DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th December Pop in Place Children in Need, Drax Upper Hall 10.00am - 12.00noon

December
2nd Pop in Place Christmas Prize Bingo 10.30am
6th Gardening Club - Brian Edwards talk plus Mince Pies 7.30p.m.
7th Mothers' Union Christmas Party, Turberville Court 7.30p.m.
14th Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon 2.30p.m.
16th Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies 10.00am
17th Pop in Place Performers Christmas Show 6.00pm

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

Lent is traditionally supposed to be a time of reflection, a time to think about our relationships with God and with one another as we travel towards Holy Week, Good Friday and then the joy of Easter. Yet as we see some real signs of Spring about us it seems that so much of the world is in turmoil and it is hard to see the resurrection that we celebrate as Christians at Easter. The civil uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East and the uncertainties of the West about what their involvement should be if any, to protect civilians with all the regional and political implications are challenging enough. And then following so soon after the tragic earthquake in Christchurch in New Zealand there was the dreadful earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan with harrowing scenes of utter loss and devastation with estimates (at the time of writing) of some 15,000 people killed and missing and the treat of nuclear meltdown. Throughout all the increasing tragedies in Japan their people have remained calm and stoic, but desperate to be know what is really going on. I’m quite often asked “Where is God in all this

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

The Rev’d Canon Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
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Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

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
human misery? After all surely no thinking person can be unaffected by all these tragedies. For many directly affected, there is as we have seen on television a sense of helplessness and for others a paralysis in providing help. Here in our relatively safe island homeland – where economically we are not as strong as Japan is, it is very easy to be remote even detached, but that is not our tradition. In terms of aid and support both long term and in emergency response as a nation we quite often ‘punch above our weight’ and respond very positively with technical and financial support in disaster relief and development. Being our brother’s keeper is very much in our Christian tradition.

But this doesn’t help us in trying to answer the question ‘Why did God allow this to happen after all we worship a loving God don’t we?’

Lent might help give us the answer, for it is a time of reflection on what God did and does for us in Jesus Christ, culminating in Jesus’ death on Good Friday but also his resurrection on Easter Day. I believe that we can all have a personal relationship with God, that he loves us as individuals, and he wants us to share the love he has for us with each other at home and in all corners of the world. Our faith tells us that we have free will, to believe in God and live our lives following Jesus’ teaching or not to. Thus God doesn’t micro-manage all that happens in the world. Our relationship with him is as an individual, unique and precious and loved and through this relationship we can make the love that we receive from him known in the world. As Christians we are an Easter people – and we know that through the story of Holy Week with the joy of Palm Sunday, the poignancy of Maundy Thursday and the despair of Good Friday we rise again on Easter morning. Do join us at our Holy Week and Easter services – you will be very welcome.

With love and prayers

PS  The Ven. Patrick Evans, the former Archdeacon Canterbury, who occasionally takes our services whilst I’m away in Sudan, is organising a day trip to Canterbury Cathedral and its precincts on the 9th May. The tour will include places in the Precincts not normally open to the public as well as time to see Canterbury and the option of Evensong too. The coach would go from Tolpuddle at 7.30am and should leave Canterbury about 7pm.

For further details contact Patrick on 01305 849484 or at patrickevans120@hotmail.co.uk

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

6th Mothers’ Union Social Evening Turberville Court 7.30 p.m.
13th Autumn Leaves Rose Competition, Exhibition of Aprons and talk on Monaco and Monte Carlo 2.30 p.m.
15th Pop in Place Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy 10.00 am – 12 noon
29th Mothers’ Union Wave of Prayer, The Church 1.30 p.m.—2.00 p.m.

**August**
2nd Gardening Club Charity Summer BBQ 7.30 p.m.
9th Mothers’ Union Mary Summer Day 7.30 p.m.
10th Autumn Leaves - RSPB Radipole Lake 2.30 p.m.
15th Gardening Club Bere Regis Summer Show
19th & 26th Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10.00 am - 12 noon

**September**
6th Gardening Club - Plants of Borneo 7.30 p.m.
7th Mothers’ Union - Mission Aviation Fellowship 7.30 p.m.
10th Pop in Place Performer of the Year Competition 6.00 p.m.
14th Autumn Leaves 40th birthday lunch and Dad’s Army Part II 1.00 p.m.
23rd Pop in Place Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning 10.00 am - 12 noon

**October**
4th Gardening Club - Peach Harvest Supper 7.30 p.m.
5th Mothers’ Union Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
7th Pop in Place Bingo, Drax Lower Hall 10.30 a.m.
12th Autumn Leaves - Acorns urgently needed 2.30 p.m.
15th Don’t Forget Cabaret and Disco, Drax Upper Hall 7.00 p.m.

**November**
1st Gardening Club - Bonsai 7.30 p.m.
2nd Mothers’ Union AGM, Turberville Court 7.30 p.m.
9th Autumn Leaves - tba
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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April

5th Gardening Club - Clematis and Spring Show 7.30 p.m.
6th Mothers’ Union - Faithful Relationships, Turberville 7.30 p.m.
9th Spring Fayre and Coffee Morning, Drax Hall 10.30 - 12.00 noon
13th Autumn Leaves - A Diplomat’s Lot 2.30 p.m.
15th Pop in Place AGM 10.30 a.m.
16th Woodbury Hill Singers Royal Wedding Celebration 2.30 p.m.
16th Gardening Club trip to Thenford House Garden
22nd Pop in Place Easter Bonnets & Easter Egg Raffle 10.00 - 12.00 noon
30th Annual Church coach outing to Winchester 8.30 a.m.
30th Giant Cake and Plant Sale, Wareham Town Hall 10.00 - 12.00 noon

May

3rd Gardening Club - Tale of Two Gardens 7.30 p.m.
4th AL Coffee Morning at Kath and Charlie’s - ‘Larkspur’ 10.30 a.m.
4th Mothers’ Union - Weymouth Street Pastors 7.30 p.m.
7th Bere Heath Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10.00 - 12.00 noon
7th Mothers’ Union Cream Tea, Turberville Court
11th Autumn Leaves - Tumpikes and Dorset Coaching Days 2.30 p.m.
16th Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.

June

1st Mothers’ Union - Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
7th Gardening Club Summer Outing - details tbc
8th Autumn Leaves Summer outing to Sidmouth 10.00 a.m.
25th Pop in Place Performers Summer Show 2.00 p.m. and 7.00 pm

July

5th Gardening Club - Dahlias 7.30 p.m.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

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**Evensong Readers**
- 3rd Mr Comben / Mrs Welton
- 17th Miss Frampton / Mrs Welton

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<td>Mrs C Tucker and Mrs N Gibson</td>
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**Sidesmen**
- 3rd 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr House, Chalice Intercessions Mr House/Mr Smith, 6.00 p.m. Mr Wharf, Mr Gibbs
- 10th 11.00am Junior Church
- 17th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith, Chalice Intercessions Mr Croom/Mr House, 6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton
- 24th 6.00 a.m. Mrs Welton, 11.00 am Miss Miller/Mr House

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- 2nd - 16th Lent No flowers
- 23rd Decorate for Easter

**First Sunday Coffee**
- April 3rd, Bob and Denise.

**Association Contact Tel Address E-mail Meetings/Info**

- **Ragamuffins Pre - School Manager - Mrs Debra Greatorex 472125 c/o Bere Regis Community First School Rye Hill BH20 7LP ragamuffinspre school@btinternet.com Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 8 a.m. and after-school club until 5 p.m.**
- **Bere Regis Gardening Club Sue Stone 471933 97 North Street Monthly, Drax Hall 1st Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.**
- **RBL Women’s Section Mrs Eileen Maidment 471616 9 Elder Road Monthly, RBL 3rd Wednesday, 2.00 p.m.**
- **St John’s Young at Heart Club Paula Kent 471079 94 North Street pjkent@tiscali.co.uk Every Thursday 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. at the Sports Club**
- **Twining Association Sue Stone 471933 97 North Street SJStone97@r4.net Meetings and events arranged as and when.**
- **Briantspuddle village scrap book Jenny Slavens 471577 Scrap book for Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle**
- **W.J. (Bere Regis) Mrs Arlene Duncanson 472141 duncanson@madasafish.com Monthly, Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm**
- **Wildlife Events Mrs Tasie Russell 471414 Talks in winter, Briantspuddle Village Hall. Also field meetings in Parish in summer**
- **Woodbury Hill Singers Mrs Kath Jeeves 471175 “Larkspru” Snow Hill Weekly “Larkspru” Snow Hill Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.**
- **Chapel Toddlers Group Mrs Janet Morris 471270 The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Jmjan.mom1924@yahoo.co.uk Mondays 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane**
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<td>Liz Teather</td>
<td>471 1216</td>
<td>The Old Mill, Doodings BH20 7NJ</td>
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<td>Fridays 10.00 a.m., including school holidays. Age 0 - 4, Scout Hut.</td>
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<td>Book Swap Club</td>
<td>Jenny Beadle</td>
<td>471 002</td>
<td>6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley</td>
<td><a href="mailto:angie@ptalbot.plus.com">angie@ptalbot.plus.com</a></td>
<td>2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Wildlife Watch, Nature Conservation group</td>
<td>Tony Bates</td>
<td>471 563</td>
<td>The Beeches, Barrow Hill</td>
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<td>Drax Hall (Free)</td>
<td>Sally Cheeseeman</td>
<td>471 022</td>
<td>4 Elder Road, BH20 7LY</td>
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<td>Kingsbere Consort</td>
<td>Tim Colquhoun</td>
<td>471 360</td>
<td>Heatherdown, Brock Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:choir@tacmusic.com">choir@tacmusic.com</a></td>
<td>Set rehearsal dates for each performance</td>
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<td>Kingsbere Quilters</td>
<td>Mrs Dianne Edmunds</td>
<td>472 331</td>
<td>10 Boswell’s Close, BH20 7JE</td>
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<td>Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am</td>
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<td>Kingsbere Music Trust</td>
<td>Tim Colquhoun</td>
<td>471 360</td>
<td>Heatherdown, Brock Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:km@tacmusic.com">km@tacmusic.com</a></td>
<td>Charitable trust supporting devotees of real music</td>
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<td>Lenny’s - Bere Regis Youth club</td>
<td>Terry Vine</td>
<td>471 693</td>
<td>The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:terry.vine@lisca.li.co.uk">terry.vine@lisca.li.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Weekly. 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>Mothers’ Union</td>
<td>Nancy Gibson</td>
<td>472 105</td>
<td>1.5 White Lovington, BH20 7NP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:NancyEGibson@msn.com">NancyEGibson@msn.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>01305 224440</td>
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<td>Alternate fortnights Car park. Mondays 9.20 - 9.50. Fridays 10.50 - 12.15</td>
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<td>Pop in Place</td>
<td>Alison Bennett</td>
<td>472 023</td>
<td>3 Rye Hill Close, BH20 7LU</td>
<td><a href="mailto:paul@bennett13518.freeserve.co.uk">paul@bennett13518.freeserve.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings. 10.00 - 12.00</td>
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<td>Purbeck District Councillor</td>
<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472 246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
<td>peterwharf@ho tmail.com</td>
<td>Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30 - 10.00</td>
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### CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

**Sunday 3rd April**  
**Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent** (purple)  
- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday  
- 11am Mattins & Communion  
- 6pm Evensong  

**Monday 4th April**  
- 7.30pm Benefice Lent Course (4) – ‘Fully Alive’  
  - Bladentye, Briantspuddle  

**Wednesday 6th April**  
- 12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church,  
  - Bere Regis  

**Sunday 10th April**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent** (purple)  
- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
- 11am Junior Church and Family Service  
- 6pm Evensong and PCC AGM  

**Monday 11th April**  
- 7.30pm Benefice Lent Course (5) – ‘Fully Alive’  
  - The Vicarage, Bere Regis  

**Wednesday 13th April**  
- 12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church,  
  - Bere Regis  

**Saturday 16th April**  
- 12noon Holy Matrimony  
- 2.30pm Service of Marriage Blessing  
  - Bere Regis  

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- **Dorset County Council**  
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  - dorchesterlibrary@dorsetfocc.gov.uk  
  - Alternate fortnights Car park. Mondays 9.20 - 9.50, Fridays 10.50 - 12.15  

**Pop in Place**  
- **Alison Bennett**  
  - 472 023  
  - paul@bennett13518.freeserve.co.uk  
  - Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings. 10.00 - 12.00  

**Purbeck District Councillor**  
- **Peter Wharf**  
  - 472 246  
  - peterwharf@hotmail.com  
  - Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30 - 10.00
CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

**Sunday 17th April**  
Palm Sunday

- 8am Holy Communion    Affpuddle
- 9.15am Parish Communion    Bere Regis
- 11am Family Service for Palm Sunday    Affpuddle
- 6pm Evensong and PCC AGM    Bere Regis

**Monday 18th April**

- 7.30pm Benefice Lent Course (6) ‘Fully Alive’ and House Communion, Bladentye, Briantspuddle

**Tuesday 19th April – Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 9am Morning Prayer for Holy Week    Bere Regis

**Wednesday 20th April – Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 9am Morning Prayer for Holy Week    Affpuddle
- 11am Holy Week Easter Hymns and Communion, Turberville court
- 12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church, Bere Regis

**Thursday 21st April – Maundy Thursday**

- 11am Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Vows service    The Cathedral
- 7pm Benefice Communion for Maundy Thursday    Affpuddle

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**CHURCH AND VILLAGE**

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

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<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andrew@jonesatfree.co.uk">andrew@jonesatfree.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm</td>
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<td>Autumn Leaves</td>
<td>Margaret Dann</td>
<td>472734 471175</td>
<td>4 Bitchams Mead “Larkspur” Snow Hill</td>
<td>peter@<a href="mailto:pcc@btinternet.com">pcc@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Church Choir</td>
<td>Diane Holdahl</td>
<td>92/93 The Cross, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD</td>
<td>peter@<a href="mailto:pcc@btinternet.com">pcc@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Rehearsals weekly. 7.00 p.m. every Friday in BR church</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Sports Club</td>
<td>Roger Duncan, Herbie Swann</td>
<td>23SPerton Close, BH20 7HW</td>
<td><a href="mailto:duncanson@masafish.com">duncanson@masafish.com</a></td>
<td>Village football and cricket teams for all ages</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Parish Council</td>
<td>Ian Ventham</td>
<td>Sherton Farmhouse BH20 7HU</td>
<td>Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming Club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305 848562</td>
<td>Camelot, Affpuddle BH20 7NH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob.holman@btinternet.co.uk">bob.holman@btinternet.co.uk</a></td>
<td>5.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Health Walks</td>
<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Michael.crisford@btinternet.com">Michael.crisford@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Bell Ringers</td>
<td>John England, Adrian Standfield</td>
<td>471469 471774</td>
<td>10, South Mead</td>
<td>Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Bere Regis First School</td>
<td>Steven Battishill</td>
<td>Rye Hill BH20 7LP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk">office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk</a></td>
<td>First School for pupils aged 4+ to 9 years</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)</td>
<td>Paula Miller</td>
<td>472539 472793 472054</td>
<td>Suey Hamilton Tony King</td>
<td>Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5% - 8 years. Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)</td>
<td>Greta Richardson</td>
<td>01258 489131 472670</td>
<td>Carl Grigg</td>
<td>Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8½ - 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)</td>
<td>Mike Whitfield</td>
<td>472159</td>
<td>Scout Leader</td>
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<td>01258 489131 472670</td>
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CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

Friday 22nd April – Good Friday
10.30am Junior Church Puppets in Drax Hall Bere Regis
10.30am Children’s activity building the Easter Garden and hot cross buns Affpuddle
11am Good Friday Prayers and Walk over Black Hill Bere Regis
2pm Service of Good Friday meditation Affpuddle
6pm Service of music, readings and prayers for Holy Week Bere Regis

Sunday 24th April – Easter Day - Halleluiah (white)
6am Easter Dawn Service and light breakfast Bere Regis
9.15am Benefice Easter Day Communion Affpuddle
11am Family service for Easter Bere Regis

Sunday 1st May - First Sunday of Easter (white)
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15 Parish Communion Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis
I am sure you will have noticed Our Church roof sporting its temporary plastic covering. We have suffered four thefts of lead from the roof, not just from the area you can see but also from the South Aisle (above the porch), which cannot be seen from below. Of course, where the lead is missing, the rain can get in and what is inside is priceless. One of our main concerns was for the organ – water getting into our organ is unthinkable – so even the organ is wearing a giant bin-liner at the moment. I wouldn’t blame you if you were thinking ‘why isn’t the PCC doing something about it and getting the roof repaired?’ We don’t believe that replacing lead with lead is an option for us in this present climate of lead thefts. Because our church is such a significant historic building, however, we cannot replace the lead with anything else without agreement from the Diocese and English Heritage. I cannot begin to tell you how frustrating the last seven months have been for everyone concerned, as we have waited for a decision, whilst watching the drips and worrying about lasting damage to our amazing Church.

The Diocesan Registrar and the Archdeacon visited Our Church in early March and were left in no doubt as to the urgency of the matter, so…. I really hope that by the time you read this, we will have the ‘go-ahead’ to start work on the repairs.

On a happier note, having been inspired by a talk by Jim White on wildlife in Dorset’s churchyards, the village Wildlife Watch group met in our churchyard on a chilly Saturday morning and agreed to introduce some wildlife-friendly measures in one small corner of the churchyard – around the large cedar tree next to the Vicarage wall.

Ideas included: nesting boxes in the tree, introducing woodland plants in the shady areas, a woodpile for insects, a ‘bumblebee hotel’ and reducing mowing in a very small area to encourage wildflowers. Any other ideas you may have would be great – please give me a ring.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children's activity morning will be about:

Turning Water into Wine

Sunday 10th April
Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

All children are very welcome. There will be lots of fun and no charge - just come along and enjoy yourselves.

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ADVERTISING RATES for the year 2011

(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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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis:
On 20th February, Mylea Mabel Durrant
On 20th March, Gethin George Wilson

Funerals
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
On 25th February: Sylvia Mullins

Internment of Ashes
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
On 19th February: Eileen Jutting

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. Please meet at the Church porch if you would like to visit the tower or try the art of ringing.

We have been asked to ring for two weddings on Saturday 16th April.

I can assure everyone that the graves in the churchyard will not be affected and the churchyard will not look ‘a mess’. In fact, as we cleared some of the brambles and ivy under the cedar tree, we found a small gravestone in memory of Agnes Hartnell, who died in 1875 aged 5 years. I am sure she would be delighted to be surrounded by primroses, ox-eye daisies, bumble bees and blue-tits!

Sarah Welton, Church Warden

PUDDLETOWN SURGERY

Opening Times for Easter

Over the Easter period the surgery will be closed on Good Friday, 22nd, and Easter Monday, 25th April.

The surgery will be open on Easter Saturday, 23rd April.

If you are unwell while the surgery is closed, always ring 848333. Our recorded message transfers you directly to the Dorset Emergency Care Service who will take details of your condition and pass these on to a doctor. In cases of accident or extreme emergency you may be advised to ring 999 and request an ambulance. For general medical information, advice or reassurance, ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

The surgery will be closed on Friday 29th April for the Royal Wedding.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
Palm Sunday and Good Friday for Families

Palm Sunday celebrates the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was received rapturously by the crowds waving palm branches. We’ll remember this with palm crosses at the Family Service in Affpuddle Church on 17th April at 11.00 am.

To help us in our worship and praise we’ll be joined by the puppeteers and puppets from Bere Regis Junior Church. Do come, enjoy their display and join in the fun.

Children and parents are invited also to join us in Affpuddle Church at 10.30 on Good Friday, 22nd April, for 30-45 minutes to build an indoor Easter Garden.

Bring something for the garden in the form of moss, a small plant, a stone to build the tomb, or wood to make the crosses. We’ll have hot cross buns, biscuits and a drink for refreshments.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to make a donation for our Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, these can be given to Elaine Standfield, the vicar, or any church warden.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The branch attended the Benefice Communion service for Ash Wednesday with members of the congregation.

Our next meeting will be on the 6th April at Turberville Court

All are very welcome to join us.

For more information please call Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105.

Angela Jones –Secretary

Date of Next Meeting

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Members were keen to stress the problems that come with an illegal camp. This included intimidation, and sometimes attacks, by dogs, rubbish and hygiene, and the fact that a camp often creates a no-go area to residents. Whilst the removal of dogs that have attacked someone is an option, often it is difficult as identification of the specific dog is often difficult.

Lengthsman Scheme

For many years the parish council, along with residents, have lobbied the county council for more effective minor roads maintenance within the parish. This is mainly for issues that include cleaning and clearing obstacles from road signs, clearing blocked drains and litter picking.

At the March meeting, Members agreed to join forces with Bere Regis Parish Council to pay for the services of a Lengthsman who will periodically visit the parish to carry out these important tasks.

It is hoped that over time residents will begin to see an improvement throughout the parish.

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 13 April, 2011 at 7pm.

For more information, look at www.briantspuddle.info

The Parish Clerk is Anthony Braine (07887 594072) and the Chair is Nick Gore (01305 848130)

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Bus shelter

At the March Parish Council meeting, councillors authorised the funds to buy a bus shelter for the parish.

As residents will know, the Parish Council has worked long and hard to secure a much needed bus shelter for residents and is one of the commitments detailed in the parish plan. Residents’ views were surveyed through a questionnaire and once a suitable location had been identified, negotiations have been conducted with the landowner. The landowner has kindly gifted the necessary land and this will be acknowledged within the shelter.

Perhaps the hardest task was finding an affordable design but this has now been achieved and with a grant from Dorset County Council, the shelter has now been purchased. It is expected that the shelter will be built before Easter.

Dead Woman’s Stone

Members were interested to hear from residents at the meeting who told the story of the dead woman’s stone. Originally sited on Throop Moor it is believed to be a mediaeval suicide stone and has been assessed by the Dorset county archaeologist as likely to date back to the 14th Century. During the Second World War, a Canadian army captain saw it on the moor and somehow recognised that it should probably be moved to a safe location. This was to a position in the village and later to a private garden within the village and it is still there now. It was felt that the stone should now be relocated to a public place and Members agreed. Efforts would now be made to move this important ancient relic back into the public arena.

Gypsies and Travellers

The Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer from Dorset County Council gave Members an update on efforts to find permanent legal sites for Travellers. Consultants that had been contracted by the county council to identify potential sites have been reporting on their findings and these are now being investigated further. However, government funding for the development of permanent sites has been one of the casualties of recent cut backs.

As for the Travellers who had last occupied the site at Sares Wood, most of them have now moved outside of the district and on to sites where there is little prospect of eviction.

DORCHESTER & DISTRICT CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 – 21 MAY 2011

SUNDAY 15th MAY (6.30 pm)  DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT UNITED CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AT THE UNITED CHURCH, SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER.

SPEAKER:  RT. HON. HILARY BENN MP
Secretary of State for International Development  2003-07
Secretary of State for Environment  2007-10
Vice Chairman of the Commission on Africa

WEDNESDAY 18th MAY (9.45 am – 1.45 pm)
CHRISTIAN AID MARKET AT THE DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH HALL
(Entrance from both South Street and Charles Street)
OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE MAYOR OF DORCHESTER
(Councillor Leslie Phillips MBE)
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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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Easter Flowers for St Laurence’s Church
With Easter being so late this year, the beautiful daffodils with which we normally decorate the church for Easter will sadly be over. If you would like to donate, even a very little towards the cost of flowers for Easter or like to do this in memory of somebody, please contact Elizabeth Whatley 01305 848959 or Sue Gibbs 01305 849161 or any member of the PCC.

Thank you.

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall Development
We are waiting to hear back from the contractors with prices for the work to be done. When the quotes are received we will be able to find out about start dates from the chosen contractor. The neighbours and regular users will be contacted and the information will be displayed on the Village Hall Notice boards. At the moment we are in limbo and as can be imagined this makes future planning very difficult.

The Royal Wedding
The Hall Committee will be holding a tea party from 3.30 to 5.30 on the afternoon of 29th April. Tea/coffee and cakes will be available at reasonable charges and it is hoped to show a video recording of the ceremony.

The Gwen Yarker Talk
At the time of writing this has not taken place and there will be a report in the May magazine.

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You will need to play basic Whist. Sue Stone will give whist lessons to anyone wanting to learn at the Sports Club Bar on Saturday 26th February at 7.30 pm. Please contact Sue Stone if you want more details. We want beginners to come and have a go so if you enjoy cards come down. Please note this is a fun evening we do not want it to be serious.

Do not worry if you have no partner or a team we will make up teams on the night.

GAMES QUIZ EVENING – Saturday 9th April 2011 Drax Hall 8 p.m.

Following the fun evening we had last year, this will be a quiz with a difference, practical tasks, music, food, pictures and any other fun things Sue Stone can think of. Teams of Four £6.00 per person to include a ploughman's. Bring your own booze.

Please let Susan Stone know Bere Regis 471933 if you would like to put in a team.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD SPRING TIDY-UP SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

The Affpuddle Churchyard Spring Tidy-Up will take place on Saturday 9th April from 9.30am to 12noon. Volunteers to come and help will be most welcome. Please bring any garden implements that you have such as grass rakes, shears, clippers etc. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available.

Should there be foul weather on 9th April then the tidy-up will be moved to the following Saturday 16th April.

NOTICE

Sylvia Marjorie Mullins

Ivor and his whole family wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation for the help and guidance in the manner that Sylvia’s life was remembered at her funeral on the 25th February.

To those members of the Church who organised the refreshments in Briantspuddle Village Hall after the service and to those ladies who did the flower arrangements in the Church; a special thank you.

The large number of sympathy cards and letters of condolence have been overwhelming and most humbling.

Our grateful thanks also to Canon Woodward and Jonathan Stretch of Albert Marsh, Undertakers, for their considerable help.

Please accept this notice as the family’s thanks to all concerned.
FLOWER FESTIVAL, ST LAURENCE’S CHURCH, AFFPUDDLE

Book review competition

Share your early reading passion by writing a review of your favourite children’s book.

There will be a prize for the best book review in each of the following age groups.

- 9 years and under
- 14 years and under
- 15 years to 110!

Prizes to be presented at the Church fete on Saturday 16th July 2011.

All book reviews will be displayed in the Church during the three day flower festival which will be celebrating children’s books.

Your book review must be presented on A4 sized paper, have 100 words or less, be handwritten or typed with illustrations if you wish.

Put your name, telephone number, and age group on the back of the sheet.

Please submit your entry by 11th July 2011 to -

Nicky Killer, 4 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, Dorset. DT2 7HP

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE (AS IT IS NOW CALLED)

A date for your diary: Saturday 10th September.

You will be delighted to know that the total raised through the Cycle Ride in September 2010 was £48,562.30 half of which has been returned to nominated parishes.

U10 Minis

Bere Regis 1 Poole Town Wessex 5

Bere were beaten by a well drilled Poole team who gave Bere a lesson in positioning and how to pass and move. Luke Selby Grace scored Bere’s goal mid way through the first half to level the scores but unfortunately that’s as close as Bere came.

Wareham 6 Bere Regis 0

Bere were again undone by a team who showed them how to pass and move and only the heroics of man of the match Dan ‘the cat’ Miller in goal prevented it from being a larger score line.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The weekend away this year will leave on Friday 27th May and return on midnight on Monday 30th May. Three days away for £82.50 non members and £75.00 for members. This will include all coach and ferry charges. All you need is a phrase book and a gift for your host family. Guaranteed to get a glimpse into the French way of life, their homes, customs, and loads to eat and drink. There are a few places on the coach available please contact Judy Newton on Bere Regis 472163 if you are interested.

MILITARY WHIST DRIVE – Friday 4th March, 2011. 7 30 p.m. at the Bere Regis Sports Club Bar

A joint fund raising event with the Bere Regis Sports Club. We hope to get at least

April 2011
second half to equalize. Young Tommy ‘impact player’ Holmes came on as substitute to give Bere the lead, but like Skippy, the Roos wouldn’t lie down and once again bounced back to equalize. There was to be a final twist in the tail, but unfortunately with the last kick of the game, Jonny ‘get your head up’ Sanders missed from the penalty spot.

Bere 0 Piddletrenthide 2

Bere were disappointing in this game against a strong team that play good football and are deservedly top of the table. Two defensive errors cost Bere the game, although a flurry of substitutions in the final 20 minutes led to a number of chances that Bere were unable to convert.

Despite a mixed bag of results in the month of February, BRFC Saturday team currently lie 5th in a tight league and are still in with a chance of finishing in the top three.

SUNDAYS seniors

Wallisdown 6 Bere Regis 1 (Dorset Div 1)

A poor performance by the under strength Bere boys ended in a disappointing result, with Piddy Macklin scoring the consolation goal for Bere.

Hamworthy labour 0 Bere Regis 8 (yes eight!) (Dorset Div 1)

That’s more like it. An excellent performance meant that goals were a plenty for Bere. Jake Muscato opened his account for Bere and there were goals for Young Natt Scott, Puff Piddy Macklin, Shamus Cope and a hat trick for Matty ‘the Elf’ Elford. Rob White moved closer to becoming Bere’s highest ever goal scorer courtesy of his son Callum who did a lot of his donkey work and netted with an outstanding volley.

Bere Regis 5 Railway Hotel 1 (League cup)

One breeds two and another excellent performance means that Bere have a good opportunity to progress further in this competition. Matty Elford marked another man of the match performance with an impressive hat trick (his second in as many weeks) whilst Kev Cox scored to open his account for Bere this season and Shamus Cope weighed in with the fifth.
BINGO
This will be held at the club on Sunday 24th April at 8 p.m.

BERE REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB

SATURDAYS seniors

Bere Regis 5 Wareham Rangers Reserves 1 (Dorset Div 1)
A hard fought local derby, saw Bere the stronger team coming out on top. In blustery conditions Graeme ‘Dog’ Rose opened the scoring with an impressive strike before Jonny Sanders was fortunate to have a second bite at the cherry when having missed the first penalty by blasting the ball against the bar, the ref allowed him to re-take it sitting that the ball had moved. He managed to score from the retaken penalty to give Bere a 2-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, G dog who was impressive throughout the game duly completed his hat-trick, whilst Dan ‘in wenger we trust’ Watts added the fifth before Wareham scored a consolation goal.

Kangaroos 3 Bere Regis 3 (Dorset Div 1)
Goals from Sean ‘lee’ cooper, and G dog Rose put Bere in the driving seat at half time for this game, before the Roo’s bounced back with two well taken goals early in the
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

OPENING TIMES
The Sports Club regular opening times are as follows:
Wednesday 7.30 p.m.
Friday 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 12 noon
The club will be open for additional Sky Sports events during each month.
Details of these are displayed on the club notice board.

Pool Table for Sale
The Sports Club has a 6ft x 3ft Pool Table for sale.
For further information please contact Roger Duncanson, Tel. 472141

CRICKET
Youth Cricket
The club has entered the South Dorset Under 13 league this season.
Matches are on Thursday evenings and we hope to start training sessions on 7th April at the Rec. We are also looking to develop younger age groups from 8 years upwards.
Any potential players are welcome to attend, as are any adults interested in helping in any capacity. For any further info please contact Andy Kent, Tel. 471079.

Social Team
We have a number of social matches during the coming season for which players are required. Post-match therapy in the clubhouse will be provided, at an initially modest cost, to anyone interested in playing. Please contact Herbie Swann (07753820730).

OBITUARIES

Sylvia Mullins
Richard, Sylvia and Ivor’s elder son gave this tribute to his mother at her funeral in St Laurence’s Church Affpuddle on the 25th February.
“It is so nice to see so many people in the congregation today, here to join the family in celebrating Mum’s life. Whilst there are many of you who I know, there are others than I don’t, but we have been all drawn together by one common denominator, Sylvia.
There are many words that can be used to describe Mum and I would like you to take a few moments now to think of a word which sums up your lasting memory.
I have had many hours to reflect since last Wednesday when Mum died and I hope you don’t mind if I share some of my words with you.

A Country Girl
Mum has almost gone full circle returning to an area where she was born and brought up. Born as the only child to Arthur and Hilda Sollis, the 1930’s were a hard time, with the family having to move around the County to find work in the agricultural industry. Much of her leisure time was spent with the Guide Movement which took her from a child through to a District Commissioner for South West Dorset. She worked as a butcher’s cashier and a secretary to a building firm in Bere Regis before her marriage and after Martin and I started school, she worked at the Bere Regis Primary School, for many years.
Ivor proposed to Sylvia right outside this Church on Christmas Day 1954 and they were married the following September at Tolpuddle church, her family village. They set up home in Bere Regis and so it proved to be a firm foundation to bring up her family. Sylvia was a devoted wife to Ivor, mother to Richard and Martin and their wives and loving grandma to Sam, Rosie, Lucy Ellie and the last Jessica.

Strong
If Ivor was the captain of SS Mullins, Mum was the chief engineer. Quietly and efficiently she ran the family, especially when Dad was working around the country with his job. But not only that, she was devoted to her parents and worked tirelessly to help them both in their later years.
Mum was originally diagnosed with breast cancer some 20 years ago and I know that she felt privileged to be able to fulfil 15 years of that period in good health, before the illness re-emerged some three years ago to claim her life.

Throughout her illness, she remained strong and focussed, supporting Dad in his activities and their joint passion which is Verwood Organ Club and the Lake District where they holidayed for over 30 consecutive years.

Caring

When Ivor and Sylvia were married, financially things were tight and Mum recalled how she shop between the two village stores in Bere Regis to save a penny of two. As children, I do not recall having to suffer because of this, but, I am sure that there were many times when we were given preference over Mum’s needs.

Richard John Mullins

This always meant that I was in for a telling off. I don’t seem to recall so many Martin Andrew Mullins!!

One such event I particularly remember was when I decided it would be a good idea if I took my brother to meet Dad at work and come home with him in the car.

The whole idea was doomed to failure from the start as:-

- Dad worked 3.5 miles from home
- I didn’t tell Mum
- Martin was only two years old

We only made it half way as Martin’s little legs had had enough. Needless to say, we were rescued by the local posse, rounded up and delivered home, and I had a flea in my ear!!

Mum bore her illness with dignity and whilst it is always a difficult time for the family and friends in some ways, Mum has made it easier.

Mum was fully aware of the outcome and accepted that once being admitted to Wimborne Hospital in

Standerwick, myself, and 2 for ‘The Comb Over’!

I look forward to seeing you at the next outing at Romsey GC on the 25th March for the GRS Trophy, first tee off at a more respectable 11:30.

Captain Tiny

Charity Day v Swanage Legion Society

Don’t forget our annual charity golf match against Swanage Legion Society.

The date of this extravaganza is the 16th April, and will be held at Bulbury Woods GC. I will let you know tee times over the coming weeks. Please can you all put this date in your diary to help support this day as last year we had less than a handful of ROGS members attend.
WHITBREAD PAIRS TROPHY
A really pleasing turnout for the first event of the new season under my tenure as captain with over 2 dozen members braving the 27 hole Whitbread Pairs Trophy held at The Dorset Golf & Country Club. What made it even more impressive was that the members were asked to be at the clubhouse ready for the draw to be made by 7:30 at latest! I hasten to add that there were a few bloodshot eyes and mutterings under the breaths which cannot be printed for censorship reasons!!

The competition was played in a slightly different format this year, with a 9 hole pair Texas scramble (and that is not a way of serving your eggs) in the morning, followed by a further 18 holes in the afternoon with the scores for both rounds added together to find the winner.

As the members loitered eagerly and very inconspicuously around the table where the draw was taking place, there was much nervous laughter, and sighs of relief, coupled with punches to the air when the teams were drawn. Howlin’ Mad Flower denies all knowledge of running a book to see how many holes that your truly would be able to walk in a day......I will address this matter later in my report!!

It was unprecedented for the ROGS to have so many prizes in a day, with 6 nearest the pin prizes, 2 nearest the pin in two prizes, and a longest drive prize, where I shall do my very best not to miss any of the winners out, so here goes..... On the 9 hole Texas scramble in the morning, nearest the pin on the 4th went to Martin ‘I had Rusky as a partner, but didn’t win the trophy’ Debenham, nearest the pin on the 6th was local favourite Pete ‘Pi’ Foster who just about managed to see over the top of his perfectly manicured moustache to hit his tee shot to within 8 feet, and the nearest the pin on the 8th went to yours truly. Onto the 18 holes in the afternoon after being fed and watered, the nearest the pin on the 4th went to ‘Titch’ White, on the 7th it went to Jamie ‘The Hernia’ Lake, nearest the pin in 2 on the 10th went to Steve ‘The Guest’ Cox, nearest the pin on the 17th went to Chris ‘The Comb Over’ Sumner, and nearest the pin in 2 went to Matt ‘Have you seen the size of my divots’ Cooper. Needless to say that the longest drive on the 11th went to Howlin’ Mad Flower!! Congratulations to all of the winners.

On to the main competition results, in third place on a combined total of 62 points were Roger ‘The Cueball’ Johns and Tim ‘Baa Baa’ Porter, in second place with 64 points was Chris ‘The Comb Over’ Sumner and Paul ‘PABS’ Ebsworth, and the winners on a combined total of 65 points proving that the captain could indeed walk 27 holes was your truly and ‘Sir’ Charles Way.

There was also a record amount of 2’s scored on the day with 6 being recorded, one each by ‘Titch’ White, ‘The Cueball’ Johns, my VC this year Brett ‘The Ear’

OBITUARIES

December 2010 that she was not going to return to her Wimborne home. There was a certain calmness about her brushed with a tinge of inevitability and realism. I know that she was a popular patient with the nursing staff and her fellow patients at Victoria Hospital.

She moved to Hillsdon Nursing Home, Parkstone in February and the cancer became extremely vigorous in the few days before her death. Befittingly, Mum died peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of the 16th February.

To both the Victoria Hospital and Hillsdon, the family send their grateful thanks for the love and care they extended to Sylvia.

Thank for listening. I’m sure you will agree with me in saying that if we had a glass of champagne in our hand right now, we would raise it and toast to the everlasting memory that is Sylvia. To Mum.”

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Bere Regis Parish Church

Last month we enjoyed an illustrated talk looking at changes in the wildlife through the seasons in our surrounding countryside.

Now that April is here we are entering one of the most colourful times of year when we can enjoy the freshness of the spring and a myriad of wildflowers in our hedgerows and the surrounding countryside. Join us for a village walk – Bere Regis in the Spring on Saturday 16th April. Meet by the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Our next service is on April 3rd at 3.00pm.
This will be a special Mothering Day service. It will be led by Mr Chris Warren one of our local preachers.
Everyone is very welcome.
For further information contact one of our church stewards.
Caroline Harrison -01929 471378, Margaret Whittingham-01929 471782 or Karen Smith-01929 471339.
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The Daniel Project – a challenging documentary - watch it in your home. So what’s it all about? Is the world as we know it about to end? Who are ‘the wise’ who will understand the warnings and live? Bible prophecy is a collection of writings that claim to predict not only the path of human history, but also the signs of its eventual destruction. The Daniel Project puts these prophecies under a journalistic microscope, discovering that many appear to have already come to pass. We invite you to consider the evidence. Many years of research and five years in the making, “The Daniel Project” is a gripping documentary for our time. Now available on free loan from the Chapel – contact Pastor Jim on the number above or Graham Gee on 01929 472484

GOOD FRIDAY 10am Service led by Pastor Jim Morris (22ND April)

EASTER MORNING FAMILY SERVICE led by Pastor Jim – Speaker: Pastor Jonathan (24th April)

SUNDAY WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY at 10.00am & Junior Church for the youngsters

The Chapel Toddlers Group - Mondays 1.30pm - 3pm provides a time for mums & carers to relax and get together as the toddlers interact in two large play areas of the Chapel. If you think this might be for you do come along! You will be most welcome.

The STS Youth Group - Mondays 6.30pm – 8.00pm is for 12-18 year olds who want to know more about the Christian faith. There are currently 20 regular youngsters who attend.

The Bible Fellowship Group Tuesdays - 7.30pm – 9.15pm want to know more about the Bible and prayer in a friendly atmosphere? Held in the Manse in Butt Lane.

The Early Days Café - Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30 again the Manse is available for new mums and mums to be to get together under the supervision of midwife Lynda Essex – for details contact Lynda on 07500 785730

The Sonseekers Youth Group - Fridays - 6.30pm – 8.00pm is a Christian based youth Club for youngsters 7-12 years and features a fast-moving mix of games, music, tuck shop and Good News from the Bible.

The TRUST Youth Club – Fridays - 8.00pm – 9.30pm – this is currently on hold due to staffing difficulties but we anticipate restarting very soon.

For more information about the Bere Regis Congregational Church - contact Pastor Jim Morris on 01929 471270

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Bere Regis Church Annual Coach Trip

Saturday 30th April 2011

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On the last three days of Holy Week the combined Office of Matins and Lauds in the Roman Catholic Church is called Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”). Indeed this Office is also celebrated in parts of the Anglican Church. Of the many musical settings for this service, the most famous is undoubtedly the “Miserere” by the Italian composer Gregorio Allegri. Its text (Psalm 51 without a doxology) was customarily appended to the combined Office of Tenebrae in the Papal Chapel of the Vatican. During the singing of the psalms for the office, candles in the church were extinguished one by one, leaving a single candle alight but hidden behind the altar, by the time the haunting “Miserere” was sung at the end.

Gregorio Allegri was born in 1582, and spent his early years as a choirboy and then as a tenor at the church of Saint Luigi dei Francesi in Rome. During this time he became interested in composition which led to him enjoying various posts as singer and composer, particularly at the cathedrals of Fermo and Tivoli before being appointed maestro di cappella at Spirito in Sassia, Rome; and thence in 1629, to his ultimate position with the papal choir at the Vatican. He wrote a great deal of church music (five masses and three books of shorter items for church use) for this choir and that of Santa Maria in Vallicella, but his lasting fame lies with his “Miserere Mei, Deus”, which was specifically composed for use in the Sistine Chapel. After its initial performances, it was not until around 1666, that Allegri’s setting was performed annually by the papal choir, and was reserved for their exclusive use; reputedly, excommunication was the penalty for copying the manuscript. Visitors flocked to hear the “Miserere” performed each Holy Week, their numbers reaching a peak in the years between the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, and 1870 (Franco-Prussian War), when the papal choir was effectively disbanded. It is this work that Mozart, at the age of 14 ([1770]), is reputed to have written down from memory having heard it twice (or perhaps only once).

The Day the King Died

I am ashamed to say that I have never understood how to play a game of chess. But I do know that if you sacrifice your King, you lose the game. The Christian faith turns that on its head. Jesus, called the King of Kings in the Bible - chose to be born as a baby, live a faultless life and then suffer a cruel death on a rugged Roman cross.

His death saw Him take on the consequences of man’s rebellion against God – and win. We are told in the Bible that death could not hold Him – it had no claim on His life because He was without sin. And because He came as Our Saviour – representing fallen humanity and confronting the very dark side of sin and hell and death – we too can know forgiveness and eternal life with God in heaven. Paul, writing on the reality of the resurrection put it like this, “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

Behind the big game of life there are two powerful spiritual forces at work. One is working for our downfall and destruction, the other is working for our recovery and salvation. However important man may feel he is ultimately only like a pawn in a game of chess. But Our Creator God is always many moves ahead of his arch rival the Devil.

We have the gift of life available if we want it; forgiveness and a future that is secure with God, Jesus made it all possible. But God will only act on our behalf if we call out to Him. Over to you. It’s your move.

Join us this Eastertide as we celebrate the glorious message of the Resurrection! You’ll be very welcome!

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Psalm 51, “Miserere Mei, Deus”, known as the “Penitent’s Prayer”, is set out as 19 verses in the Book of Common Prayer 1662, and in the “King James Bible” (the Authorised Version), as translated by William Tyndale (1494-1536) and edited by Miles Coverdale (1488-1568). The text used by Gregorio Allegri is naturally in Latin, but has 20 verses. The first verse of the English translation pertains to two verses in the original Latin version: “…..according to the multitude of thy mercies…..” forming verse 2, as we know it today. The verses of the psalm can be divided into sections: vv. 1-8 “Conviction of sin”, vv.9-14 “Distress, and a longing for holiness”, and vv.15-19 “True worship”.

It can be seen from the example of the quartet score, printed overhead, of verse 10 & 11 (9 & 10 in the English Psalter), that the setting is interesting as it appears to be in an unremarkable falsobordone style (technique of singing psalms in harmony using simple chord progressions. It was first used for harmonising Gregorian plainchant in the 1480s). The complete score consists of a simple chant harmonised for five-part choir [Cantus I, Cantus II, Altus, Tenor, and Bassus], an intonation by the tenors and bases, and ornamented passages for solo choral quartet (all sung a cappella - no instrumental accompaniment was permitted in the papal chapel). The first verse is sung by the full choir, the second verse intoned by the tenors and bases, and the third sung by the soloists [Cantus I (treble), Cantus II (treble), Altus (alto or counter-tenor) and Bassus (bass)] with melodic embellishment. It progresses with alternate verses intoned by the tenors and bases followed by the harmonic singing of either, again alternately, the chorus or quartet. At the end, verse 19 (20 in the Latin) is once more divided: the first part (“Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness…..”) sung by the five-part choir, and the second part (“then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine alter”) “Tutti”, by all the singers, more slowly and quietly (“Questo ultimo Verso si canta Adagio, e Piano - smorzando a poco l’armonia“ 1771); into the finale of a superb ornamented tierce-de-Picardie – G minor to the fading chord of G major.

But the secret and “magic” of the work’s success is not in what lies on the inked page! Allegri’s score reveals only the harmonised choral parts. The abbellimenti – decoration, embellishment and ornamentation – for which it is famous, were never written down! It was not until 1892 that a former director of the choir, Domenico Mustafà, committed to paper his version of what had been the performing practice of the papal choir. Consequently, modern editors have had to draw from this and fragments of the ornamentation written down from memory by musicians such as Mozart, Spohr, Mendelssohn and others. Also of note, is the remarkable top “C” in the Cantus I part, which appears in the soloists’sections. Even if you consider that the pitch at the time was probably around a tone or so lower (making it, say, B flat at our modern concert pitch), it is quite an achievement for a boy’s voice. Of course, all the singers were male. No female voices were allowed in the papal choir (or any Roman Catholic Church choir for that matter). In fact, the Cantus II part would likely have been sung by an alto,
Forthcoming Events

Pop In Place AGM Friday 15th April 10.30

On Friday the 15th of April at 10.30 we will hold our AGM (please note the change of date from the diary cards as it was due to be the day of the Royal Wedding but as Buckingham Palace don’t work as far ahead as our Team, we have therefore had to bring it forward by a week) Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what we have achieved during the past year and new Team members are always welcome.

Easter bonnet and Easter Egg Raffle, on Friday 22nd April 10 am 12 noon

Its time to make those Easter bonnets again and come and join in the fun at the Pop In Place on Good Friday 22nd April. We will be holding a grand Easter Egg Raffle there will be a bonnet parade and hot cross buns on sale and new this year we will be having the St Johns the Baptists Church Bere Regis J.C. Puppet Theatre, who will be entertaining us with some very uplifting songs. We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a very enjoyable occasion.

Alison Bennett Pop In Pace Team Leader 01929 472023

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castrato or counter-tenor, and the Cantus I part probably would have been sung by a castrato, for the voice’s strength at the high register, rather than a treble. Indeed from the early 16th century in Italy and Spain, boy singers with the very best treble and alto voices were subjected to the necessary operation to preserve their vocal gift for later life, and were first mentioned as singing in the Sistine Chapel in 1565. Castrati were famed for their brilliant, penetrating timbre and extraordinary breath control. Their use continued, despite growing moral opposition, until the late 19th century. The last surviving castrato from the Sistine choir was Alessandro Moreschi (1858-1922: There are recordings of his stunning voice).

Allegri’s “Miserere Mei, Deus” is not a work you are likely to hear sung by the “average” choir. It is unlikely that any but the most proficient and capable groups of singers might consider taking it on! This is truly for the most accomplished vocalists – the specialists. There are several excellent recordings of this work available; amongst which are:

“Agmus Dei” Choir of New College, Oxford (Edward Higginbottom) - Erato Disques (Paris)

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The Chairman delivered his report on the year’s activities:

Last year I said that I thought the role of the Parish Council was to try to meet the wishes of the people who live here, and that my guess was that most people have quite modest aspirations, to live in a community which is peaceful, clean and tidy, safe and secure, with a good school, and a wealth of clubs and organisations to enjoy.

I also said that I believed that most people would welcome some modest housing developments, particularly more affordable housing, so that sons and daughters could continue to live here, provided that any development does not overwhelm the village, nor lead to a loss of sense of belonging.

I believe that during this past year this council has tried hard to contribute to that unassuming vision.

I would firstly like to say that over the past 2 or 3 years we have spread responsibility for various activities amongst members of the council, and I list those responsibilities here:

**Planning and Housing.** Chair Laurie Fairhurst, assisted by Martin Howard and Simon Munnings.

**Village Environment.** Chair Martin Howard, assisted by Simon Munnings and Tim Maunder (Cemetery)

**Traffic, Public Transport and Roads.** Chair Len Alderman

**Children and Youth.** Chair Robin Pitcher, assisted by Arlene Duncanson

**Community Liaison.** Chair Christopher Maunder, assisted by Ian Ventham.

Bere Regis website: www.bereregis.org
Due to the forthcoming retirement of Jim Ruddock, Clerk to Bere Regis Parish Council for the past 36 years, we are seeking a new clerk.

**THE JOB**

The clerk is responsible to the Council for:

- Acting as the ‘Chief Executive’ in enacting its decisions
- Managing the finances, maintaining the accounts and keeping the Council’s records and official documents
- Providing competent advice on all local government matters
- Managing the Council’s assets, ie the cemetery and the play park
- Servicing the meetings of the Council

**THE PERSON**

We are seeking someone who:

- Preferably lives in the village, or, at least, within the parish
- May have experience as a parish clerk elsewhere, or has worked in or with local government or another public body
- Has excellent WP and spreadsheet skills, and experience of using a finance package
- Has experience of creating a budget, and monitoring expenditure
- Is well-organised, self-motivated, a sound administrator
- Has good communication skills particularly with the public
- Can devote around 35 hours a month to this job

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Apply in writing by April 15th with your CV and a short statement about what particular skills and qualities you believe you would bring to the job and to the village to:

Ian Ventham, Chairman, Shitterton Farmhouse, Bere Regis, BH20 7HU

More information, including the Job Description, may be found on the Bere Regis website at www.bereregis.org
Police and Security. Chair Ron Margetts, assisted by Peter Wharf

So, now let us turn to what we’ve been up to this past year. I hope that anyone who wishes to talk about anything of relevance to the village will do so in a minute, and I’m sure my colleagues will want to respond.

Planning and Housing

Perhaps the most important matter we undertook in the past year was to formulate our own ideas of what development we would like to see in the village over the next 20 years or so, and then contribute to Purbeck District Council’s consultation on the Core Strategy. We spoke to quite large numbers of residents and, significantly to the two large landowners in the village. I’m pleased to say that our ideas were incorporated into PDC’s proposals, and seemed to meet with the approval of most people in the village. We recommended that around 60 houses be built on a site near the school, or possibly on that site and on a site near Back Lane. We also recommended that a site near Egdon Close be earmarked for the building of a new school.

We have also been pursuing the idea of acquiring a new site near the Scout Hut for a children’s Play Park, in order to create a site for up to 7 affordable homes on the present Play park site. This project has temporarily stalled whilst issues of land ownership near the stream are sorted out.

Village Environment

It has frustrated us for years that our next tiers of Local Government, particularly Dorset County Council, are very slow to react to requests for minor works in the village. I’m therefore delighted that we have at last recruited our own Lengthsman, Mr Paul Critchell, to carry out a range of work in the parish. Part funded by DCC for the next 3 years, he will be working for 20 hours a week on such matters as clearing gutters, improving drainage, painting our street furniture, clearing snow and repairing the Play Park. I am certain this appointment will make a huge difference to the way our village looks and to the environment we live in.

We are in the final stages of getting clearance to install new village signs at the entrances to the village, similar to the new Shitterton sign. We plan to install these in 2012, in order perhaps to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee that year.

Traffic, Public Transport and Roads

There appeared to be some demand for daily transport to Wareham, so we were pleased when DCC initiated an on-demand taxi service. Unfortunately, demand has been weak, so I believe this service will shortly be withdrawn.

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Report on Aladdin our Village Pantomime

A huge thank you to all the cast and helpers who put in so much hard work, and to all who made costumes, painted the set and made and painted the props, special thanks to Pastor Jim for all his hard work. Not only have we given the community a creative opportunity to take part in this production but we have also given the audiences lots of fun and laughter, while raising a fantastic £1,200 for Macmillan. This is the true spirit of what a great community is all about well done everyone another great village event.

Remember old Chinese proverb say... a journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step ! It was a long journey but we got there and the word that has been constantly used to describe it is “Brilliant” And you can’t say better than that, so thank you all for your wonderful words of encouragement and thank you to everyone who made it happen. It is at times like these when we all feel it a huge privilege to be part of a village such as this.

Would you like transport to the Pop In Place ?

We are very pleased to inform you that we now have a driver willing to collect people and bring them into the sessions. if you would like to come along but are unable to walk that far or if you would just like a lift in, as you are a little apprehensive of coming alone, we are able to offer you this, so please give me a ring and we can make the arrangements, I look forward to hearing from you.
April 2011

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

The snow and icy weather in December left our roads and pavements in a very dangerous condition for a couple of weeks. Despite frequent phone calls to DCC, we did not receive the gritting and snow clearance we needed, and our grit bins, once depleted, were not re-filled. We have had talks with DCC about these problems and we are assured that things will be better handled in the future. In the meantime we are installing 3 more grit bins and will, if necessary, stockpile some supplies of rock salt in the village.

We are also developing a simple contingency plan to help us better cope with winter snow and other emergencies.

Children and Youth

A very useful first meeting of a ‘Youth Forum’ was held in September 2010 to discuss how we might better meet the needs of young people in the future. What is clear is that we will need the help of a rota of adults, and we need to try to create a suitable meeting place and facilities for the teenagers in our community. Neither of these will be easy.

Community Liaison

We have now held two very useful meetings of our newly constituted ‘Village Forum’, to enable organisations and residents to have a voice in our village affairs. Both meetings attracted about 30 people, representing many of our organisations. Amongst a number of matters discussed, we took the decision to hold a ‘Street Party’ at the Sports Club on 29th April to celebrate the Royal wedding.

A Patients Participation Group has been created by the Surgery, on which we are represented.

The traditional notice boards are important, as is the monthly piece in the Parish Magazine. However we are interested in the immediacy of electronic communications, so we are trying to expand our email list, and also perhaps to experiment with methods such as Facebook or Twitter, if they are appropriate. In the meantime, of course, thanks to the unsung efforts of James Loxton, we do have a very fine village website at www.bereregis.org.

We have assisted the Drax Hall committee by buying a number of items of equipment.

Police and Security

We have contributed to the local PACT panel during the year, and we are
£5 from Kath Jeeves  471175 or Alison Bennett. Please come along and support this event the Purbeck Village Quire has a large repertoire it concentrates mainly on material from Dorset. They have recently appeared on TV with Howard Goodall in “The truth about carols” And have also performed at the Poole Lighthouse with the BSO This is definitely an evening not to be missed.

There will be a Film Festival and Puppets show in October dates to be announced

Village Hall Christmas Prize Bingo will be on Monday 5th December at 7.30

Bookings

Please phone our Bookings Secretary, Sally Cheeseman, on 01929 471022 if you wish to view or to book the facilities. You are very welcome to come and have a look around, please support your Village Hall, it really is a great facility with very reasonable rates for hiring.

Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023
**Puppet Show Melina’s Dream**

This was a fantastic show on the Thursday of half term with the Hall packed with young families; it’s so lovely that we are able to provide this kind of live entertainment to the community. Huge thank you to Chris who arranged the event.

**The Village Hall AGM is on Friday 8th April 7pm Lower Room.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Village Hall Annual General Meeting, this is an open public meeting everyone is welcome to attend there will be coffee and biscuits served after the meeting we hope to see you there.

**Woodbury Hill Singers present A Royal Wedding Celebration Saturday 16th April 2.30pm**

We look forward to this event that is being arranged by the Woodbury Hill Singers to celebrate the Royal Wedding there will be a cream tea served and entertainment from the Woodbury Hill Singers with a love theme. Please come suitably attired with a hat or a buttonhole. Tickets are available from Kath on 471175 or Sally 471022 at £3.50 to include the cream tea the proceeds will be donated to the village Hall.

**Village Hall Easter Prize Bingo Monday 18th April Eyes down 7.30**

We will be holding an Easter Bingo on the 18th April donations for prizes with an Easter theme and Raffle Prizes will be gratefully received please see Ruth or myself.

**The Purbeck Village Quire will be performing at the Hall on Saturday 14th May 7.30 Upper Hall**

This will be a very special evening with the Purbeck Village Quire, we will be providing a bread and cheese supper, please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be attempting to re-vitalise our local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Levels of crime in the village have remained reasonably low.

In addition, of course we have to manage our finances properly, through a Finance Sub-committee, and we have undertaken a full Risk Assessment exercise this year.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to two people for their contribution to the life of the village over many, many years.

Firstly, to Councillor Christopher Maunder for his years of service in a variety of roles, recognised this month by his award of ‘Volunteer of the Year’ by Purbeck District Council.

Secondly, to Mr Jim Ruddock, who has chosen to announce his retirement as Parish Clerk from June after some 36 years in the role. Jim’s knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.

During the period for participation, the Revd Jonathan Paterson gave a report on the progress Bere Regis First School is making towards becoming a Primary School, the extra facilities being installed this Summer to cope with two extra year groups, and on the plans for a completely new school eventually. Talks are continuing with Dorset County Council about funding.

The normal meeting continued after the Parish Meeting.

**Royal Wedding Party Plans**

The Parish Council is pleased to invite Bere Regis residents of all ages to join our village celebration of the Royal Wedding at the Sports Club, North Street 3 - 8pm on Friday 29th April, organised by the Sports Club, the WI and the Parish Council. The event will include:

- **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**
- **WACKY GAMES**
- **CELEBRATION TEA PARTY (byo party food)**
- **HOG ROAST**
- **BAR**
- **FREE CHILDREN’S DRINKS**
For more information, please see the advert and flyers which will be out shortly. If anyone would like to help organise this village event, or if any of our village organisations would like to become involved, please contact me.

Police and Security

Bere Regis remains relatively crime free. But you can join our local ‘Safer Neighbourhood Scheme’ either as an individual or as a local coordinator to help keep your neighbours informed, which is especially useful for parts of the village where residents are away during the day or where vulnerable people live, especially the elderly.

Reporting your concerns to the police can be done using 01202 222 222 / 07825 521900. Please, only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress.

The scheme run by Dorset includes a messaging service which provides you with alerts about local crimes. Current crime trends, gives crime protection advice, provides a newsletter and ask you to be proactive in providing information about a crime or incident. This service is free and can be received by phone, fax or as an email.

To join the scheme please contact your local Parish Councillor Ron Margetts on 01929 472508, ronmargetts@fsmail.net, or contact Jon or Cheryl on the numbers below.

You can contact the Wareham North Safer Neighbourhood Team, PC1813 Jon Stuart and PCSO 8575 Cheryl Belfield, on 01202 222222/07825 521900 or email them at warehamnorthsn@dorset.pnn.police.uk or through the police website www.dorset.police.uk.

THE MORE PEOPLE IN THE SCHEME THE SAFER THE VILLAGE SHOULD BE.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th March 2011 at the Drax Hall starting at 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and to raise any issues or problems in the ‘Public Participation’ period at the beginning of the meeting

Ian Ventham, Chairman
Section 2 Flowers and Plants
21. Gladioli 1 spike
22. 1 single Rose 1 bloom
23. Vase of Dahlias, AV 3 blooms
24. Chrysanthemums 3 stems
25. Vase of one variety of any flower not listed above 3 stems
26. Pot Plants, Foliage, not to exceed 6" pot 1
27. Pot Plant Flowering) not to exceed 10" pot 1
28. Vase of flowers Maximum of 10 stems at least two different varieties 1

Section 3 Floristry
All to be made with Natural plant material all exhibits must occupy a space not exceeding 18" square unless otherwise stated.
29. Pedestal depending on space Royal Wedding
30. Scarecrow Exhibit* All flowers used must all be from your garden
31. Novice class a Table arrangement
32. Petite in Pink & White not to exceed 9 inches in any dimension
33. Perfect partners

Section 6 Photography
34. Life in Bere Regis series of 8 pictures
35. Machinery
36. Sky
37. Coastal Scene
38. Animal or animals
39. Mystery close up
40. A picture of a scarecrow

Details of homecraft and young persons classes next month
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Bere Regis Show & Scarecrow Festival

This will take place on Sunday 14th August, 2011 at the Scout hut. To try and persuade more people to come and take part we are taking Scarecrows as the theme for our show and will incorporate a Scarecrow Festival.

We have slightly reduced the vegetable and flower sections and increased the photography, homecraft and young persons classes. In addition we will be promoting the show by placing scarecrows about the village and asking village organisations to contribute by entering the scarecrow competition. There will be an on site youth competition to dress up as a scarecrow. If one logs onto the internet and google scarecrows there are loads of ideas from other scarecrow festivals. Please have a go at this.

We attach details of the Vegetable, Flowers and floristry classes and photography classes.

Section 1 Vegetables

1. Potatoes, coloured or white 3
2. Onions large, over 250g 3
3. Onions under 250g 3
4. Shallots, large exhibition 5
5. Beetroot A.V. Tops trimmed to approx 40mm 3
6. Carrots A.V. Tops trimmed to 75mm 3
7. Beans Dwarf or French 6
8. Beans runner 6 1
9. Tomatoes, medium or large 3
10. Tomatoes – small fruited. Not to exceed 35mm 1 truss
11. Cucumbers Frame A.V. 2
12. Marrows table 2
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A31 Roadworks

I was asked by a resident of Bere Regis as to the reason for the (hopefully) recent roadworks following the email warning that was issued to the Bere Regis email list. The roadworks include the placing of a big slow down sign by Stag Gate, cantilevered out from the wall. It also includes the widening of the splay at the entrance to Louise lane to improve visibility. It was intended to be completed before the summer traffic started. It is all part of the keeping the road clear for the Olympic traffic in 2012 to allow access from Heathrow to the Olympic site in (I believe) 2.5 hours.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville 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

LOCAL MP

Annette Brooke MP holds regular surgeries in the constituency each week. For details of forthcoming surgeries and to make appointments individuals should phone 01202 693555.

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Sainsbury’s vouchers are available in-store, petrol stations and with online shopping from 9th February to 31st May, 2011 and Tesco vouchers are available in-store from 28th February until 8th May, 2011.

Bingo

Bingo will be on the 8th & 22nd April, 2011. Everyone is made to feel welcome at this regular, local event so please do come along and join us. Refreshments are available during the break.

Contact Us

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

Scouts: Neal Unitt-Jones 01929 472273,
Cubs: Greta Richardson 01258 489131,
Beavers: Susy Hamilton 01929 472793
Scout Hut Hire: Tony King 01929 472054
Bingo: Bet Moss on 01929 471186

General or Group enquiries and offers of help/assistance to Chris Gall 01305 772634 or Christine Whitfield 01929 472159

Christine Whitfield

Remembrance Day Parade, 13th November 2011

The Band is booked and the Parade will be happening.

Bere Regis Scout Group has spoken to Reverend Ian and several members of the British Legion and is planning to keep Remembrance Day special.

More details in the near future, but if you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Christine Whitfield, 01929 472159

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE FORUM - 19TH FEBRUARY 2011

A meeting of the Village Forum on 19th. February 2011 in the Drax Hall was formed of a Total representation of some 15 organisations including the Parish Council, also 4 independent Parishioners of Bere Regis. The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chairman, Ian Ventham, who explained the format and intentions of the meeting.

Topics for discussion included -

The development of a simple emergency contingency plan

A draft plan is currently being formulated by the Parish Council and the following areas were identified:

- Flood
- Crash
- Major Fire
- Inclement Weather i.e. Snow and ice

It was decided that a core of able bodied people should be identified to give support to the emergency services if in attendance. The following skills/competences would be advantageous:

- 4x4 drivers and vehicles
- First aiders
- Carpenters
- Sustenance providers
- Shelter for any evacuees

The matter of removal of snow and ice leading to liability was raised and our MP - Annette Brooke promised to raise a ‘Parliamentary Question’ in order to try to provide a definitive answer’ to this and report back to the Parish Council.

Improved Communications between the Council and Residents

It was suggested that if a village site could be established on Facebook this could
provide a fast and easy route to those utilising such media. However, this would exclude those not on Facebook, particularly older members of the community.

The Royal Wedding - Friday April 29th, 2011

Whilst other organisations are holding their own celebration i.e. Bere Regis First school and the Autumn Leaves, The Parish Council will be happy to facilitate an event in collaboration with the Sports Club. A show of hands was overwhelmingly in favour of such an event. It was felt that most people would possibly prefer to watch the wedding in their own homes and join in with afternoon/early evening events later in the day.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The Parish Council are currently seeking permission to erect three new signs for Bere Regis similar to the stone sign recently erected at the top of Shitterton and it was agreed these could be dedicated to the Diamond Jubilee of our Sovereign’s reign.

Provision for the Youth of the Village

The facilities currently being offered to under 12’s are reasonable and the concern is more for teenagers, particularly those who opt out of supervised events.

Proposals for the sale and relocation of the play park are being negotiated.

The representatives of the Sports Club informed the meeting that a provision for a Multi Use Games Area is proposed for the final stage of development at the Sports Club and this will encourage sports for young ladies.

General Discussion

It was felt that switching off street lighting, whilst economically desirable, could lead to an increase in crime.

The Lengthsman Scheme is now operational and all works will be directed via Martin Howard. This scheme is partially funded via Dorset County Council and it is hoped the village will be a better place for all. Emphasis was put on the removal of dog excrement especially when it is collected and thrown into hedges in plastic bags. The removal of heavy foliage on the bank to widen the footpath along the safer route to school.

The meeting ended with a light lunch of soup and rolls provided.
GARDENING CLUB

At the March meeting we had a visit from the former owners of the Scented Garden at Little Bredy who showed us slides of a wide range of roses from miniature to large climbers and included their culture and diseases.

The March meeting on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30 in the Drax Hall is also the Spring Show and members are encouraged to bring their entries on the evening. There will also be a talk on ‘Clematis’ by Marcus Dancer.

The Club has also organised a coach trip to Thenford House and Arboretum – the home of Michael Heseltine – on Saturday 16th April. Names to Susan Stone please.

THANK YOU

Keith and Nancy Gibson would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers when Keith was so ill and also for the many cards and kind messages of support sent to us both. Keith is now making slow but steady progress.

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B.R.A.S. (Bere Regis Active Support)

HELP WANTED: Would you be able to spend a couple of hours once a month (or indeed every other month/twice a year, perhaps) to help us run our increasingly popular Coffee Morning & Mini Market? These events are a great way for the Group to raise much needed funds and provide a Community event at the same time.

We would like to have four volunteers each month to help us serve tea/coffee/cake, etc. If you would like to come along for 2 hours (e.g. 8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30 or even do the whole 4 hours), please call Christine Whitfield on 01929 472159. Many thanks.

Section News

Cubs

Not much to say really.....their happy smiling faces say it all!

17 Cubs and their Leaders enjoyed a fun-filled weekend at PGL Osmington recently. Doing things that all sections within Scouting do best......trying new things and having FUN!

We received a 25% discount off the cost of the weekend as a direct result of collecting Sainsbury’s Vouchers last year.

Scouts

On the 20th March a team of four Scouts, Terri, Rachel, Cameron & Kai, together with 2 leaders set off for Shurdington, Cheltenham for the 2011 South West Region Scout Cooking Competition. We travelled up on Saturday in the District Mini Bus
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Bere Regis Floral Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Winterborne Kingston village hall at 2pm.

The club welcomes visitors and new members, and would appeal to anyone who loves flowers, art and design and gardening. At present the club has around forty members.

For all information, contact chairman John Astley on 01258 881540 or secretary Sonia Honeywood on 01258 880345.

Future meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, April 12, This meeting is a workshop entitled Ready for Easter, and the tutor is Margaret Simpson from Bearwood.

Tuesday, May 10 and the demonstrator is Katie Baxter from Ringwood, and her title is Divine Inspiration.

Tuesday, June 21, and is a coach outing to RHS Wisley. As the club is affiliated to the RHS, entry to the garden is free, and the cost of the coach is £15.

Tuesday, July 12, when club member Diana Holman will be talking about exhibiting as a flower arranging competitor at Chelsea Flower Show. This will be followed by a strawberry tea.

There is no meeting of the floral group in August.

Tuesday, September 13. The demonstrator is Karen Connon from Corfe Mullen, and her title is Strictly Come Dancing.

Tuesday, October 11. The demonstrator is Marion Catt from Bartley in Hampshire, and her title is Autumn Lights.

The club’s Christmas demonstration is on Tuesday, November 8, and this will be held at the Pamela Hambro Hall at Winterborne Stickland. The demonstrator is Coral Gardiner from Bath.

Diana Holman
one that struck deeply with many of the class. Then we went into the main part of
the chapel where the floor had been taken back to reveal the baptismal pool.
The children were fascinated – and if anyone wants to know how many small
children can fit into the (empty) pool, it is 20, plus the Pastor!

Beyond the facts and figures of our
studies, the overriding theme of the
week was one of tolerance and
acceptance that we don’t
necessarily have to agree with
someone else’s beliefs to get along
with him or her as a fellow human
being. We can also begin to find
common ground. The writings of all
major religions have a version of
the Golden Rule: “Do unto others
as you would have them do unto
you.”

If we have sparked in our children the beginnings of tolerance and
understanding, then we have started them off well.

Debbie Tibbey, Deputy Head Teacher, Bere Regis First School
April starts and we hope that Spring is properly here! At the time of writing, there are daffodils all around the school field and buds on the trees. The grounds man has had the strimmer buzzing merrily in the front of the school for the first time this year, and we’re keeping our eyes open for birds nesting in the boxes we made last summer. We’re even allowing the children outside at lunchtime without their coats, when the sun shines and the wind isn’t too cold.

Another sign of spring is the annual round of chicken pox (or ‘chicken spots’, as one of our Reception Class called them!) We have had a few children off with this illness, though thankfully they seem to bounce back to good health quite quickly. A few lighter mornings and warmer days will surely help.

As mentioned last month, March was National Celebrating RE Month, and our RE week in school went well. Kimmeridge Class, the oldest children in school, made a study of Hinduism, discovering stories of good triumphing over evil and finding out about Hindu worship. They presented a Rama and Sita story in their assembly, narrating and acting out the scenes most impressively. They broke off their study on Shrove Tuesday morning to join in the village pancake race at the recreation grounds. Thanks to the Mothers’ Union for organizing the event, and to the Mums who were able to join in with the race.

Tyneham Class, our Years 1 and 2 children, have been studying Judaism. They had a trip out to the Orthodox Synagogue in Bournemouth to add to their already impressive knowledge of the Jewish faith. They spent the Friday morning with Lynda Ford-Horne, a Jewish teacher who shared details of Jewish family life and celebrations. The children held their assembly as a question and answer session, with Mrs Critchell asking questions and the class answering, and showed that they had learnt a great deal.

Lulworth Class, the Reception children, were finding out about what Christians believe. Having visited the ‘big church’ last term, this time we walked up to the Congregational Chapel to be greeted by Pastor Jim. We were given a brief history of the chapel – originally built as a school room – and saw a video of a Baptism. The concept of washing away old ways and coming up renewed was
200 Club tickets for the year April 2011 to March 2012 – on sale now

Congratulations to all the lucky winners who have won one of the four monthly cash prizes from our 200 Club over the past 12 months. Tickets are now on sale for the next 12 months at £10 per ticket, that’s less than 85p per month. Tickets are available from Pre-School. First draw will take place in April 2011.

Pre-School Admissions

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Debbie Greatorex, Manager, Ragamuffins Pre-School
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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

The March meeting had a change of speaker from that originally advertised “Growing up in the 30’s” as sadly the booked speaker’s wife had been taken ill. As a substitute, John England offered to talk about growing up in the 50’s with some tales about his National Service days.

The April meeting is on Wednesday 13th at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall when David Hawkes is talking about “A Diplomat’s Lot”

The competition is for a Daffodil.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

They are giving a joyous afternoon to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Saturday 16th April at 2.30 p.m. in the village hall. Tickets are £3.50 including a cream tea and are available from Kath - 471175 and Sally - 471022.

This is in aid of the Village Hall so please support us and have a jolly afternoon.

HATS and/or BUTTONHOLES PLEASE

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This year we are pleased to have secured the return of Jamie Squibb and his amazing motorbike stunt performance. The Solent Dog Display team, and one of the most popular areas, the Show Farm are back and there is also a new poultry section. Come and enjoy this wonderful Agricultural Show, full of events and all day entertainment for all the family.

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**RAGAMUFFINS PRE-SCHOOL AT BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL**

**Saucy Bingo Nite**

In these gloomy times we were delighted and extremely grateful to all of the lovely ladies of the village and surrounding areas for their support of our second saucy bingo nite! We had another fun filled and raucous evening and we are thrilled to announce that we raised over £1200 for Ragamuffins. This money will be extremely well spent on important and vital resources for your local pre-school. It is a fun way to raise money and lovely to hear all of the laughter and see local faces enjoying the thrill of winning the all important prizes. Even one of our nan’s won a new tea stirrer! That proves you are never too old for a spot of Saucy Bingo!!!!

Sincere thanks go to all of you who attended and supported us, and also to parents and staff who donated their time, not only during the evening but also with the preparation and clearing up at the end of the night. Special thanks go to Gala Bingo - Tower Park for donating the all important bingo books and bingo pens, Asda - Poole, The Drax Arms and The Springfield Hotel, Wareham who all kindly donated raffle prizes.

A big thank you goes to Sally Cheeseman and her team for letting us use the Drax Hall and it’s fantastic facilities, to Bett for lending us the all important bingo machine and the lovely Lyn Fancy for turning up on the night with a bag of goodies!

We all had a wonderful evening and thanks to all of you for your support and generosity. Of course, the evening wouldn’t have been the same without our fabulous bingo caller Mel, and her trusty assistants Vicky and Claire! Mel has certainly found her forte in bingo calling!! In fact, you may see her at Gala Bingo warming up her balls in the evenings!!!!

**200 Club Winners**

**March 2011**

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**Rhubarb Cobbler**

Rhubarb should be plentiful by now

- 1 1/2lbs Rhubarb
- 3 tbsp orange juice
- 3oz caster sugar
- 7oz self raising flour
- 8fl oz natural yogurt
- grated rind of 1 med. orange
- 2tbs demerara sugar
- 1 tea spoon ground ginger
- custard to serve

Cook the rhubarb with the orange juice and two-thirds of the sugar until tender then transfer to an ovenproof dish.

Mix the flour with the remaining caster sugar, then gradually stir in enough yogurt to make a soft dough.

Roll out the dough to a square about 10 inches. mix the orange rind, demerara sugar and ginger, then sprinkle third mix over the dough. Roll up the dough, quite tightly, then cut into about 10 slices and arrange the dough over the rhubarb,

Bake for about 15/20 minutes, serve with warm custard.

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**BERE REGIS W.I.**

You would be forgiven for thinking someone had been fly tipping if you were at our Feb. meeting.

However, Mr. Neil Randall, [of Purbeck District Council] who kindly stood in for Jan Dutton, quickly assured the ladies and proceeded to explain the various categories into which our rubbish is divided. Once sorted, the destination of each type of rubbish was then explained – a surprisingly small percentage to landfill – but still too much! Mr. Randall then passed round a variety of objects made through re-cycling – eg. a purse, a pencil case and the pencils to go in it! Discussion then turned to ‘BINS’. Some ladies wished to avail themselves of the “Assisted Re-Cycling Scheme” provided by Purbeck District Council, which Mr. Randall readily agreed to set in motion. Extra re-cycling bins are available from the Council but if extra bins were purchased elsewhere “please keep them to the size of those provided by the Council”. “Blue Bags”, also provided by the Council for re-cycling, are ‘out of stock’ at the moment but will be delivered to Bere Post Office when available.

Our thanks to Mr. Randall for a lively and informative discussion.

Some of our ladies assisted at the Pancake Race on Tues. 8th Feb. which, thanks to Sally Cheeseman, was highly successful and raised £180.00 for charity

Our next meeting, at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall, will be the Annual Meeting when the committee and officers for the coming year will be elected, nominations having been taken at the March meeting.

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