fun day - Bingo 7.30 p.m.
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.
24th Young Victoria, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
24th Affpuddle Church Gift Day/Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m.
31st My Darling Clemmie, (Artsreach) Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
28th Goldilocks Puppet Show, Drax Hall

**November**

3rd Gardening Club - World of Garden Colour 2.00 p.m.
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
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<td>Heatherdown, Brock Hill</td>
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<td>Miss G Miller</td>
<td>471745</td>
<td>3 Boswell's Close, BH20 7JE</td>
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<td>Terry Vine</td>
<td>471693</td>
<td>The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:terry.vine@lscottil.co.uk">terry.vine@lscottil.co.uk</a></td>
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<td>Nancy Gibson</td>
<td>472105</td>
<td>15 White Lovington, BH20 7NP</td>
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<td>472023</td>
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<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage, West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharftp@hotmail.com">peterwharftp@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Mrs Glo Curtis</td>
<td>472620</td>
<td>32 Old Barn Road, BH20 7LP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Glo.curtis@dorset.gov.uk">Glo.curtis@dorset.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Mrs Arlene Duncanson</td>
<td>472141</td>
<td><a href="mailto:duncanson@adasa.life.com">duncanson@adasa.life.com</a></td>
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Street Children in Kenya – which also borders Sudan and Uganda, reminds us that whilst we can be reasonably assured of our food supply and personal security, most people in Africa can’t be. Whilst we struggle to maintain an ancient building they are struggling to survive. But on this rich and challenging canvas of the world in which God has placed us to be witnesses of his love, we will always be challenged by conflicting priorities and very often we need to respond to all of them.

With love and prayers

PS you will have noticed a somewhat different feel about our Parishes magazine this month. This is because we have changed our printer. After more than 30 years Brian Withers has decided to retire and we are grateful to him for his attention and support over this very long period. The new printer, based in Salisbury is able to operate ‘electronically’ so the turnaround is quicker and the print quality better, including the occasional use of colour - see centre pages. I’m also personally very grateful to Alison our Editor – who gives all her skills and time voluntarily and on whom the task and upheaval of finding a new printer at the right price and availability fell. Alison, you thank you very much.

To all our readers and advertisers

Further to the Vicar’s comment above, the changes being made will probably be introduced quite gradually but will, hopefully, enhance the look and feel of the magazine. We will also now have the facility for much better reproduction of photographs and these are always welcome (if they’re e-mailed, it’s helpful to ensure that the file size is no greater than 500kb). Clearly we may not always be able to include them if space is tight, but I will do my best. We have a vibrant and supportive community and pictures will help to promote the circulation of this local publication. Please bear in mind, when supplying photos of children, that parental consent needs to be obtained.

Editor’s mug shot - the first and last!!

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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

**Date** | **Time** | **Sidesmen** | **Readers** | **Readings**
---|---|---|---|---
6 Sep | 8am | R Killer | R Killer | BCP as set
13th after | 11am | K Wharton | A Armitage | James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Trinity | | A Armitage | K Wharton | Mark 7: 24-end
13 Sep | 9.15am | J Royal | P Haigh | James 3: 1-12
14th after | | P Haigh | J Cropper | Mark 8: 27-end
Trinity | | | | |
20 Sep | 8am | P Badcock | P Badcock | BCP as set
15th after | 11am | D Buck | t.b.a | t.b.a
Trinity | | | Family Songs of Praise service |
27 Sep | 9.15am | D Coates | S Sanderson | James 5:13-end
16th after | | D Payne | M Menzies | Mark 9: 38-end
Trinity | | | | |
4 Oct | 8am | R Killer | R Killer | BCP as set
17th after | 11am | A Grindrod | R Prideaux | TBA
Trinity | | R Prideaux | A Grindrod | |
Harvest | | | | |
**Intercessions:** 13 Sep J Haigh. 27 Sep M Menzies.
**Chalice:** 13 Sep J Haigh. 27 Sep M Menzies.

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**ADVERTISING RATES**

**for the year 2009**

(Chques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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

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

Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £20 - £50 for complex text and graphics.

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CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th September  Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11am  Mattins & Shortened Communion  Affpuddle
12.30pm  Holy Baptism  Bere Regis

Saturday 12th September
2pm  Holy Baptism  Bere Regis

Sunday 13th September  Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11am  Family Service  Bere Regis
6pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Saturday 19th September
2pm  Holy Matrimony  Bere Regis

Sunday 20th September  Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11am  Family ‘Songs of Praise’ service  Affpuddle

Saturday 26th September
2pm  Holy Matrimony  Bere Regis
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Contact Hall Secretary - Sally Cheeseman - 01929 471022

Sunday 27th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (green)
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Mattins Bere Regis
1pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 4th October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity ‘Harvest’ (green)
‘Back to Church Sunday’
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion for Harvest followed by Harvest Lunch in Briantspuddle Village Hall Affpuddle
6pm Harvest Evensong and Buffet Supper in Church Bere Regis

FROM THE REGISTERS
Holy Baptism
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
On 2nd August: Imani Pippa Jane Ward, and Bradley Malcolm Peter Bulpitt
On 9th August: Lily Evelyn Kendall
On 16th August: Harrisson Pearce Wright and Finley Thomas Dale Wright

Church website: www.bereregisiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

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Bere Regis
Parish Church
Harvest Festival
Service and Supper

Sunday 4th October
at 6pm

Please join us for this lovely traditional service of thanksgiving in the church, which will be decorated with displays of this year’s harvest. Please bring a contribution of food to share at the supper afterwards.

Donations of produce to display in the church for the service can be brought to the vicarage or the church on the Friday or Saturday before the service. All donations of produce that will not perish quickly are most welcome.

All gifts will be taken to the Cheshire homes, in Dorchester after the service.

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Applications can only be accepted from those who live within the boundaries of the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. Those who live outside the parish boundaries may apply to either the Ashley, Churchill and Horner Trust (Crossways), or the Williams Trust (Bere Regis).

Applications for grants in 2009-2010 MUST be received before 31st October, 2009, otherwise it will not be possible to consider them.

Applications forms can be obtained from:

Miss M. Frampton,
William Frampton Educational Foundation,
Park House,
Moreton,
Dorchester, DT2 8RH
e-mail: mary.frampton@btopenworld.com
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices start again on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm, first one on September 9th. Please meet at the church porch.

We have been asked to ring for weddings on Saturdays 19th & 26th.

We congratulate Adrian Standfield on reaching his 60th birthday and celebrations were held on Wednesday 12th in church with ringing (both Adrian and John Cleave helping

Finally our Christmas show when we combine with Bladen Social Club and serve a light supper (the price of this is included in the ticket price) is New Scorpion Band who will be bringing their show “The Holly and The Ivy”. New Scorpion Band is tremendously popular and people come from far and wide to hear them. Once again early booking is recommended. Tickets costing £10 to include the supper will be available from mid November from Philippa Thorniley 01929 471497.

The Hall Committee is hosting one of the Purbeck Film Festival’s performances on Saturday 17th October. The film is Some like it Hot by popular request and tickets costing £8.00 to include a light supper will be available from mid September.

The Hall Committee is hoping for more luck with its next film show which will be held on 16th September at 7.30 p.m. The Hall Committee would like it if a group of people got together to arrange and book the films to be held on a regular basis during the Winter. For more information contact Philippa Thorniley.

THANK YOU

Kath Wharton and Roger wish to thank all those who gave their sympathy and support on the death of her dear son Andrew.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Artsreach

I have just had the last booking confirmation from Ian Scott of Artsreach.

On 31st October our first production will be “My Darling Clemmie”: This is the remarkable, moving and highly entertaining story of the woman who married one of the truly great figures of the 20th century: Sir Winston Churchill. The performance will be given by Rohan McCullough. (Some of you will remember her moving and powerful performance in “Testament of Youth” in 1995). Tickets costing £7 will be available from Philippa Thorniley at the beginning of October. This is a show that must not be missed.

On 30th January 2010 we will be having Tom Langham’s “Hot Fingers”. Hot Fingers welcome you to an eclectic mix of vintage acoustic string music, visiting the hot jazz of 1920’s New York and sophisticated 1930’s Swing. The trio’s repertoire is drawn from wide-ranging sources: the ‘French coffee house’ sound of Django Reinhardt, the early blues of Lonnie Johnson, the syncopated Latin rhythms of Oscar Aleman, and the jazz and swing pioneers Eddie Lang and Dick McDonough. This is mixed with vocals from the song-writing greats such as Cole Porter and ‘Irving Berlin as well as novelty features, rock’n’roll and shuffle rhythms. Obviously a must for those who like jazz. Tickets costing £7 will be available from the beginning of January.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

It now seems a little while since that warm Saturday afternoon at the end of June, but it is never too late to thank the organisers, stallholders and visitors to the Vicarage Fete, for the part they all played in helping to raise £872 for church funds. The breakdown by stalls was as follows:

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A donation was given to the Wareham Town Band who kept the music playing for us on a very warm afternoon. Our thanks go to them also.

On a wider level, the financial position was discussed as always at the most recent PCC meeting in July.
As was reported for the PCC meeting at Affpuddle in June, the matter of the Parish Share was prominent in the discussions, not just on how it affects Bere Regis as such, but on the more general impact of the present ‘Fairer Share’ allocation system which has now been in place since 2005.

I think that the present system is in need of review and its workings need to be more widely and deeply understood, and this is now being taken up at both Deanery and Diocesan level.

I will refer to this, and the general financial situation, in the forthcoming months but, for now, I would like to finish off by giving some information on the matter of Gift Aid. Anything which involves tax or the Inland Revenue can look intimidating but this is a vitally important source of income for our church and for other charitable causes. And just as importantly, it is a simple system for the person making a donation: it can cover single donations (using the envelopes that you see in church on top of the donation box pillar) or all donations made (by completing a Gift Aid declaration). The only tax requirement is that you must have been a tax payer (income tax and/or capital gains tax) in the year that you make the donation(s). What it really amounts to is that by making a Gift Aided donation, the tax authorities pass on some of the tax that you have paid to the church/charity, by way of a reclaim that we make.

Although it varies each year, presently around 6 to 8% of the income for our parish church comes from this reclaim on Gift Aided donations, and, especially in these difficult economic times, it must be one of my main priorities as Treasurer, to try and maximise this as much as is possible. The overall amount that we can reclaim is still presently 28 pence for each £1 donated, despite the recent fall in the basic tax rate.

With our Gift Day coming up on the 5th September, I would be immensely grateful if you are able to gift aid any donations you may make – details of how to do this will be in the accompanying letter.

And, being ever conscious that there will always be questions that arise in different circumstances, please be assured that I would be delighted to answer any questions that you may have – my telephone number and e-mail address are shown on the ‘Church Officials’ page of this and every magazine.

My thanks as always go to all who support the work and maintenance of our church in whatever way they can.

Richard Smith, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

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**Annual Social & Awards Presentation Evening 2009.**

This is being held in The Royal Oak on Saturday 26th September. For tickets & further information please contact Herbie Swann.

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**Remaining Home Fixtures**

**August**
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- Mon 31st – Roding Valley

**September**
- Sun 20th – E C C

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SPORTS CLUB

SENIOR CRICKET - Results

Saturday Div 3

Pimperne - 195 (P Macklin 5-38)
Bere Regis - 198-2 (D Griffiths 50 n.o.
S Griffiths 48)

Cranborne - 148 (P Macklin 4-38)
Bere Regis - 114 (D Rogerson 49)

Sunday Div 3

Poole Town II - 83 (D Rogerson 5-24, G Davis 3-12)
Bere Regis - 84-2 (D Rogerson 42, P Fripp 32 n.o.)

Bere Regis - 234-9 (D Scott 85, D Rogerson 82)
Ashmore - 149

Evening League

Bere Regis - 129-2 (D Rogerson 48, S Hewitt 35 n.o.)
Winfriith - 122-8 (D Rogerson 3-34)

Evening League Cup Final
Bere Regis - 80 (D Rogerson 26)
Martinstown - 84-3

Bere Regis 162-3 (D Rogerson 52, N White 23)
Puddletown Res 53 (S Cheeseman 3-8)
OUR CHURCH

The amazing colours and designs of the Flower Festival, in aid of the Kenya Moving Mountains project, certainly took my breath away. In addition to being a place of worship, this is exactly how our Church should be used and many thanks to the organisers and arrangers for all their hard work. It was a pleasure to welcome so many visitors to our Church, during the weekend, and listening to their admiring comments. Of course, all were appreciative of the flower arrangements but I was surprised how many also commented on the Church itself as a backdrop. It made me think that those arrangements in any other venue would have had a fraction of the impact. The flowers and the Church were made for each other – the carved pillars, stained glass windows, ancient font and the carved apostles gazing down, appreciatively from the mediaeval roof!

I hope some of those first-time visitors will visit the Church again and realise that our Church is stunningly beautiful, with or without flowers. Perhaps they will notice some of the quirky carvings on the pillars or the little touches on the carved figures on the roof that enable experts to ‘guess’ which apostle is which. How well do we know our own Church, however? Every month I am going to give you just one thing to look out for, so why not pop in to the church and see if you can spot it?

This month’s ‘mystery object’ is… ‘A Man with a headache’!

Of course, maintaining our wonderful Church is a huge burden – we have just had the chancel roof treated for Death Watch Beetle – a big expense. Even small donations really make a difference. Our annual Gift Day is on Saturday 5th September. A gift envelope and letter, telling you how to return your donation, will have dropped through your door. Please help! Also we would love to see you at our Church Open Morning on Saturday 12 September, from 10 – 12. Everyone is welcome to come for a free cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake and find out more about our Church and how we spend the money you generously give to Church funds.

Sarah Welton, Church Warden

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
Izzard). During this free event, which this year drew fifty-two children each day, two teams vied for overall leadership in the race – The Mighty McLaren’s and the Fiery Ferrari’s.

Helping Pastor Jim was a team of over twenty helpers – and this year Pastor Jim, who has recently had a pacemaker/defibrillator implant at Dorchester Hospital, enlisted the help of a friend and colleague from Scotland, Pastor Jonathan Paterson.

The final Sunday saw a full Chapel as families gathered for a lively Family Service and Prize Giving. This year’s prizes and awards were presented by church members Heather and Bill Kneale from Milborne St Andrew. Pastor Jim concluded with an illustrated talk pointing out that in life we can all sometimes lose our grip and emotionally we can be ‘running on empty’. We all need a spiritual pit stop – a time for prayer and reflection. Who better to help us than Jesus who said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”.

Oh, and by the way, the winning team this year were the Mighty Mclarens - but it was generally agreed that ‘everyone was a winner!

Pastor Jim Morris The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929471270

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons of 5 and 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw an opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’ The 5 year old said to the 3 year old, ‘You be Jesus.’

Ecclesiastical Smiles

A Sunday schoolteacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to “honour” thy Father and Mother, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?” Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, “Thou shalt not kill.”
On Sunday 9th August a service was held in Church to celebrate 120 years of the Mothers Union in Bere Regis and we had many friends from branches in the Diocese of Salisbury. Our Diocesan President, Bridget Trump, gave us an address. As it was also Mary Sumner Day it was a double celebration. We served a light refreshment lunch and then a birthday cake as it was a special time for us all.

We would like to invite new members to our branch. Our next meeting at Turberville Court starts at 7.30pm on the 2nd September so come along so we can extend to you a warm welcome. Our talk for the evening will be the Children’s Society.

For information contact Nancy Gibson – 01929-472105.

A forward date for your diary. On Wednesday 7th October we have Eucharist at Milton Abbey. The celebrant will be Reverend Richard Thomson the Chaplain of Milton Abbey School.

Angela Jones – Magazine Secretary

Date of Next Meeting
2nd September Turberville Court Wednesday 7.30 pm

“HENRY PURCELL”

Last month, August, we had a glimpse of the career of G F Handel, the 250th anniversary of the death of whom occurred in April this year. 2009 also sees the 350th anniversary of the birth of Henry Purcell in 1659 (generally taken as the correct year, but some authorities consider 1658 to be possible – the records are a little obscure!). He was born in London and died there on 21st November 1695, at the early age of 36. He was...
Everyone’s a winner at this year’s Holiday Club!

Grand Prix Winners was the imaginative theme of this year’s Children’s Holiday Club at Bere Regis Congregational Church from August 5th-9th. Aimed at youngsters from 4 to 12 years old, each day saw a fast-moving programme of music, drama, craft work and lots of fun and games. Using this theme Pastor Jim was able to share some exciting stories from the Bible which illustrated the ‘race of life’.

The Team provided plenty of laughs during the Wacky Races daily drama, with Dick Dastardly (Ben Bennington) and his dog Mutley trying to scupper his opponents – Penelope Pitstop and her cheer-leading girls (Suzie Gee), Andy Mclaren and his sidekick Jock (Paul Jackson and Pastor Jonathan Paterson) and a fiery Italian by the name of Forenzo (Steve Belcher). Race commentary was provided by Ernie Beckleston (puppet operated expertly by Nick Rice) which illustrated the ‘race of life’.  

The Lord Chamberlain’s records show that in 1677 (when he was only 18 or 19) he was appointed to the Chapel Royal as “Composer in Ordinary with fee, for the Violins” (i.e. for the orchestra there). In 1682 he became organist of the Chapel. In 1683 he succeeded John Kingston as keeper of the instruments, at an annual salary of £60 - but he recorded that he had some difficulty at times getting his money!

At the coronation of King James II in Westminster Abbey he provided (possibly in his capacity of keeper of the royal instruments or possibly in that of organist of the Abbey) a small additional organ, receiving payment for this; at the coronation of William and Mary he again provided a supplementary organ. On these occasions the Abbey choir sat by the permanent organ and the Chapel Royal Choir by the temporary one. For admission of spectators to the great organ loft in 1689 he took money, but the Chapter made him hand it over to them, giving him only two days in which to do so (“And in default thereof his place to be declared to be null and void. And it is further ordered that his stipend or salary due at our Lady Day last past be detained in the hands of the Treasurer untill further order”). - I recall something similar taking place between the Dean and Chapter, and the organist at Westminster Abbey in much more recent years!

Six years later a newspaper (The Flying Post, 6 Nov. 1695) records a kinder resolution of the Dean and Chapter: “Mr Henry Purcell (sic) one of the most celebrated Masters of the Science of Musick in the kingdom and scarce inferior to any in Europe, dying on Thursday last; the Dean of Westminster knowing the great worth of the deceased, forthwith summoned a Chapter, and unanimously
resolved that he shall be interred in the Abbey, with all the Funeral Solemnity they are capable to perform for him, granting his widow the choice of the ground to reposis his Corps free from any charge, who has appointed it at the foot of the Organs, and this evening he will be interred, the whole Chapter assisting with their vestments; together with all the Lovers of that Noble Science, with the united Choyres of that and the Chappel Royal, when the Dirge composed by the Deceased for her late Majesty of Ever Blessed Memory*, will be Played by Trumpets and other Musick: And his place of Organist is disposed of to that great Master, Dr. Blow.” (* The “Funeral Music for Queen Mary” is one of his more famous works, and contains the magnificent anthem for choir and ‘flat trumpets’ [slide trumpets capable of a full chromatic scale and exceedingly difficult to play], “Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts”, which is sung each year at the Good Friday service in Bere Regis).  

His official duties led him to the composition of a large amount of church music, some of it grave and polyphonic (as mentioned above), in the old English style, and other of it jolly and rhythmically simple, in the lighter and more modern French style beloved of his royal master, King Charles II. His most well known and currently performed anthems are probably “Rejoice in the Lord alway” (c.1683) and the psalm “Jehovah quam multi sunt!” (c.1680). 

Henry Purcell was undoubtedly one of the greatest composers of the Baroque era, and one of the greatest of all English composers. His earliest surviving work is dated 1680. He wrote many royal odes for royal birthdays and St Cecillia’s Day (22nd November), now seldom performed, and a good deal of theatre music, mainly for spoken plays, culminating in five “semi-operas”, including “The Fairy Queen” (1692) and “The Tempest” (1695), for which he provided “divertissements”, songs, choral pieces and dances. His only true opera was “Dido and Aeneas” (1689), written for a girls’ school in Chelsea. Of his many songs, “Nymphs and Shepherds” is probably the best known. 

His instrumental music includes fresh and delightful harpsichord suites, admirably expressive sonatas for two violins, ‘cello, and harpsichord, and very beautiful string fantasias. There is also one sonata for solo violin and keyboard. His choral style in his principal works is magnificent, and it is supposed to have influenced Handel when he settled in England. His early death must surely be regarded as a national calamity.
All newcomers 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.

Could you be a Volunteer?

Have you ever thought of helping out in your own community

New Volunteers are always welcome if you could spare a couple of hours on a Monday or a Friday to help to serve the teas once in while I would love to hear from you please ring me for a chat

Pop In Place Performers Group

Meets Thursday Evenings 6pm until 8pm except the 2nd Thursdays.

As the new term for us will start after the Performer of the Year Competition if you would like to join us please contact me 01929 472023 to register to be involved in our Christmas Production we will intake up until the end of September.

We are pleased to report that the group has been awarded a Grass Roots Grant to improve Sound Equipment for both rehearsing and productions.

Pop In Place Jumble Sale and mini Auction Saturday 17th October 2pm

Jumble will be collected on the morning of the sale from 9am at the Drax Hall we have no facilities to take in any items prior to the day of the sale.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Forward Planning for 2010 please note that Bere Regis Open Gardens date will be Sunday 11th July

Alison Bennett Pop In Place Team Leader 01929 472023
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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GIFT DAY / COFFEE MORNING

Once again, Lord and Lady Neill have kindly agreed to host the Gift Day / Coffee Morning at Blackdown House. This will be from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon on Saturday 24th October. Please do support this annual event, enjoy a cup of coffee, a chat and buy a cake.

Gift Envelopes will be circulated to all households in our parish.
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September
10am until 12 noon at the Lower Drax Hall

As in previous years the Pop In Place will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September 10am until 12 noon and all proceeds will go to the good work of this charity. We will need you to come along and support us by bringing something for the Bring and Buy or the cooks table and there will also be a raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Poppets Baby and Toddler Group
meets Thursday’s in term time 1.30 until 3pm at lower Drax Hall
New people always welcome, as the School term starts this group will meet again at the Lower Drax Hall in North Street 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

FAMILY “SONGS OF PRAISE”

Sunday 20th September, 11.00 am

The September family service in Affpuddle will take the form of “Songs of Praise”. If you can be there, tell one of the team* your favourite hymn or worship song by the previous Sunday, ie 13 September. Provided we are not swamped with suggestions and we can find the words and music we will endeavour to include it in the service. Children’s favourites will be especially welcome. The aim is to include both old and new songs which will appeal to all ages. Children up to and including middle school age should come to the church by 10.30 for some pre-service fun.

*The Vicar, Erica Moriarty, Audrey Grindrod, Hillie Menzies or Jonathan Haigh.

HARVEST FESTIVAL / BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

This year the ‘Back to Church Sunday’ is combined with the Harvest Festival Service and is at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 4th October followed by lunch at 12.30 for 12.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to the service and lunch. Those wishing to attend the lunch are asked to give their names to Audrey Grindrod or Elizabeth Whatley. Lunch will take a similar form to last year. Offers of help preparing food, setting up the tables for the lunch etc would be much appreciated. Sherry will be served before lunch, soft drinks and glasses will be provided but please take along your own wine or beer.
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 bereregisc1@btconnect.com

Your Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 14th August, when we were pleased to be once again joined by our MP, Mrs Annette Brooke.

New Councillors
We were very pleased to welcome Martin Howard to his first meeting, and to co-opt Robin Pitcher as a new councillor. Mr John Pitts has tendered his resignation. We are very grateful to him for the efforts he put in, in the face of huge incompetence and delays, to getting things done with Dorset County Council.

Village Tidy
We are planning another village tidy, to be held on one of the weekends either side of the October half term holiday. The date will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, any offers of help will be very gratefully received, as well as suggestions as to which parts of the village we should tackle.

Parish Council Walkabout
The Council will take a walk around the village during its next meeting on Thursday 10th September, on the route shown on the map opposite. Anyone who wants to meet with us as we go round, to point out any concern or problems, will be most welcome.

Bere Regis website: www.bereregis.org
Performers of the Year Competition
Saturday 5th September at 6pm
Thank you to everyone who will be supporting the Pop In Place Performer of the Year Competition the results of the event will be in next month’s issue.

Pop In Place Children’s Summer Activities
Thank you to the Thomas Williams Educational Trust who have helped financially to support a very exciting and informative programme of workshops for children at the Pop In Place over August. Also thank you to the helpers who give up their time to assist with these opportunities for the children to experience Dance, Drumming and a variety of Art and Craft.

Funday Friday Entertainment
Friday 11th September, David Andrews 10.30am Upper Hall
We have a visit from David Andrews a one man band, all welcome sure to be lots of fun, we hope to see you there no admission charges tea and coffee and refreshments will be on sale.
This event will be held in the upper Hall.

Nail Cutting Service next visit
Monday 14th September 10am
Next nail cutting will be on Monday 14th September please phone Denise Smith 01929 471075 for more details and to book a place. This service has really taken off now over the last few visits, the lady is very friendly and we are happy to be able to offer this as part of our commitment to meet the needs of the local community.

Dog Poo Bins
In an attempt to reduce the frequency of fouling of pavements and footpaths we are ordering three new bins, which will be installed shortly at the end of Shitterton, the Butt Lane/Tower Hill junction and at Southbrook, near the gate to Souls Moor. We will also possibly resite the little used bin presently at the top of Southmead.

Traffic on the Wool Road
Dorset County Council will shortly be consulting about a plan to reduce heavy vehicle use on the Owermoigne to Affpuddle road. We are very concerned about this, as we believe that if it happens, it will inevitably divert more heavy traffic onto the road past our school, with an increase in the consequent dangers. We are therefore trying to arrange a traffic survey, and we hope to produce a video of the weight of traffic at the entrance to the village, when the children return to school. We are also arranging a meeting to coordinate our plans with other parishes which will be similarly affected. We believe this attempt to shift a traffic problem from one over-crowded country road to another, is ill-conceived, and that the only worthwhile solution would be the Bere Regis East and South by-pass in due course.
THE POP IN PLACE BERE REGIS

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An opportunity to meet others in your own
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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
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Monthly Joint Surgery

A Parish Councillor will be joining Peter Wharf our District Councillor at the regular surgery he holds. This will be at Turberville Court on Saturday 5th September from 09.30 to 10.00 am.

Ian Ventham, Chairman
BERE HEATH
METHODIST CHAPEL

It’s been 6 years since we left Bere Regis (and Bere Heath Chapel), but returned to Dorset - to Milton Abbas - 2 years ago and, whilst becoming members at St James Church here in the village, have continued to support Bere Heath Chapel at its (now monthly) services.

Fay Orchard took on the role of Acting Chapel Steward after Cis Lewis died, but has now resigned due to living in Poole and needing to use public transport to get to Bere Heath!!! Her husband, Les, continues as organist - catching the train and then cycling from Wareham.

Services continue monthly for the time being, but the future is under discussion as you will see from the attached notice - combined with this year’s Harvest arrangements. Local interest and support is essential for the ongoing work and witness of the Chapel, and Dudley Coates of the Dorchester Methodist Circuit would be pleased for any contacts.

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GARDENING CLUB

The barbecue held last month was even wetter than the past two years but Di and Ian Ventham coped admirably and kept us fed and watered indoors which sadly meant we missed seeing the garden in all its glory.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall when John Blanchard is to talk about Bulbs for Alpine Gardens.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

At the August meeting we had speakers from the Hartle family who run the Purbeck Ice Cream business locally. They gave a fascinating talk about how they changed from milk production to their Ice Cream making and how it has spread worldwide being used on air flights and cruise ships. They brought samples for everyone.

The next meeting is the annual luncheon held in the Drax Hall at 1.00pm on Wednesday 9th September. Names to Kath Jeeves please - we were sorry that she was not well enough to attend the last meeting - to allow for catering requirements.
It was a great pleasure to see the Village Hall topped up with the Gardeners produce and the Cooks’ cakes together with the Artists’ items at the Annual Show. From all reports it seemed to have been a success so we hope that next year there will be another Show.

We have some exciting events coming along. On Saturday 3rd October we have The Yetties. Tickets £8.50 each, which includes a supper, available from Kath Jeeves or Alison Bennett. Then late in October on Saturday 24th we have the Purbeck Film Festival showing of Young Victoria. Tickets at £4.00 available from Kath Jeeves.

This film is a story of the Queen Victoria that we do not know too much about - not the greying old lady always dressed in black. We see a youthful Queen passionately in love with her Prince.

For the younger element on Wednesday 28th October at 10.30am we have a performance by the Hand to Mouth Theatre Company. This is a puppet performance of Goldilocks. See the posters for details. Tickets from Mr Mauder on 471342.

Looking ahead to next year when we are planning to have another Step Back in Time Exhibition, there will be a Planning Meeting for all those interested in partaking on Friday 11th September at 8.00pm in the Lower Room of the Drax Hall.
Jim Corbin Cup
Botley Park Golf Club

July brings the ROGS to the beautiful countryside of Hampshire and a new uncharted golf course to the society. Botley Park came highly recommended and did not let us down. It provided the ROGS with an excellent challenge with each hole providing an individual test and feel with enough water to frighten the straightest of hitters.

Hopefully without tempting fate, the weather was glorious as it has been all season. The sight of 32 ROGS members in shorts is a sight to behold; the picture resembled a scene from a geriatric knobbly knees competition. Again no excuses for a great day's golf! The Captain chose 2 able adversaries to compete with for the day. Paul “PABS” Ebsworth and Roger “Cueball” Johns provided the Captain with a master class in every shot in golf: The Air Shot, The Shank, The Top, The club Throw and the Snap Hook to name just a few!

It is very rare that a member of the green keeping staff approaches the Captain. Such an intrusion must mean a serious breach of course conduct from a member of the ROGS. To the Captains horror, the poor green keeper was explaining that the fish in the pond by the 9th were in a traumatised state and in need of serious counselling. By all accounts a member of the ROGS had been encouraging the prize carp out of the water with his box of sandwiches whilst whispering “come on little fishy, just give me a little nibble”? The member will remain nameless in an attempt to protect his integrity but leading the investigation into “fishgate” will be Sir Geoffrey “birdeye” Adams This years Jim Corbin Cup winner with an impressive 36 points was John (old timer) Ruskin, narrowly beating an inconsolable Captain on count-back. The General Gordy Tucker picked up the bronze with 34 points. The 4 nearest the pin prizes went to speed golfer Jonny Johnson, oompaloompa Mark Teed and 2 guests Matt Cooper and Colin Cross. Matt Cooper also picked up the longest drive competition using a 7 iron! (he has also picked up a life time ban from the ROGS for being too good!) The 2’s money was shared between The Captain, The Ruskin and The Spurdle.

Congratulations and thanks to all for supporting the Jim Corbin Cup and I look forward to seeing you all next month at Woodbury Park.

Captain Flower
ROGS

Two reports this month. If you remember, Captain had a holiday last month and was late with his submission!!

Landlords Cup, Wareham Golf Club

June quickly brings the ROGS to the midpoint on the golfing season and to an old favourite of the Society. Wareham has been a loyal supporter of the ROGS for many years, always offering excellent hospitality and a perfectly maintained course. The fact that several of the ROGS are members of the club can only prove what an enjoyable club Wareham is.

Again the weather was very kind to the ROGS as we set off on one of the hottest days of the year. Everything was in the ROGS favour, conditions were perfect, course was immaculate and everyone knew the golf course. Surely this was going to be record-breaking day of pure faultless golf? This however is the ROGS and with every tale of excellence, there was a tale of woe. Far too many to mention but a couple are to good not to share. John (ahab) Spurdle is a single figure handicap golfer, a true master of the game. 21 points later meant that the Yoda of golf had decided to move his talents to flower arranging, tree surgery and pot holing. Greenpeace have been notified about his lack of respect for our beautiful countryside! The following golfers all had comments to say about their performance on the day but unfortunately cannot be printed: Darren (I enjoying refereeing more than golf) Parker, Dave (never liked Wareham although I am a member) Rushton and Jonnie (to hot to speed golf) Johnson.

This years Landlords Cup winner with an excellent 40 points was Jamie (with mask) Lake, narrowly beating Chris Sumner on 39 points. The Captain picked up the bronze to the delight of the fellow members, only due to the fact that he now gets his handicap slashed. The nearest the pin prizes went to Pete (9.5 digit) Cheeseman, Charlie Way, Jim (the arm) Corbin and Roger (the shank) Johns. The Captain was the only winner of the 2’s money; the money was later invested in several of the Wareham watering holes as a token of good will!

Congratulations and thanks to all for supporting the Landlords Cup and I look forward to seeing you all next month at a new ROGS venue Bottey Park.

Captain Flower

DORCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

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Saturday 17th October 2009
St Mary’s Church, Dorchester
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PROGRAMME

Song of Solomon by Peter Hope (premiere)
Recorder Concerto by Peter Hope
Divertimento for Guitar and Strings by Peter Hope
Brandenburg Concerto No 3 by J.S. Bach

Soloists:

John Turner – Recorder
Stephen Kenyon – Guitar
Wendy Nieper – Soprano
Robert Evans – Bass
Directors – Christine Page and Philip McKenzie

TICKETS on sale from beginning of September, either from Harmony Music, Dorchester or by post from DCS BOX OFFICE, 17 Nonesuch Close, Dorchester, DT1 2SW. Please include a cheque, (made out to Dorchester Choral Society) SAE envelope and detail of your preferred location.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Blackberry and Apple Jam

♦ 8oz cooking apples, weight after peeling and coring, retain the peel and cores
♦ 8oz blackberries
♦ 1lb jam sugar

Dice the apples. Tie the peel and cores in a piece of muslin.
Wash the blackberries well in cold water. Put the fruit into the pan with the bag of peel and cores and 1/4 pint of cold water, Simmer gently until the fruit is soft.
Add the jam sugar, stir well until dissolved. Remove the bag of peel and cores then boil rapidly until setting point is reached. The peel and cores help to give a better flavour and make the jam set. Spoon into hot jars and label.
Elderberry and apple is also very nice.
A Rock Pool Ramble at Kimmeridge Bay
Sunday 20 September at 2.00pm

We are starting this autumn with a walk away from the village at Kimmeridge. It will be a particularly low tide. Sarah is a marine biologist and there will be an opportunity to see rock pool wildlife not often exposed. Everyone is welcome to come and discover what lives in a rock pool and have a go at ‘Blenny-friendly crabbing’! Why not bring a picnic and join us in the cliff-top car park first?

For details Contact: Sarah Welton, Tel. 471562, e-mail: sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk.

Also look out in the next Parish magazine for our winter programme of wildlife events and talks on the wildlife interest of the Parish.
Roadside Verges

Roadside verges are often places where interesting and sometimes rare wildflowers can survive. They have evolved to survive in poor soils with low nutrient levels. A good example of this is seen in early summer along the verges to the dual carriage way west of Bere Regis where masses of white Ox-eye daisies now grow.

When new roads are constructed wildflower seed obtained locally is often sown on bare soil in cuttings. When the Bere Regis by-pass was constructed in 1982 this was carried out however in those days the importance of using local seed was not recognised and we now have a nice display of a variety of yellow Bird’s-foot trefoil only found in Eastern Europe making its way steadily along the dual carriage way towards Dorchester – seeds doubtless carried along by traffic! This is another example of the well known case of ‘Oxford ragwort’, when in the early 1900’s seeds from the botanical gardens in Oxford got over the wall onto the railway line and this plant is now all over the country. Incidentally the deep cutting that has been made for the new Weymouth relief is to be seeded with many kilograms of wildflower seed obtained locally which will of value for local wildlife.
Mj. Kircher-Smith Challenge Cup Best Exhibit in Section 3       Elaine Standfield
Mrs Deakin Trophy       Best Exhibit in Section 4       Helena Whittaker
RBL Bminster Cup       Best Exhibit - Section 5       Molly Orford
Photography Cup         Best Exhibit in Section 6       Mark Bennett
Arthur Brook Trophy      Most Points in Section 4       Sally Cheeseman
Mileham Challenge Cup    Most Points in Section 5       Tom Munnings
Cyril Bennett Rosebowl  Cyrils Favourite Classes       Mike Rabjohn
Largest Sunflower Head   Tom Munnings

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the following people; without their support this show could not have happened:-

Gordon Phillips  RBL For financial support
Glo Curtis, Eileen Maidment and Irene Phillips  RBL Ladies Section For making teas
Ted Cockburn  RBL For awarding the Prizes
Andy Phillips  RBL For acting as a Steward
Kath Jeeves    Gardening Club For selling raffle tickets
Ron Chamberlain   Gardening Club For Financial Support and helping set up
Mary Chamberlain   Gardening Club For acting as a Steward.
Chris Maunder and the Drax Hall Committee
Alison Bennett and helpers at the Pop in Place who helped the children produce beautiful book marks, pictures and crepe paper roses! Alison - you are a star!
Thanks to our Judges who gave up time on a Sunday morning to mark the exhibits:-
Mark Reid, Diana Holman, Joan Nash and Rose Berry.
Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes:-
Gordon Phillips, Mark Bennett, Peter Whittaker, Kath Jeeves, Joan Nash and Rose Berry.
We made an overall loss this year of £78.20; this would have been higher if it had not been for the generosity of the Drax Hall Committee.
As I am sure everyone is aware, the Show is not about making money, but is about bringing the Village together. Long may it continue!

Carole Whittaker, Show Secretary

BERE REGIS SWIMMING CLUB

We meet regularly at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham on Saturday evenings throughout the year from 5.30pm to 7pm. and cater for children ages 3 to 16. We teach across a range of abilities from complete beginners to competitive standard. Although we run galas and occasionally compete against other clubs, our main function is the teaching of swimming and we use the ASA’s National Plan for Teaching Swimming programme for this purpose. We currently have 14 qualified ASA/STA teachers at the club with a wealth of experience in the teaching of swimming.

The club also provides opportunities in other aspects of the sport including mini polo, diving, personal survival, synchronised swimming and lately triathlon.

Our Autumn term starts on Saturday 5 September and we currently have a few membership vacancies available. If you would like more information about the club, please contact Bob Holman on 01305-848262 or email him on bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

New Houses and development in Purbeck (The Core Strategy)

The Council is about to consult all the residents and businesses in Purbeck on its proposals for development up to 2026. This is an important consultation and it is vital that you have your say. A leaflet will be delivered to every household in early September that sets out these proposals (which in government speak is known as the Core Strategy) with a questionnaire for you to fill in and return. The consultation will end on 30th October. If you do not receive the document I will ensure that there is an extra supply in the Post Office. Following the feedback from all who respond Purbeck District Council (PDC) will produce a final document for consideration and hopefully approval by the government. This is a process that we are legally bound to carry out. The Parish Council will also be making a submission which will also be carefully considered and taken into account before any final version is produced.

The proposals we will be consulting you on include a total number of new houses throughout Purbeck District of 2,400. This number was imposed on us by Government, Purbeck District Council having originally proposed 2,100.

The document we have agreed includes proposals for new housing, employment and retail growth as well as a revised set of policies that will be used to determine all future planning applications. This Plan, called The Core Strategy, will replace our existing plan which is due to expire in 2011.

The majority of development is proposed for Upton, Swanage and Wareham including a large new supermarket at Wareham, but there is some development proposed in the larger villages to meet local needs.

Specific proposals for Bere Regis are for 107 dwellings (houses or flats) which represent approximately 5 dwellings per year. Of this, 27 have already been built or have planning permission, so the total for Bere Regis between now and 2026 will be an additional 80 dwellings.

It is proposed that 50 of these dwellings will be allocated to a new site somewhere on the edge of the village, if such a site can be found. The remainder will come forward through small redevelopments within the village. This ‘remainder’ figure of
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING SHOW

Supported by Gardening Club

The Annual Royal British Legion Flower Show, held for the first year in the Drax Hall, was very well attended. There was a definite increase in the number of photographs received which were of a very high standard. The decrease in the numbers of vegetables shown was put down to the strange weather we have experienced this summer.

Well done to all our exhibitors for making this show a success; without our exhibitors we simply would not have a show!

The following awards were won across the six sections:-

- **Section One** - Vegetables
- **Section Two** - Flowers
- **Section Three** - Floral Arrangements
- **Section Four** - Homecraft
- **Section Five** - Childrens Classes
- **Section Six** - Photography

**Gardening Club Members Only:**

- Bass West of England Shield: Most Points in Section 1 - Mike Rabjohn
- Cooper of Wessex Shield: Most Points in Section 2 - Ann Meaden-Rabjohn
- FM Memorial Shield: Most Points in Section 3 - Elaine Standfield

**Open Cups:-**

- Ron Barnes Memorial Cup: Best Exhibit in Show - Helena Whittaker
- Bere Down Mills Cup: Most Points in Show - Mary Chamberlain
- RBL Boyd Mens Cup: Best Men's Exhibit in Show - Mark Bennett
- RBL Boyd Ladies Cup: Best Lady's Exhibit in Show - Helena Whittaker
- Ivor Trott Memorial Trophy: Best Exhibit in Section 1 - Peter Whittaker
- Norman Reed Trophy: Best Exhibit in Section 2 - Kath Jeeves

approximately one per year represents less than we have managed over the last few years so should not (in my opinion) be too demanding. Assuming we can identify a suitable and agreed edge of village site for the 50 dwellings this combined total of an additional 80 dwellings is, again in my opinion, entirely achievable. It very closely reflects what was said in the Parish Plan that Bere Regis would need by way of housing in the coming years.

It is important that any development includes a supply of new ‘affordable’ homes for local people and opportunities are maximised to harness community benefits from any development. In addition there are proposals for 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) of new employment land. At this stage the Plan deals with numbers rather than identifying actual sites, which will be dealt with through further investigation and consultation at a later date.

In all my previous debates with PDC I have argued strongly that plans for large scale development in Bere Regis that have been put forward before have always failed on the grounds of lack of sustainability. What this means is that we have not had the roads, school provision, water, sewage and other systems in the village that were adequate to cope with the increased population. However, as the Parish Plan identified, there is also a strong argument for the modest growth that this plan is proposing, to enable some more affordable houses for local people and provide additional employment opportunities in and around the village. Whilst not directly related to the proposed developments the report will identify other potential community developments in Bere Regis such a new school, the expansion of the Doctors surgery and the proposed by-pass; these will also be included in the overall plan.

I urge you to read and send your comments back to the Council. A good response will ensure that your views are taken into account.

**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
RBL WOMEN’S SECTION

In July, the Women’s section held their meeting at Mrs Dann’s garden. We prayed for a nice day but unfortunately it was quite windy so Mrs Dann decided that we should hold the meeting indoors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and several apologies were tendered and the Treasurer gave her report.

Any other business included arrangements for our forthcoming coffee morning. The Secretary brought along a Challenge Bowl which we used to play skittles for and as we no longer play, members were asked what they would like to use it for. Several suggestions were made and with the help of Mrs Jeeves we decided that everyone should grow a daffodil and have them judged. The Secretary had taken some our our crockery and cutlery up at Turberville Court. Our next discussion was where to hold our Carol Service this year. Once again Mrs Jeeves came to the fore and kindly offered us one of the Autumn Leaves dates which they would not be using. This was gratefully accepted and a big thank you to Mrs Jeeves for her kind gesture.

After the business we then got down to playing Bingo which everyone enjoyed. Then a nice cup of tea and biscuits supplied by our hostess. After a vote of thanks to Mrs Dann, the meeting ended. Flowers for cenotaph for September - Mrs Reed.

Eileen Maidment, Secretary

LES LEWIS

Following the funeral of Les, a collection was made and donations given in his memory. As a result, £644.49 has been sent to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions. Les would have been very proud to think he had so many friends.

Thank you again

Mary and Garry

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RAGAMUFFINS PRE SCHOOL

Ragamuffs Dog Show – 19th September 2009

For us the summer holidays have been quite hectic with organising the fete and dog show. It is amazing how much time and effort it takes, but it will be all worthwhile if the day goes well and everyone enjoys themselves.

This year we are building on last year’s event and using the feedback to make it an even more fun day for everyone. We will have trade stalls made up of local businesses selling clothes, jewellery, portraits, cards, plants, nik naks, preserves and lots more. Local groups are also making the most of the event with tombolas, ice creams sales, guide dogs and pat dogs. Ragamuffs are providing the “fete” element with guess the weight of the cake, guess the name of the dog, sweet and cakes stall, raffle, wellie throw, splat the rat, toy and book stall, treasure sticks to name but a few. We will also have all the important refreshments to include teas and coffee, bar and BBQ.

The dog show itself will include 2 rings this year, which will run simultaneously. One for obedience and the other for show classes. Show classes will include Best Puppy, Best Veteran (over 7 years), Best Gun Dog, Best Terrier, Best A.N. Other, Best Child’s Pet Dog (child under 10) and Best in Show. The obedience ring will include Best Child Handler (child under 10), Best Recall, Best Retrieve, Best Send Away and Audience Participation Races – to test the agility of both handler and dog!

The show will be held by kind permission of Pampered Pigs on the field below the school. The gates will open at 1 pm with the first class at 2 pm. Entry is £1 per class.

Please come along and support this event whether you have a dog or not, as there will be lots to see and do.

If you want a stall at the show or wish to donate books and toys for sale please contact Sam on 07753 818619. Items can be picked up and stored.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Have you all enjoyed the summer? I know I have but, as always, I’m looking forward to September which is for me the real start of the year. We all go back to school or clubs which have broken up for the summer hols, filled with new energy, ideas and anticipation.

Of course, this is also a time when we have to spend out…new shoes, new uniform, pencils and pens, etc. So this is a timely reminder for all Sections that Subs are due…unless, of course, you are paying by Standing Order…if you're not and you want to, please speak to your Section Leader and get the forms. The current monthly amount is £7.50 and this might be easier to budget than £30.00 per term.

Also, we do have a bank of washed, second-hand uniforms for each Section which can be purchased for a small donation and will certainly save parents a few ££££’s – again, speak to Section Leaders.

Section News

Scouts start back on Monday, 7th September at 7:15pm ‘til 9pm.

Beavers go back on Wednesday, 9th September from 6-7pm, and

Cubs are back on Thursday, 10th September from 6:30 – 8pm.

All Sections will have new and exciting programmes for the Autumn Term and these will be issued soon or on the first night back.

Camps

The vast majority of the Scouts attended Summer Camp at Broadstone Warren, near East Grinstead during the first week of the Summer holidays. Despite some pretty wet weather, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and many accomplished new achievements be it spending their first whole
week away from home to climbing, abseiling and caving or cooking their own meals on an open fire. It was a week packed full of activities, fun and long hikes to the ‘facilities’ and, without exception, we all came back wiser, more tired and certainly dirtier…or at least our kit was!

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

Thanks to everyone who donated these vouchers to us…we collected loads and our goodies have been ordered and will arrive during the Autumn Term.

Bingo

Bet and her wonderful team continue to organise fortnightly bingo at the Scout Hut – September Bingo will be held on the 4th and 18th. Everyone is made to feel welcome at this regular, local event. Refreshments are available during the break.

Any enquiries please contact Bet Moss on 01929 471186

Contacts

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,
Beavers: Paula Miller 01929 472539 or Susy Hamilton 01929 472793
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General or Group enquiries to Chris Gall 01305 772634 or Christine Whitfield 01929 472159

Christine W

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BERE REGIS RAISES FUNDS FOR KENYA

August saw the efforts of a very large team of people brought to fruition at the Flower Festival in Bere Regis Church in aid of Moving Mountains, the charity which works in poor communities in Kenya.

How lovely the Church looked! The stunning floral displays were just magnificent, ranging from the quiet, cool colours of the English countryside to the vibrant, hot, dusty colours that evoked so cleverly the feel and smells of Kenya. It would normally be invidious to pick out any one arrangement, but perhaps it is right to draw attention to the lovely display in the children’s area, that was put together by Rose and Harry Butterfield on the theme of Joseph’s coat of many colours.

The many visitors during the festival were all full of admiration not only for the work of the arrangers, but also for the beauty of our lovely parish church.

The teas were special too. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cakes and refreshments on offer, some several times over!

This event was the brainchild of Elaine Standfield, who with Adrian, her husband, brought the idea, and the leadership that drew it all together.

Thanks are due to all those who created the stunning arrangements. Much time, effort, creativity and love went into their work, and it showed.

Thanks are due, too, to everyone from the WI, the Mothers Union and elsewhere who made and donated the cakes and who provided the rota for teas and refreshments.

We are grateful to the ringers who manned the tower and showed people round, and, of course, very grateful thanks to Ian Woodward, the Vicar, and the PCC for allowing the event to be held in the church.

And the results for Moving Mountains? Donations and income from teas and sales of cakes, plants and jams gave a net result of a fantastic £1030 for the funds. This, with the £1040 already raised by the Children’s Church from the Dance Marathon, will go towards some projects in the Siaya District of Kenya, very possibly to buy sewing machines for a tailoring school, hopefully to be located in the Ulamba Orphanage. This will not only help provide training for a future trade for some of the children, but could also provide a modest source of income for the orphanage from the sale of demonstration pieces as well.

Ian Ventham

DIARY OF A FLOWER FESTIVAL

August seemed a long way away when in April the idea was mooted of having a Flower Festival. The Vicar and the PCC gave permission, so we were on!!!

Ian Ventham had recently given his Moving Mountains talk to the WI so they were also ‘in the loop’ and happy to help.

I attend flower arranging classes in term time and had a group of other floral enthusiasts to draw from. Other generous offers of help arrived and I could also rally some support from the ladies of the church flower rota.

Mid-summer was chosen because our gardens would be full of flowers, but the English weather had other ideas. We did some fundraising for a flower fund as we then had to buy most of the flowers.

The ladies of the WI were a tower of strength with donations to the flower fund and very professional help with refreshments. Other donations came from Foresters Friendly Society, Mother’s Union, Gardening Club and several private individuals.

On the Thursday and Friday, my husband worked tirelessly, fetching trailer loads of greenery, flowers and dealing with the ‘hard landscaping’. The idea of flowers down the pillars was ‘stolen’ from Moreton Church. A husband of a team member nobly gave much time and thought into the creation of the aforementioned ‘little shelves’ and much time in getting them into place.

On Friday, staging day was organised chaos, but out of the chaos came some wonderful decorations which in some cases surprised the creators. Strange to say it was a happy day with much chatter and tea drinking.

In the end, the flowers enhanced the church, rather than drowning it. It is also to be hoped that our visitors had a pleasant hour or two with us, admiring the flowers and drinking tea.

That was my first attempt at a Flower Festival and I was not unhappy with the results.

Many, many thanks to all those who freely gave of their time and skills in so many different ways, and we were so delighted to have raised over £1,000.

Elaine Standfield