DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

14th Concert by Dorset Choral Society in Affpuddle Church 8.00p.m.
16th WI Members evening
19th Affpuddle Church Fete & Dog Show, Old Granary 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.
21st Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.
25th Pop in Place Fit for Life

July

9th Pop in Place Prize Bingo 10.30 a.m.
11th Bere Regis Wildlife Watch Bugs and Beasts in your garden
11th Pop in Place - Open Gardens, Bere Regis 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
30th Pop in Place Fit for Life

August

13th/20th/27th Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon
14th Bere Regis Wildlife Watch River Beasties in Bere Stream

September

10th Pop in Place Prize Bingo 10.30 a.m.
11th Pop in Place Performer of the Year Competition 6.00 p.m.
24th PiP Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning and Fit for Life 10.00-12 noon

October

29th Pop in Place Fit for Life

November

19th Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon
26th Pop in Place Fit for Life

December

3rd/4th Pop in Place Panto 6.30 p.m.
10th Pop in Place Christmas Prize Bingo 10.30 a.m.
17th Pop in Place Carols & Mince Pies 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

I recognize that not everyone in our Parishes will agree with me – especially our children – that we were very lucky indeed to escape the recent heavy snow that affected so much of the Country. My only inconvenience was to get stuck on a train at Woking on the way up to London for some Parliamentary work on our Sudan Link. Then, soon afterwards we heard the news of the dreadful earthquake in Haiti in the Caribbean which, as I write, the United Nations has described as its most challenging rescue operation ever. Some 50,000 people are thought to have died and countless Haitians are injured and homeless and in the face of such catastrophe our slight inconveniences with the weather seem paltry. We can play our part in supporting the tragedy of Haiti in a number of ways but particularly through Christian Aid – the Church’s peace and development agency: at www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/. Some people are dubious about the effectiveness of relief agencies and question how much is spent on administration.
rather than actual aid but I know from my experiences overseas and particularly in Sudan how dedicated and efficient Christian Aid really is.

In Sudan and in many other countries they are working not only to eradicate poverty, but, particularly in Sudan, working with us as the Diocese of Salisbury Sudan Link on advocating peace and development. The challenge we face is that there is just one year to run of the six years of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (the CPA) and in this last year there are to be national elections in April and next January a referendum on the possible secession of the South of Sudan that would lead to it becoming an independent country. It would be indeed wonderful if these plebiscites were to pass of peacefully but the signs are that they may not, because oil reserves and other minerals in the South may be denied to the North, thus leading to conflict.

The risk of renewed war is real. The position of the Church there is that the Church remains the Church for the whole of Sudan and even though the North is mainly Muslim there are not insignificant Christian congregations there. Many of them are refugees in displacement camps following the two previous civil wars, in which millions of Sudanese people were killed and made homeless and sent into displacement camps.

But what has all this got to do with us here in safe and gentle Purbeck?

Sudan is the biggest country in Africa and the Churches have a real role to play in developing and sustaining peace, particularly in the south of Sudan where the local Church Pastor is listened to and respected. He can encourage his flocks to seek peace and to get his people to vote and thus as citizens take responsibility for their own communities. It’s not of course for the Churches or Pastors nor indeed us to say for whom they should vote but simply to vote and thus engage in community – their common life, and produce leaders from within their own ranks and develop their own society. If all the sides and potential combatants in Sudan do not forge a lasting peace with the help of responsible Governments and the NGO’s such as Christian Aid, and in our own small but very committed way, the Salisbury-Sudan Link, then Sudan could become yet another unstable state in the Horn of Africa and that would be disastrous for not only the people of Sudan but for the Region and indeed for much of the rest of the world.

Last question – why should we be involved as we are?

For me – I firmly believe that we are our Brother’s keeper and striving for peace and that fulfilled life that Jesus promises to everyone, is our Christian duty, be it in Haiti, Sudan or wherever in this world that God has placed us.

With love and prayers

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**2010**

**February**

3rd  Mothers’ Union meeting, Turlberville Court  7.30 p.m.
6th  Bere Regis Wildlife Watch - Conservation on Black Hill
12th Pop in Place Quiz  10.30 a.m.
13th FOBRS Valentine’s Dinner Dance, Athelhampton House 6.45 p.m.
16th WI Annual Pancake Day race
26th  Pop in Place Fit for Life

**March**

12th Pop In Place - Darren Matthews, Singer
26th  Pop in Place Fit for Life
31st Bere Regis Wildlife Watch - Wildlife of Brownsea Island

**April**

2nd  Pop in Place Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg raffle 10.00 am - 12 noon
5th  Step Back in Time exhibition, Drax Hall 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
14th Autumn Leaves - Spring Trip 10.30 a.m.
20th WI AGM and cheese and wine
23rd Pop in Place AGM  10.30 a.m.
24th Annual Church Outing to Arundel Castle 8.00 a.m.

**May**

14th Pop in Place West Dorset Accordion Band 10.30 a.m.
15th Affpuddle Church Coffee Morning, Blackthorne 10.00 a.m. Noon
28th Pop in Place Fit for Life
29th Pop in Place Performers Spring Show  2.00 p.m. &  7.00 p.m.
29th Bere Regis Wildlife Watch - Flowers and Butterflies

**June**

9th  Autumn Leaves - Summer Outing to Sidmouth 10.00 a.m.
11th Pop in Place - Jonathan Paterson Singer 10.30 a.m.
12th Bere Regis Wildlife Watch Visit to Brownsea Island
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<td>471693</td>
<td>The Bungalow, Lane 50</td>
<td><a href="mailto:terry.vine@standard.co.uk">terry.vine@standard.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Weekly, RBL Club 1st Wednesday and following Tuesday evenings Juniors (8-11) 7.15-9.00 Seniors (12-17) 7.15-10.00</td>
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<td>Nancy Gibson</td>
<td>472105</td>
<td>15 White Lovington</td>
<td><a href="mailto:NancyEGibson@hotmail.com">NancyEGibson@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharf@timo.com">peterwharf@timo.com</a></td>
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<td>472125 405440</td>
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<td>Mrs Glo Collins</td>
<td>472620</td>
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<td>472141</td>
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<td>Mrs Kath Jeeves</td>
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**PARISH CHURCH GUIDED TOURS**

Guides have agreed to continue offering to do tours again this year from May to September on Tuesdays at 11.00am and Thursdays at 3.00pm - now in the 8th year.

Tours can be arranged for groups at other times and days for societies or individuals by contacting Richard Smith or John England.

We are very pleased to have the offer of services of two more parishioners who will be doing their apprenticeships in the early part of the season.

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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Sidesmen

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

14th 11.00am Junior Church
6.00 pm Mrs Jutting

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

28th 11.00am Miss Miller
6.00 pm Miss Frampton

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

30th January and 6th February
Mrs Tricia White and Mrs Maria Long

13th and 20th February
Mrs Jackie Howard and Mr Martin Howard

27th February and 6th March
Mrs A Colquhoun and Mrs W Underhill

Dusting

Miss G Miller and Mrs H Green
Sue Hawkins
Mrs P Kent and daughter

Sanctuary Flower Guild

7th Ms Sue Stone

21st Lent no flowers

28th Lent no flowers

First Sunday Coffee

7th February Pat and Karen
## ADVERTISING RATES

for the year 2010

(Cheques 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 - FEBRUARY

#### Sunday 7th February - Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima

- 8am: Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.15am: Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11am: Matins and Communion (Affpuddle)

#### Sunday 14th February – Sunday next before Lent - Quiquagesima

- 8am: Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.15am: Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11am: Family Service (Bere Regis)
- 6pm: Evensong (Bere Regis)

#### Wednesday 17th February – Ash Wednesday

- 7pm: Benefice Communion Service for Ash Wednesday (Affpuddle)

#### Sunday 21st February – First Sunday of Lent

- 8am: Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.15am: Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11am: Family Service (Affpuddle)

#### Sunday 28th February – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8am: Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.15am: Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11am: Mattins (Bere Regis)
- 6pm: Evensong (Bere Regis)
Saturday 6th March
1pm Holy Matrimony Bere Regis

Sunday 7th March – Third Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion (purple) Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins and Communion Affpuddle

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  Freephone: 0800 4580286
  www.ajvcomputing.co.uk

- Drax Hall
  Available for hire for private parties or for regular meetings.
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  Contact Hall Secretary - Sally Cheeseman - 01929 471022

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February 2010

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

OUR CHURCH

It was wonderful to see our Church bursting at the seams at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve – children of all ages with their parents, grand parents (like me!), aunts and uncles. It was also great to hear young voices singing at the Carol Service. It doesn’t have to be Christmas for children to play an active part in our Church life and have a lot of fun. Our Junior Church meets at 10am in the Church on the second Sunday of the month for fun activities, followed by our short Family Service and refreshments. What always strikes me, as an ‘oldie’, is it all looks such fun – drama, dressing up, puppets and arts and crafts. I just wish Sunday School had been like that when I was a child!

The Young Expressions group is for older kids (over 8s) and they enjoy games, music, drama and dance and even computer activities, all with a Christian focus. That looks great fun, too! They meet on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 in the Church.

There is no charge for these groups and new members are always welcome. Why not come along and see? For more details, please ring Paula Kent on 471079.

Last month’s Apostle was Thaddeus (he is sometimes called Lebbaeus). He is at the eastern end on the right-hand side, looking down on choir stalls, keeping us in tune, perhaps! This month’s Apostle is James, son of Alpheus, we think this is him - can you find him?

FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

Michael R Applin on 29th December 2009

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
to be done about it. The County Councillor, Mrs Alex Brenton, asked for a list of specific problems so that she can chase relevant departments within county hall. Taking part in the proposed lengthsman scheme was discussed but Members felt that it was too costly for a parish of this size.

Full minutes of the meeting and agendas will be on the parish website when completed and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 February, 2010 at 7pm.

For more information, look at www.briantspuddle.info

WATER AID STALL

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me raise money for WaterAid, by giving me jam jars, donations, and by buying from my stall at the Briantspuddle Christmas Fair. I was able to send a cheque to WaterAid for £142.52. I had hoped to make £100 so I am very pleased!!! Thank you very much.

Anna Killer

COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER?

Briantspuddle Village Shop and Post office has been running successfully for over six years. It is run "by the village, for the village" in the old granary rented from the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent.

The shop, open 7 days a week, is run and staffed exclusively by willing volunteers. It was one of the first shops in the country to be set up in this form and exists at the heart of our community.

The shop is now looking for additional volunteers and would welcome anyone with a couple of hours to spare each week.

No previous experience is needed and with a wide variety of tasks needing to be undertaken there must be something to interest everyone. Duties include manning the till, stacking shelves, pricing, and various administrative duties.

Please come and join our team of over 25 volunteers. Call Paul Badcock on 01929 471297 for a chat or come into the shop to find out more.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue (weather permitting) on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

New or prospective ringers always welcome - just meet at the church porch.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

Our January meeting had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Our gift exchange will now take place at our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd February when our speaker will be the Reverend Garry and Mrs Jeanette Guinness who will talk to us about their project in Rwanda.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105.

Angela Jones – Secretary

Date of Next Meeting

3rd February Turberville Court Wednesday 7.30 pm

Dates for your Diary

3rd March The Church Wednesday 7.30 pm

Holy Communion, Celebrant and Preacher, The Reverend Mary Ridgewell
“LICH (LYCH) GATE”

One of the delights of playing the organ in so many different churches is the opportunity this affords to enjoy the splendid architecture of some of these magnificent buildings. Of course no two churches are identical and there are often interesting and unique features. A comparative rarity these days is the lich-gate (lych-gate or lyke-gate), the roofed-in gateway to the churchyard. The name is derived from the old English word “lic” meaning a body or corpse! Lich-gates have existed in England for over 14 centuries, but comparatively few early examples survive to this day as they were almost always built of wood. One of the earliest still standing though restored is at Bray in Berkshire which is dated 1448. Other examples have been rebuilt and rebuilt again over the years. The lich-gate had an important purpose for it was here that the clergy met the coffin being brought to the churchyard for burial and a portion of the service was read. The gateway served to shelter the pall-bearers and coffin while awaiting the priest. A lich-gate was often built at the entrance to a churchyard where the church itself did not have a sufficiently large porch at the main door to accommodate the pall-bearers before the funeral. Both Bere Regis and Affpuddle churches have adequate porches and thus no lich-gate! The most common form of lich-gate is a simple shed composed of a roof with two gable ends, covered with tiles, thatch or stone. Some more commodious examples boast a stone table or plinth in the middle of the gateway upon which the coffin was put while the pall-bearers could stand in the narrow aisles on each side of it. Lich-gates today are seldom used for this purpose but where they do exist are often employed to house parish notice boards and offer shelter to the readers. There is a fine example at St. Christopher’s church, Winfrith Newburgh.

“St. Valentine’s Day”

We cannot let February pass without mention of Saint Valentine! He was a Roman

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Website

Members learnt that the parish website at www.briantspuddle.info would soon have a new front page. This would allow people to more easily see the range of information available through the site. The site has been recently updated generally and it was recognised that the site played a vital role in allowing access to useful information about the parish.

Parish Plan Revision

The parish plan was produced in 2004 following a period of lengthy consultation with residents. It gives a local perspective on important issues and provides information on any decision making process affecting the parish. At the parish council meeting, Members received a presentation from Diane Bernard of Purbeck District Council on how to update the plan. This process will take place over the next few months to ensure that the parish plan accurately reflects the needs and aims of the parish.

Travellers

Dorset County Council officers will be attending the February meeting of the parish council to hear the views of Members on the current illegal Traveller site at Sares Wood. It is hoped that these officers will reveal what will be done to close this illegal site. As always residents are welcome to attend the meeting to express any concerns they may have on this issue.

High Hedges and Road Maintenance

There was a lengthy discussion on a wide range of road maintenance issues, including overgrown hedges, blocked drains and obscured road signs. The parish council is extremely frustrated that continual reports were being submitted to the County Council on a number of problem areas yet little seemed
BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMME OF TALKS

On Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall, Andrea and Allan Smith will describe some of the high and low points of their time living in Nepal, their work in a technical college, and life with the local community. They will illustrate the talk with some of their photographs and other items from Nepal.

Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased on the door on the night.

A bar will be available both before and during the interval. Tea and coffee will also be served.

Looking ahead, our final talk of the season will be “Dorset Maps” by David Beaton. The date for your diary is Thursday 25th March at 7.30pm.

JURASSIC COAST FOSSIL FUN! – A FEBRUARY HALF TERM EVENT FOR CHILDREN

Come and join us in Briantspuddle Village Hall for some half term entertainment on Sunday 21 February from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Anjana Ford from The Jurassic Coast Trust invites children to come and find out more about fossils. This is a travelling children’s event with plenty for children to do. Activities include the excavation of a mysterious fossilised skeleton “found” in Charmouth. Children can help guess what it is from the clues that we find. There will also be a chance to make and paint your own fossils out of plaster of paris; it’s a good way to start your own collection!

This event is aimed at children between 7-10 years. Tickets will cost £2.50. Places are limited to 20 so booking in advance is essential. To obtain, your tickets please contact Philippa Thorniley on 01929 471497. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at a modest cost for adults. Squash and biscuits will be available for children free of charge.

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No early writer throws any light on his connection with “valentines.” It has been suggested that this connection is purely accidental, and has arisen through confusion of his festival with the heathen feast of "Lupercalia," which fell on the next day! The “Lupercal” was an annual festival in ancient Rome held on the spot where it was said that Romulus and Remus were suckled by the wolf (Latin: “lupus”), on 15th February in honour of Lupercus, the Lycaen Pan, who was held responsible for protecting the flocks from wolves. However, in this country according to ancient tradition, 14th February is the day the birds choose their mates for the year, and both Chaucer and Shakespeare refer to this on a number of occasions. It was an old custom in England to draw lots for lovers on this day, the person drawn being the drawer’s “valentine”, who was then given a present – often a pair of gloves (considered of great and prized value at the time).

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Firstly I would like to thank all arrangers for their floral efforts in the Church this Christmas. They have been noted and much admired, well done!

I would also like to welcome several new ladies onto the team. If your future efforts are as good as your Christmas one, you will be of great value to us.

Then, I would like to thank several ladies who are retiring from the team after years of sterling service.

We are hoping to have a little get-together at some point in the year. For those who would like to attend it will be an opportunity to swap views, make notes etc.

Best regards from your floral co-ordinator

Elaine
FUNDRAISING FOR SENSE

We will be holding a fundraising Race Night event to help my raising funds for Sense, at the Briantspuddle Village Hall on the Sat 10th April 2010. First race starts at 7.30pm, tickets £6 per person to include finger buffet. All proceeds made will go to Sense. We are asking for anyone who like to sponsor a race for £25 to get in contact, your chosen race will carry your name or business, and you receive 2 free tickets for the evening. For all other details and tickets please contact Mike Brown 01305 848197 or Danielle on 01929 471923.

Come and join us and enjoy the thrill of the Races and support Sense at the same time.

BRIANTSPUDDLE FILM NIGHTS

On Wednesday 17th February we will be showing “Keeping Mum” at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

“Keeping Mum” is a very English comedy of the first order with a star studded cast. Rowan Atkinson plays a straight-man Reverend Walter Goodfellow to Grace Hawkins (acted with keen wit by Maggie Smith) his genteel serial-killer housekeeper in this delicious black comedy.

Find our more about the film by visiting www.briantspuddle.info and clicking on the “Events” tab.

The film is cert 15 and a bar will be available.

Our next screening on Wednesday 17th March is the 1974 classic “The Sting” starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman. The film won seven Academy Award including Best Picture. (Cert PG).
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If you would like to know more, without any obligation, you are invited to attend the event which is to be held at:

**Puddletown Village Hall**

**10 am – 12pm, Friday 12th February 2010**

If you would like more information prior to the event, Sue Brazier can be contacted on 01305 368908

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**LONDON MARATHON**

My name is Danielle Hall. I am 37 yrs old and I live with my husband Dan and three children at Rogershill Farm, Briantspuddle.

This year April 25th 2010 I will be running in the London Marathon for the first time! I have completed a few half marathon and 10K events and the full marathon seems the natural progression!

I will be running for a charity and will be fundraising for Sense, they are a charity that help Deafblind children and adults, fundraising for Sense will enable them to keep helping and making a real difference to the lives of deafblind people in the UK. You can visit [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk) for more info.

My task is to raise a minimum of £1400, and I would be very grateful if anyone would like to sponsor me in my Marathon effort, I am not the fastest runner by any means!, but I hope to finish the 26.2 miles in under 5hrs, but at the end of Sunday 25th April if I have reached my fundraising target and have the all important medal round my neck, that will do just fine!! Any amount however large or small will be most appreciated and the most cost efficient way of my charity receiving your sponsorship donation is by visiting [www.virginmoneygiving.com/DanielleHall](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/DanielleHall)

Virgin Money take no fee and all of the donation goes to Sense.

Or you can contact me on 01929 471923 to sponsor me.

If you see me running around the roads of the Parish, don’t be afraid to give a toot of the horn or say hello! It can get very lonely on the long 20mile training runs I have to come!

Danielle

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**BERE REGIS NEWS**

**BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman:** Ian Ventham 471480 ianventham@gmail.com

**Vice Chairman:** Laurie Fairhurst 471507 mfairhurst.bereregis@btopenworld.com

**Parish Clerk:** Jim Ruddock 556263 bereregispc1@btconnect.com

Your Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 14th January. Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th January at the Drax Hall starting at 7.00 pm; as always the public are most welcome and there is an item on the agenda at the very start called “period for public participation” where we would like to hear from you on any points you would like to raise.

**Where has your Dog “Bin”**

To encourage responsible dog owners and walkers to clean up after their four pawed pets, the Parish Council is arranging to install four new Dog Waste Bins in and around the Village. These will be in Shitterton close to the path to Black Hill, in Butt Lane just up from West Street, in the Souls Moor Open Space south of the Bere Stream and Boardwalk, and on Rye Hill near the Bere Regis School. This should give us good coverage near some popular and well used walks. Although we know it is common sense and decency, which the vast majority of dog owners already practice in a responsible fashion, you are asked to ensure that these facilities are always used so that popular walks and public areas remain hazard free for the benefit of us all.

**Grit Bins**

We are considering installing new Grit Bins, at Snow Hill, at Shitterton and one near the cemetery. Although this is unlikely to be of benefit this winter it should help to keep pavements and thoroughfares open if we

Bere Regis website: [www.bereregis.org](http://www.bereregis.org)
have another very cold snap in future years. If you have any thoughts or comments on this, or ideas as to where precisely we should or should not locate these bins please do contact Ian Ventham the Chairman.

North Street

We are pleased to see that, following our suggestion, tree trunks have been placed at the North end of North Street to stop traffic from using that as a rat run out of the village.

C6/Rye Hill

We were joined at our meeting by an ex parish councillor John Pitts who was concerned about the state of the hedgerows and verges up Rye Hill and out of the village on the C6. In particular these have been badly churned up of late, and in some areas the landowners have not properly cut them back to ensure clear and therefore safe visibility. Although this is technically Dorset County Council’s responsibility we are going to write to the landowners in the first instance to see whether we can push the process along.

Bere Regis Wildlife Watch

The Parish Council are delighted to support an initiative by a group of willing volunteers who are organising a clean and clear up of the riverside walk. This will be on Saturday 20th February at 10.00am. Meet by the new bridge opposite the end of Manor Barn Road. If you are able bring loppers and small saws as well as a good pair of gardening gloves that would be much appreciated.

First School and Ragamuffins Pre-school

And finally, the Parish Council were delighted to have heard that both our First School and Ragamuffins Pre-school have earned Good Reports from Ofsted. Congratulations to all the staff and volunteers who have made these results possible.

Monthly Surgery

A Parish Councillor will be joining Peter Wharf our District Councillor at the regular surgery he holds at Turberville Court on the first Saturday of each month from 09.30 to 10.00 am. We have decided to combine and hold a joint surgery as many of the issues raised cut across Parish, District and County responsibilities and it makes sense for us to work together to address any issues that arise.

Peter Wharf, Parish Councillor

We are hoping that some kind soul may be replacing their fridge freezer and would be willing to donate their old one to us.

We would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Jenny Beedle on 01929 471002. We would of course collect it ourselves.

A LIFT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Transport – Village Driving Schemes

Puddletown Friends of the Practice volunteer drivers offer a fantastic service which enables members of our local community to travel to and from many of their clinical appointments at Puddletown surgery and in Dorchester.

As there is little in the way of local transport in Puddletown and surrounding villages this volunteer service is greatly appreciated by housebound residents and people who are unable to use the few buses that do run.

As the size of our local population increases demand for transport will grow. Plans are therefore afoot to open up this type of service to the wider community, and not have it focussed entirely on the surgery and medical appointments. It is hoped that local residents might, therefore, also be more able to become involved in community and leisure activities and therefore feel less socially isolated.

NHS Dorset is working with POPPs (Partnership for Older People Project) and our local surgery to introduce a volunteer driving scheme for Puddletown and all surrounding villages, amongst which are Tolpuddle, Tincleton, Dewlish, Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Bockhampton.

Friends of the Practice Coordinator, Sue Brazier, is delighted that plans to introduce the scheme are under way. She has seen, first hand, the pleasure that volunteers get in being able to offer help within their communities and understands that transport is an area which causes anxiety. Sue reports that the NHS recognises the enormous benefits to a person’s well-being when they are able people to get out of their homes to do something as simple as go shopping or to a coffee morning. She believes that the friendly face of a volunteer driver may well be just the ticket for a lot of people!

A public consultation event is to be held with the aim of gauging interest in this newly proposed scheme and for enlisting the support of members of the community who may like to be involved in driving or coordinating roles.
Village Hall - Elections

This is to remind you that the Briantspuddle Hall Committee, since the charity was formed in 1983, has always undertaken to give priority to Parish, District, Count, National and European Elections. (There is a clause to this effect in the Hirers’ Agreement.)

The hall has already been booked for the Parish and District Council Elections on Thursday 6th May 2010.

No one knows when the General Election will take place except Gordon Brown. However, it will take place on a Thursday, we will have a minimum of three weeks notice (this is the minimum statutory period of time which has to be given) and an election has to be held before the middle of June 2010. I suspect it could be any time after 15th February (when the new electoral roll comes into force) and 3rd of June.

In any event when ever the election is held all bookings made for that Thursday will be cancelled. The Hirer will have at least three weeks notice and the Hall Committee will make every effort to find an alternative date for the cancelled booking.

Philippa Thorniley

Programme of Events

By now everyone should have received the latest Village Hall Newsletter which has a programme of events. There are some interesting talks taking place and the newly formed film group is showing three interesting films in January, February and March.

Do support these events.

APPEAL FOR A FRIDGE/ FREEZER BY BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Just before Christmas and the big freeze itself our one of our fridge freezers in the Village Hall broke down and we have concluded that it is beyond economic repair.

Whilst we do still have one fridge freezer we still need two for the occasions when we are catering for large numbers of people, especially in the summer months.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Artsreach
The New Scorpion Band

We had a sell out for the evening performance. Since I had been turning so many people away when I told Tim Lacock he suggested we had an additional afternoon performance. All this was arranged three days before the 19th December. In the end thirty people attended the matinee and one hundred came to the evening performance.

As usual Tim, Brian, Robin, Sharon and Robert gave two wonderful performances, lots of old favourites and some new tunes. The Committee produced a delicious supper which was served in the Social Club and the evening made a lovely start to the Christmas week.

After all the expenses were paid £327 was raised for the Hall repair fund.

Tom Langham’s Hot Fingers

At the time of going to press this event has not taken place. There will be a report in next month’s magazine.

On 6th March we have an extra Artsreach Production - “Little Arthur’s History of England”. Tickets costing £6.50 will be available from the beginning of February from Philippa Thorniley 01929 4971497.

The Burns Night

Once again at the time of going to press this event has not taken place. Ticket sales are brisk and I hope to have a sell out by 23rd. There will be report next month.

Philippa Thorniley

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The New Year Soiree at the Old Vicarage was a most enjoyable evening even if we were a bit thin on numbers due to the cold weather. The committee would like to thank Peter and Pat Wharf for their hospitality.

The committee are waiting to see how the Cessation of Ferry Services from Poole to Cherbourg is going to affect the timings and numbers for this years visit by the French. We will obviously find it more expensive and less convenient for our own visits to France. I for one will miss The Barfleur. There was comfortable degree of familiarity with the surroundings and the routine of the voyage not to mention the wonderful card games in the lounge which whiled away the hours until one looked out to see Old Harry and the Sandbanks ferry to realise that you were nearly home.

Forthcoming events

Annual General Meeting – Monday 8th February, 2009 at the Royal Oak. Please try to come as the committee would appreciate some support to aid the discussion and promote new ideas. It is also just great to see the members for feedback.

Games Quiz evening at the Drax Hall – Saturday 27th February at the Drax Hall. Please come as this will be a quiz with a difference. You will be working in teams of four. Pictures music General knowledge and a few other ideas I want to experiment with. There will be a ploughmans lunch provided. The evening will cost £5.00 each or £20.00 per team Please bring your own booze and something to drink it in.

Visit of the French 10th 11th September

We are looking to organise a Safari Meal and a cocktail party at Pat and Sarah Brady’s for this years summer fundraisers dates to be fixed but not during the World Cup.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Orange Cake

8oz softened butter
6oz caster sugar
3 eggs - beaten
10oz plain flour
1 heaped teaspoon baking powder
2 large oranges - zest and juice
4oz fresh clotted cream
3 tablespoons marmalade
8oz icing sugar

Cream butter and sugar until pale and slowly beat in the eggs. Sift the flour slowly into the mixture. Add the baking powder, orange zest and a little juice. Divide between two tins and bake for about 25 minutes. Leave to cool.

Mix clotted cream with marmalade and sandwich the sponges together. Make icing by gradually adding orange juice to the icing sugar until smooth and drizzle over the top of the sponge.
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Planters

Purbeck District Council has offered to install two “planters” with flowers in Bere Regis. They will be replanted twice a year with seasonal flowers by PDC’s contractors at no cost to the Parish. For their part the Parish have agreed to water the planters regularly. The Parish Council have accepted PDC’s kind offer and will be discussing with Gardening Club some potential locations for these planters. More in future parish magazine reports when the locations are agreed.

Dustbin and Recycling Collections

Many thanks to everyone for their patience and toleration over the XMAS Bank Holiday period. Over this period SITA, who collect the rubbish, had very considerable difficulties particularly in Swanage and some of the outlying areas of the district, due to ice preventing the lorries from physically going up a number of hills! Fortunately we were relatively lightly affected with just one or two areas having their collections made a day later than scheduled. If we manage to avoid any more severe cold weather this should not happen again!

Grants for home improvement and energy conservation

Purbeck District Council is assisting people on low incomes this winter. The Council is offering a range of grants and loans to help relieve the hardship of high home maintenance costs and to help improve energy efficiency. An interest-free Equity Mortgage Loan of up to £15,000 is available to assist with substantial internal and external repairs, improving heating systems, insulation and thermal comfort and remedying hazards such as unsafe electrical circuits.

Small-scale and emergency works can be funded with the aid of a Safe and Secure Grant of up to £1,000. The Affordable Warmth Grant can help with heating repairs and replacement of a boiler, if not repairable, and free loft and cavity wall insulation is available for people over 60 through the “Council A to D Grant”. Last year the Government provided money for loft and cavity wall

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Thank-you, from the Sports Club

The Bere Regis Sports Club committee would like to thank everyone who completed and returned the survey distributed to households in the village during December. They would also like to thank the Moore’s at the Village Stores for providing a central collecting point for returns.

We are now in the process of analysing the completed forms, 117 in all, representing 277 people, about 15% of the population. This was a good response; particularly as December is such a busy time for everyone. There have been many positive responses and some excellent suggestions, which we will be able to consider in the coming months.

The intention is to hold an ‘Open Day or evening’, probably in March or April, at which we can present the findings from the survey and collect more information and thoughts from local residents. Arrangements for such an event will be publicised nearer the time.

There are no longer any wild honey bees. Bees rely on man to keep them alive by treating them against varroa. I am a beekeeper looking for a site to accommodate a maximum of 8 hives in the Bere Regis area.

Many thanks

Allan Sillars, 01929 556300

BEES
insulation to all home owners and privately rented tenants aged 70 or over. The A to D grant provided by Purbeck District Council extends this to all people aged 60 or over living in a property which is in Council tax band A to D. The grant can be used for topping up loft insulation, filling cavity walls, draught exclusion and hot water tank lagging. We have already seen a high demand for this scheme and as funds are limited grants will be available on a first come first served basis. We are working in partnership with the Dorset Energy Advice Centre who are overseeing the installation of the works, which are carried out by local installers. All works are guaranteed. This grant will fund 100% of the cost of the insulation works subject to a limit of £1000 per application.”

With high house prices and few affordable properties available to rent, many local people cannot make Purbeck their home. However, incentives are available to landlords who own a property in Purbeck which has been empty for six months and is in need of refurbishment. If they let to tenants currently on the Council Housing Register they could receive a “Landlords Empty Homes Grant” of up to £10,000. For further details on all the Grants and Schemes, contact the Environmental Services Private Sector Housing Team at Purbeck District Council on 01929 557311.

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

When you respond to advertisers, do please tell them you saw their advert in this magazine - it helps them monitor the effectiveness of their advert and helps us generate more advertising revenue
Heating and chair lift

We are experiencing some teething problems with the new heating system in learning how to operate it correctly also, we must remember that the recent spell of very cold weather is extreme and will have an effect. We are looking into this again with the installer and hope to iron these issues out. The Chair lift however is a great success many new Hall users have been able to attend upstairs events this past few months and this is exactly what we envisaged.

Bookings

The Bookings are up again on last year please phone Our Bookings Secretary, Sally Cheeseman, on 01929 471022 if you wish to view or to Book your Village Hall.

Donation

The Village Hall has just received a kind donation from the Estate of the late Frank Martin, Shirley Gillettes partner, who sadly passed away last year. This we are using to help towards the cost of redecorating the Upper Hall. We are very grateful for this generous gesture and will always remember with much affection the happy time we all spent together at the Hall.

Royal British Legion Roll Of Honor

The Hall committee is pleased to inform you that the Roll of Honor is now in place at the Village Hall it looks very much in keeping in situ in the stair well where it can be easily read., and we are pleased to be able to have offered a long standing home for this important historical archive.

Puppet Show for Half Term

On Tuesday 16th February at 10.30 there will be a puppet show at the Hall entitled “The Selfish Giant”, tickets and more details are available from Chris Maunder 01929 471342
new mums and youngsters coming along, but there is always room for more. We have extensive facilities for ‘ride-on’ toys and a quieter area for the little ones to play. Mums get the opportunity to mingle for a chat over tea or coffee. Open every Monday from 1.30-3.00pm during term time.

Fellowship Evenings – special event coming up!

On Tuesday nights from 7.30-9.15pm we meet in the Long Room of the Manse to look together at some aspects of Bible teaching and then spend a time in prayer. The format of the meeting is very flexible and laid back, providing a non-threatening environment to examine the Christian Faith. We also use this prayer time to pray for any in the village known to us who have requested prayer. On Tuesday 16th February we have a presentation by Justin Peters entitled “A call for discernment”. In this presentation he will be highlighting the need to be discerning with regard to much of the false teaching now pervading the Christian church. This is an open meeting and begins at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

Bere Regis Village Hall
“A Step Back in Time”
Photographic Competition

The Rules of the Competition

Competition is in two sections under 16 and Adult

Photos can be either in black or white or colour
Maximum size is 10 x 8

The Subject is my favourite view in the village of Bere Regis

Entries must be submitted to Alison Bennett
3 Rye Hill Close no later than 14th March

Prizes to the winners

All entries displayed as part of the
Step Back in Time Exhibition On Easter Monday
And on the village website

Please put your name and telephone number
And age unless over 16

All enquiries regarding the competition telephone
Alison Bennett 01929 472023
Step Back In Time Exhibition Monday 5th April 10am until 4pm

This really is an event not to be missed, we have a fantastic amount of old photos, rolling slide shows, village organization archives and Bere Regis School Photographs spanning many years. Many amazing photos of the Watercress Industry in the Village, our WW2 in Bere Regis display, the Carnivals of the Village display, the winners of the photographic competition and lots more including images never seen before. There will be refreshments on sale and the exhibition is just £2 per person to enter please do come along and support this exciting village history day I look forward to seeing you there. See advert re photographic competition that is part of this exhibition.

Your Village Hall Needs You

On April 30th we have the Village Hall AGM at 7pm at the Lower Room please will you consider if you could become a committee member it involves about 4 meetings per year and helping at some events that are listed in the back of this Magazine under the diary section.

If you are interested in taking a more active role within your community and you want to talk this through please feel free to phone me at anytime on the number at the bottom of this article.

Village Hall Dates for your Diary

Puppet Show Tuesday 16th February 10.30
Step Back In Time Photographic Exhibition Monday 5th April 10am 4pm
Village Hall AGM Friday 30th April 7pm
Summer Prize Bingo Monday 7th June 7.30 at the upper Hall

Alison Bennett Hon Secretary Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023

personal challenge to this man. “Come down and let me spend time with you.” What would he do? Everyone was looking at him. How embarrassing! Something of God’s love must have touched his heart enough for him to shrug off the stares and step out of the crowd! His whole life was changed by that leap of faith. It didn’t win him the admiration of the crowd, but his later actions of returning money to those he had defrauded was evidence enough that a real change had taken place. And Jesus added, “Today salvation has come to this man’s house”.

Being a Christian doesn’t involve becoming a recluse from the world. But it does mean that you accept a set of biblical values and standards that are on a collision course with much of the world’s standards around us. It may mean that Christians may appear ‘odd’ or ‘weird’. Now, granted there are some branches of the co-called Church that definitely fall into that category. But for those who honestly submit their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and the principles laid down in the Bible Our heavenly Father opens up endless possibilities for living a very balanced life to the very full.

A well-known Bible teacher once said, “You have three choices; you can be self-centred, herd-centred or Christ-centred”. That challenge from Jesus echoes down the centuries to those reading these notes…. And the choice is yours! What will it be?

With love in Jesus,
Pastor Jim Morris The Manse Flat, Butt Lane, Bere Regis Tel: 01929 471270

News update on the Chapel activity

Pastor Jonathan Paterson

Pastor Jonathan Paterson has already proved an invaluable help to Pastor Jim and is now a regular part of our pastoral Team. He is working with us for most of this year pending any future moves. Already he has set in motion a Young People’s Group for our teenagers who want to learn more of God’s Word. So the STS (Search The Scriptures) Group meet regularly on a Monday evening at 6.30pm for games followed by a lively group discussion on various aspects of the Bible. This last quarter they have also been out Ten Pin Bowling and further outings are planned. Jonathan also takes a lead at the Friday night Sonseekers Club for 7-12 year olds. A good mix of fun games (see photo), music, Tuck Shop and Bible Teaching. The Club is free and new members are always welcome to come along.

Jonathan’s wife, Marianne, joins with Janet and a small team of helpers on a Monday afternoon for the Chapel Toddler’s Group. We are already seeing some
Stepping out of the crowd!

One of my favourite characters in the Bible is a man called Zacchaeus. If you have a Sunday School background you will have undoubtedly learned stories about this man. He was a Jewish tax collector working for the occupying Roman authorities. The Bible makes it clear he also fiddled the accounts to line his own pockets. Not surprisingly he was very unpopular with his own people. To them he was a traitor who fraternised with the enemy. He was also a short man, not very tall, and on the occasion reported for us in Luke, chapter 19, it says when Jesus was in town Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see Him, but could not because he was at the back of the crowd. It is recorded that he could not see Jesus ‘because of the crowd’ (verse 3).

In modern society many people today are prevented from seeing Jesus because of what is sometimes described as the herd instinct. They want to be part of the crowd, go with the flow and are apprehensive about appearing to be ‘different’. One of the most common excuses, especially from those seeking to justify immoral behaviour, is to say, “Well, everybody’s doing it”. They are afraid of getting out of step, of being different, so they succumb to peer pressure. It has been said that “Society demands conformity. If you fall beneath its standards it will punish you. If you rise above its standards it will persecute you. It demands a grey, average morality”.

Back to our old friend Zacchaeus. He just wanted to be part of the crowd – a spectator if you like. And being an opportunist he ran ahead and climbed a tree so he could be part of the crowd and have a grandstand seat of Jesus as He passed by. But as Jesus passed underneath the tree he looked up and brought a
Winter theme

Staff have been keeping their training up-to-date including first aid, food hygiene, safeguarding children and numerous courses keeping abreast of current thinking and best practice in Early Years. One such course combined the use of music and movement, drama and storytelling to support children’s early language development, increase their vocabulary and enhance children’s musicality. As a result of attending this course, and using the recent snow as a backdrop, staff introduced the children to an ‘Arctic Adventure’ with the aid of a ‘magic key’, music, props and drama. The children moved with pleasure to the music including ‘ski-ing’ to ‘Pop Goes Bach’ (the theme to Ski Sunday), making a ‘fish pie’ to Bill Hayley’s classic ‘Shake, rattle and roll’. The children were actively involved in their Arctic Adventure, improvising as we went on our journey. They were pretty tired at the end of it but it was a memorable and pleasurable experience for all involved.

Garden project - Parent partnership

Thank you to all the wonderfully supportive and talented parents working very hard behind the scenes on the next phase of our garden project. Just before Christmas we were delighted to learn that we have obtained further funding for our project, full details next month. Huge thanks to Lisa for all her hard work and talent in securing the funding.

Ragamuffins Christmas Raffle

The draw for the Christmas Raffle took place on 18 December, 2009 at Pre-School. We raised over £800 to buy equipment and resources. Many thanks for all the very kind donations of raffle prizes; to all the parents who sold tickets around the village in

RBL WOMEN’S SECTION

The RBL Women’s Section held their meeting on 18th November. At this meeting it was discussed that we would have to change our minds on growing a Daffodil for April as the secretary omitted to get the bulbs, so it was decided that we could do a Spring table arrangement instead.

Our Carol Service was a huge success thanks to Pastor Jim, Janet and Kath. Fifty two people enjoyed the evening and the food which was serviced by the men.

Our get together was a great day when 23 of us, including some husbands sat down to a lovely Christmas Lunch at the Royal Oak who made us very welcome and the service was excellent. A really good end to our troubled year.

Flowers for the Cenotaph in February - Mrs House and Mrs Woods.

Eileen Maidment

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who phoned and sent cards and presents for my 80th birthday.

Also, my family for arranging a surprise party for me and all those brave friends who bothered to turn out on such a cold night. How sixty odd people could keep this quiet, I can’t think. I really was fooled over this.

Several people kindly put donations in a tin which amounted to £63.30 for my favourite charity. After a lot of thought I have decided that it should go to the RBL Women’s Section Widows and Families Benevolent Fund.

Thank you

Eileen Maidment
the 2nd Thursdays.
The performers group will take a break now until 4th February while the creative team plan the next production that is on Saturday May 29th.

Our Events for February are …

Friday 12th February Fun Quiz 10.30
Friday 26th February Fit for Life

Looking ahead to next month on Friday 12th of March we have singer Darren Matthews performing at the upper Hall at 10.30 all welcome

Alison Bennett Pop In Place Team Leader 01929 472023

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heavy rain; to everyone who bought tickets and especially to Cathryne for her commitment and impressive organisational skills. The Luxury Hamper as First Prize was won by Lisa Tilley. A complete list of all the winners is displayed at Pre-School.

200 Club Winners

December
1st prize – No 134 J Rogers
2nd prize – No 71 Hazel Pole
3rd prize – No 175 John Tisseman
4th prize – No 131 Gill Hart

January
1st prize – No 190 – no winner
2nd prize – No 166 – Geoff Sagar
3rd prize – No 136 – no winner
4th prize – No 164 – Louise Barter

Pre-School Admissions

Please do get in contact to obtain our brochure, or to reserve your child’s place, as places fill quickly. Visits always welcome. Please contact Debbie on 01929 472125. Open 8 am - 5 pm during term-time.

Debbie Greatorex, Manager, Ragamuffins Pre-School
To complement Rev Robin Hungerford’s initiative of wedding preparation sessions (‘Marriage Matters’) held for those who are to be married in our local churches in Milton Abbas and the Winterborne Valley (and Blandford) area, the community team is inviting any who are considering marriage (together with family and friends) to come to a free ‘Wedding Matters’ taster at St James’ Milton Abbas at 2pm on Saturday 27 February. In contrast to the popular Wedding Fairs, this will give engaged couples (and those supporting them) the opportunity - in church surroundings - to sample some possibilities for hymns, readings and music for their wedding day. Musicians from our community, choir members and flower arrangers from the church will be on hand. Recently married couples, and others willing to share tips on planning for the important occasion will also be joining in. Refreshments will be provided. Come and see.

Further details from Tom / Su on 01258 880313, Kay / Andrew on 880230

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

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, these are sold during the mornings to help 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
Thank You
To everyone who supported the New Year Disco and a big thank you to Julie for providing us with the Disco. We hope to bring many events to the local community during this year that will help to keep your spirits up, please see this magazine for details or ask for one of our diary cards.

Bere Regis Open Gardens
Sunday 11th July 10am until 5pm
If you want to enter your garden for this year's event please put it in writing to Alison Bennett 3 Rye Hill close, Bere Regis. Closing date is 31st of March. I look forward to hearing from you.

A Healthy New Year with Fit For Life
Fit for life is an exciting new initiative where the Pop in Place will be facilitating some health awareness in conjunction with the Doctors Surgery. The first date will be Friday 29th of January when the Practice Nurses and Practice Manager will come along and informally meet with people within the Pop in Place and carry out a survey of your needs and interests. This can be know your blood pressure or cholesterol levels, understanding diabetes, healthy eating and weight control, some light exercises or how to stop smoking. They will be there to offer help and support, to listen and advise in a friendly and relaxed environment. Also if you feel that you want to discuss anything in a more private setting this can be arranged, just ask. We have set nine of these visits during 2010 and dates will appear in this magazine and on the Surgery newsletters and the Pop in Place Diary Cards.

Nail Cutting Service Detail
The nail cutting was cancelled in January, please phone Denise Smith 01929 471075 to find out the new dates and to book an appointment for next time.
GARDENING CLUB

After a cancelled meeting due to the inclement weather in January we have a presentation of 3D pictures of gardens by Harry Blake on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall. New members welcome to come and see this interesting event.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

Sadly the January meeting had to be cancelled - however a couple of stalwart members did come along hopefully and we are sorry they did not get a phone message.

The February meeting is on Wednesday 10th February at 2.30 pm in the Drax Hall when John Griffiths is to talk about ‘A boat trip to Singapore’. The competition is for an object depicting the sea. New members always welcome with no joining fee but 50p at the meeting towards light refreshments. Items for the raffle much appreciated.

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.
However there is much more to do so we are arranging to have a second bash at this on 20th February. It would be really great to have a good turn out! Meet by the new bridge opposite the end of Manor Farm Road. Stout waterproof footwear will be essential and if you are able, bring loppers and small saws as well as a good pair of gardening gloves. We should have extra tools for those who don’t have them. Bere Regis Parish Council fully supports this worthwhile and exciting project and wishes to encourage Villagers and friends to take part and improve our local riverside environment. For further information contact Tony Bates on 01929 471563.

BERE REGIS W.I.

The December meeting was held on Tuesday 15th December in the Drax Hall and was a celebration of the festive period.

A sumptuous meal, complete with all the festive trimmings, was enjoyed by all. Absent friends were remembered and best wishes toasted to one and all. The table service was provided by four WISH helpers (WI Supportive Husbands) who dressed for the occasion and impressed everyone with their impeccable support.

After the meal, Christmas Carols were sung accompanied by Mrs Edmonds on piano echoed throughout the hall after the ladies finished their meal.

Announcements and greetings from abroad were read out by Mrs Duncanson and the members reminded that the annual subscription would be due in January 2009.

Sally’s annual Pancake Day Races will be held on Tuesday 16th, February at 10.00 am at the Bere Regis Sports Club followed by a coffee morning with ‘Bring and Buy’ stalls and a raffle. Young and old are invited. Pancakes will be provided and plenty of frying pans but please bring your own if you wish. All enquiries to Sally - 01929 471022.

The next meeting will also be on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30 pm in the Drax Hall when the guest speaker will be Sophie Dawkins who will advise and demonstrate on ‘Gentle Exercise and Care of your Body’.

If you would like to come to one of our meetings please contact;
Sally - 01929 471022 or Lesley – 01929 471732
Hello! What a start to the New Year...snow everywhere...except Bere Regis...well, okay, we did get a little bit. I know that a lot of people will be thinking “thank goodness we did escape” but a lot of young people were very disappointed. Every time they turned on the TV they saw youngsters, and adults, having fun in the snow and there were reports of Scout Groups helping others as well as having fun.

Scouts were clearing snow, visiting the elderly and running errands and over 2,500 Scouts took part in a Winter Camp at Gilwell Park, Chingford. Organisers thought about cancelling but after carrying out a risk assessment, felt that the event could go ahead.

Our Chief Scout Bear Grylls has said: “Every young person deserves an adventure.”

It’s what Scouting is all about and locally, we’re trying to make sure that all our members have adventure.

Scouting offers challenge and adventure to over 400,000 young people aged 6-25.

We believe in helping our members fulfil their potential by working in teams, taking responsibility and learning by doing. Join the adventure and work with young people for a more positive future that will leave you beaming with a great sense of achievement. You’ll find a number of ways to get involved - and it goes without saying that helping young people can be one of the most fun and rewarding things you can do.

To help make Scouting available to all, locally, we need leaders and supporters who are as committed as we are as well as those who need to be flexible or who can only offer one evening or weekend a year. We are looking to increase the number of Assistant Leaders, Regular Helpers, Occasional Helpers and Administrative Helpers in all Sections and on various Committees.


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BERE REGIS WILDLIFE WATCH

WALK ON BLACK HILL - Saturday 6th February at 1.30pm

Sean Cooch from Natural England, will be leading us on a walk over Black Hill, looking at nature conservation and management of our own heathland Site of Special Scientific Interest. This will be a bit of a walk but it will be really interesting to hear about the conservation work being carried out. We are meeting on the site, at the 'crossroads' junction at the top of the gravel track up onto Black Hill from Shitterton Farmhouse (just past the 'realistic' tree mobile phone mast!) at 1.30pm. Please note the date for our March Meeting has changed. Our talk, by John England, ‘Wildlife of Brownsea Island’ will be held on Wednesday 31st March, not 24th of March as previously stated. Look out for posters and details in the March magazine.”

RIVERSIDE TIDY – Saturday 20th February at 10.00am

Those of you who walk along the Bere stream walk between the new bridge and Shitterton bridge will have noticed the area that has been cleared of scrub – and the big pile of cuttings! We are doing this to give the spring flowers – primroses, marsh marigolds etc a chance as the area has become very overgrown. Many thanks to the small band of volunteers who did a fantastic job in a short time at the beginning of January.

Section News

Beavers

The Beavers visited the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary at Church Knowle in two groups on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th January. We saw the animals that are there for re-homing and the Beavers were lucky enough to pet a cat, rabbit & hedgehog. This visit is part of our work towards gaining the Animal Friend badge and we will be visited by a veterinary nurse next week to give a talk on animal care and welfare.

Cubs

Wow! Only two weeks into the Term and most of the Cubs have already completed all the elements to gain their Emergency Aid Stage 3. Coming up, Map Reader badge and Global Conservation.

Scouts

At the end of 2009, the Scouts went Ice Skating at the B.I.C. and great fun was had by all... a few bumps and bruises were also gained but, thankfully, no serious injuries. Several of the Scouts' Parents that attended certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves too.

There have been a few changes in the Leadership line-up in Scouts with Neil Unitt-Jones, Assistant Scout Leader swapping roles with Mike Whitfield, Scout Leader. This swap over will give Scouts a fresh injection of “new blood” without losing any of its current team.

Bere Regis Conservation Group have managed to do a bit of clearing of the ‘jungle’ along the edge of the riverside walk and have invited, amongst others, the Scouts to help clear and clean up this area. This activity is happening on the 20thFebruary and the Scouts that take part will be able to count this service
towards the 6 hours of Community Service needed as a part of their Community Challenge badge. The riverside walk is enjoyed by many villagers and is very much a village amenity.

**Group Activities**

Carol Singing took place on the 22nd December around the Village. The monies collected, approximately £110.00 was given directly to Ian Ventham, on behalf of Moving Mountains, and Chris Gall, on behalf of Friends of Samskar, these being the two international charities that our group had selected to support. Mince pies, Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine and some kindly donated chocolates were dispensed to the chilled but cheery vocalists on their return to the scout hut.

**Jumble Sale**

The Scout Group will be having a Jumble Sale in the Scout Hut on Saturday 6th February from 2 pm - 4.30pm, there will be a VARIETY OF STALLS, BRIC-A-BRAC, CAKES, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS.

Any donations of “Jumble” and/or Tombola/Raffle prizes will be gratefully received - either at scout hut during Scouting evenings/events or direct to the organiser:-

Kim Benjafield at 6 Bitchams Mead, Bere Regis, 01929 471170

Also any volunteers who want to help on the day please contact Kim.

This event is a Scout Group fundraiser

**Bingo**

Bet and her wonderful team continue to organise fortnightly bingo at the Scout Hut. The Scout Group really appreciate the support from the Bingo Crowd and are glad that the Scout Hut is being used for a community event. Everyone is made to feel welcome at this regular, local event. Refreshments are available during the break.

Bingo in February is on the 5th & 19th. 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:-
bought tickets on the night, where all of your efforts raised a fantastic £650, which
will be divided between my two chosen charities for the forthcoming year.
I hope that you had a wonderful Xmas, a refreshing New Year, and trust that you
will all be on a water and elderflower detox from now until the first ROGS match of
the new season on the 26th February at Came Down.

Captain Bru
CHRISTMAS CUP OF GOOD CHEER

Yes, it is that time of year again, time for hanging your stocking over the fireplace, decorating the Xmas tree, over indulging on food and mulled wine, and no doubt demonstrating some dad dancing at the office Christmas party!!! However more important than all of those........it brings on the battle of Bere in the form of the Christmas Cup of Good Cheer. This traditionally brings the curtain down on another successful ROGS golfing season, which has seen the membership swell to nearly 50 golfers.

Led superbly throughout 2009 by Howlin’ Mad Flower, it was now time to hand over the reigns to myself and my shy and retiring vice captain Tiny Merritt to lead the merry band of men fresh challenges over the next year, and no doubt copious amounts of humorous stories that will keep us all entertained in 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing captain for all of his hard work through 2009, however I have been told by the editor that I have got limited column inches so won’t bother!! In all sincerity Julian, thank you for a fantastic and memorable season, a hard act to follow.

With over 32 members turning out to brave the elements at an earlier than usual tee off at just after 8:30, the weather stayed dry, albeit left the greens and fairways a little moist. This was the annual ‘Battle of Bere’, where the incoming President’s handpicked team took on my illustrious troop of fine gentlemen!! The match was keenly contested, where the match went down to the wire, with the result was hanging in the balance depending on the result of the Parker & Son head to head game. Mike ‘The Quiff’ Parker defeating Darren ‘Did you hear about my hole in one 2 years ago’ Parker to earn the President’s team a well deserved victory by one point.

Unfortunately due to some early festive frolics, the individual results are not exactly complete…..however the following is what I have managed to piece together through the haze of a fun packed evening. In third position was Brett ‘Big Man’ Standerwick, his handicap being cut from 20 to 19, the runner up was Simon ‘The Worm’ Scott with 41 points, with his handicap being cut from 26 to 23, however the event was won by Rob ‘My driver is on E Bay’ Acey with a massive 43 points, who now finds himself playing off of 15 for his efforts!! Nearest the pins were won by several people who’s names elude me, and the 2’s kitty of £40 was won by Doug ‘King Of Spoof’ Marsh claiming £1 for every yard that he chipped in from!!

May I also take this opportunity to thank everybody that donated draw prizes and