DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2011

**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

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

**December**

**2nd** Pop in Place Christmas Prize Bingo 10.30 a.m

**6th** Gardening Club - Brian Edwards talk plus Mince Pies 7.30 p.m.

**7th** Mothers’ Union Christmas Party, Turberville Court 7.30 p.m.

**14th** Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon 2.30 p.m.

**16th** Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies 10.00 a.m.

**17th** Pop in Place Performers Christmas Show 6.00 p.m.

**2012**

**July**

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

**THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE**

The Rev’d Canon Ian Woodward
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**Our Mission:**
To encourage awareness of the presence of God through worship music and the arts;

**Our Vision:**
To make Christ’s love known in the world today and to live out his teaching.

**THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE**

With that very cold and snowy Christmas beginning to fade from our memories just a little and whatever our views on global warming, it was, right on cue – St Valentine’s Day when my resident frogs began their annual frenzied mating activity in the Vicarage pond. The sign of snowdrops in bloom and daffodils spurring cheers and hopefully inspires us as we emerge from the discomfort of winter. It’s a sure sign of Spring on the way though it is still mid February. So in spite of all the technological development at our disposal that makes life more comfortable whatever the weather and the time of year we still cannot avoid being governed.
by the seasons. Indeed, we are changed by them – whether we are humans or frogs. This change is innate – something we are born with, something naturally within us. The younger we are, very often the more open we are to seek the new and the (probably) exciting, and yet as we get older we very often become ever more reluctant to change.

In the wider world change is very much the order of the day – the unrest in Tunisia and Algeria, in Jordan and Libya and Yemen and Bahrain and particularly in Egypt is about the desire for change and has been much inspired by younger citizens seeking a greater say in the policies and governance of their countries. This desire for a greater say in what is done in their name is natural and just and if it is not available it is a denial of human rights. This was very much in evidence in Sudan in January where I was tasked with being an ‘International Observer’ which sounds somewhat grand but was an important task to see that the vote for independence from or unity with the Northern Sudan was properly and transparently conducted to the satisfaction of the International Community. This was important so that a Government of a new and independent South Sudan could be recognised internationally. The election was very well conducted and we hope that on the 9th July this year, South Sudan will declare its independence. But we need to be aware that there will also be some fundamental changes in northern Sudan where the president there has said that whilst recognising the will of southern Sudanese people to be independent he would declare North Sudan to be an Islamic state governed according to the principles of Sharia law. We need to hold all of the people of Sudan be they Northern or Southern Sudanese, Muslims or Christians – they all need and deserve to live in peace and harmony within Sudan and their region of Africa whatever their tribe or clan or faith may be. What is clear is that North Africa and parts of the Middle East are inevitably going to change.

Change is also much in mind as we enter the Church’s reflective season of Lent – that takes us from Ash Wednesday on the 8th of this month to Palm Sunday, Holy Week Good Friday to Easter Day itself and this the most important day in our whole year because we are at heart an ‘Easter People’. Jesus by dying on Good Friday and rising again early in the morning on Easter Day changes us so that we are ultimately liberated to eternal life but in the meantime we all have work to do changing this world and ourselves building God’s kingdom.

As part of our Lentern journey there are two activities we would be delighted if you would join us in – our Lent Lunches in Bere Regis Church at 12.30pm each Wednesday in Lent. It’s a simple lunch of soup and bread and donations are passed on to Christian Aid. Secondly we have a Lent Course each Monday evening alternating either at The Vicarage in Bere Regis or at Bladentye in Briantspuddle on Mondays at 7.30pm. It’s not very churchy and all you need to do is come along with an open mind. It is an opportunity to think a little more about what it means to be ‘Fully Alive’. I hope you will join us and do let me know if you would like to know more – there are some helpful guidance notes. Place and

| **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.  
| 6th Mothers’ Union Social Evening Turberville Court |  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 |  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 |  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 Havest Supper | 7.30 p.m.  
| 5th Mothers’ Union Holy Communion | 7.30 p.m. |  

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9th  Autumn Leaves - Life in the Army (John England)  2.30 p.m.
9th  Mothers’ Union - Holy Communion, The Church  7.30 p.m.
11th Pop in Place Bingo, Drax Lower Hall  10.30 a.m.
24th  Service for Lady Day, Blandford Parish Church  2.30 p.m.

**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  Pop in Place Easter Bonnets & Easter Egg Raffle  10.00 - 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  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  Pop in Place Village Quiz  7.30 p.m.
13th  Mothers’ Union Cream Tea, Turberville Court
16th  Autumn Leaves - Turnpikes and Dorset Coaching Days  2.30 p.m.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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**CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH**

**Sunday 6th March**

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

**Sunday 9th March**

7pm Benefice Communion for Ash Wednesday **Bere Regis**

**Sunday 13th March**

8am Holy Communion **Bere Regis**
9.15am Parish Communion **Affpuddle**
11am Junior Church Family Service with Holy Baptism **Bere Regis**

**Monday 14th March**

7.30pm Benefice Lent Course (1) – ‘Fully Alive’ **The Vicarage, Bere Regis**

**Wednesday 16th March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church, Bere Regis

**Sunday 20th March**

8am Holy Communion **Affpuddle**
9.15am Parish Communion **Bere Regis**
12noon Holy Baptism **Bere Regis**
6pm Evensong **Bere Regis**
CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

Monday 21st March
7.30pm Beneﬁce Lent Course (2) – ‘Fully Alive’  Bladentropy
Briantspuddle

Wednesday 23rd March
12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church  Bere Regis

Sunday 27th March  Third Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11am Mattins  Bere Regis

Monday 28th March
7.30pm Beneﬁce Lent Course (3) – ‘Fully Alive’  The Vicarage, Bere Regis

Wednesday 30th March
11.30am Mid-week Communion followed by Bere Regis
12.15pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church Bere Regis

Sunday 3rd April  Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
6pm Evensong  Bere Regis

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

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

CHURCH AND VILLAGE
ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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<td>Andrew Jones</td>
<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andrew@jones.co.uk">andrew@jones.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Monthly Turville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm</td>
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<td>Autumn Leaves</td>
<td>Margaret Dann  Kath Jeeves</td>
<td>472374 472374</td>
<td>4 Bichams Mead “Larkspur” Snow Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterlyshill@hotmail.com">peterlyshill@hotmail.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-Fysh</td>
<td>471314</td>
<td>92/93 The Cross, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football</td>
<td>Roger Dunkanson  Herbie Swann  Luke White</td>
<td>472411 472411</td>
<td>23 Sherton Close, BH20 7LA</td>
<td><a href="mailto:duncanson@live.com">duncanson@live.com</a></td>
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<td>Ian Ventham Chairman</td>
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<td>Shifteaton Farmhouse BH20 7LU</td>
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<td>Camelot, Affpuddle BH20 7NH</td>
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<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bichams Mead BH20 7ND</td>
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<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>Steven Battishill - Headteacher</td>
<td>471334</td>
<td>Rye Hill BH20 7LP</td>
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<td>Greta Richardson  Carl Grigg</td>
<td>01258 489131 472470</td>
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### 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 Bere Regis
2.30pm Service of Marriage Blessing Bere Regis

### Sunday 17th April – Palm Sunday

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### Monday 18th April

7.30pm Benefice Lent Course (6) ‘Fully Alive’ and House Communion, Bladentlye, 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
12.30pm Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, in Church, Bere Regis
**CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL**

**Thursday 21st April – Maundy Thursday**

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

**Friday 22nd April – Good Friday**

10am   Good Friday Prayers and Walk over Black Hill
       Bere Regis
10.30am Children’s activity building the Easter Garden and hot cross buns
          Affpuddle
2pm    Service of Good Friday meditation
       Affpuddle

**Sunday 24th April – Easter Day - Halleluiah**

6am    Easter Dawn Service and breakfast (white)
       Bere Regis
9.15am Benefice Easter Day Communion
       Affpuddle
11am   Family service for Easter
       Bere Regis

**Sunday 1st May - First Sunday of Easter**

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

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On Wednesday lunchtimes during Lent, our Church is filled with the delicious smells of homemade soup. It is that time of the year again – our weekly Lent Lunches are in aid of Christian Aid. If you have not been before, we enjoy a simple but satisfying lunch of soup, bread and butter and tea or coffee in our Church. Our soup-makers tempt you with a choice of two types of soup each week – the only problem would be choosing which, except that there is usually enough for ‘seconds’! Do come along on Wednesdays from the 16th March until the 20th of April at 12.30pm in the Church. You will enjoy both soup and company!

We realise that our Communion Services are a bit early on Sunday mornings and not everyone who wants to take communion is able to come. We have decided to introduce and simple, short Communion Service once a month. The first one will be on Wednesday 30th March at 11.30am. That is before the Lent Lunch, which will start a little earlier that day, so why not come to the Service and then enjoy lunch with us. If you would like to come but have difficulty getting to the Church, please let me know and I will try to arrange transport or a wheelchair pusher!

I hope to see you there.

Sarah Welton, Church Warden, Tel. 01929 471562

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

We have been busy practicing on Wednesday evenings with the kind help of visiting ringers from Wool and Puddletown.

New ringers who have never tried before or those who have learnt and got out of practice are always welcome just come to the church at 6.30pm on a Wednesday evening.

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

The next children's activity morning will be about:

Turning Water into Wine

Sunday 13th March

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.

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00 -11.30 a.m.) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

BRIANTSPUDDLE BOOK SWAP CLUB

Three Years Old

The Briantspuddle Book Swap Club is entering its fourth year and we wish to thank all our regular customers that turn out come rain or shine to swap books and have a chat over a coffee.

How it works

Just come along with a book that you no longer want and swap it for one or more books from our ever changing selection, mostly novels and biographies – a bargain at 25p per book borrowed. There is no membership to pay. Refreshments are always available: freshly brewed coffee or tea with biscuits or homemade cake. If you don’t need to swap a book we will still be delighted to serve you with refreshments.

We are always pleased to welcome new ‘members’ so bring your friends along and introduce them to our regular customers. Refreshments are free on your first visit.

The Future

We are hoping to encourage more participants this year to support us in recycling books, saving energy and supporting your local community and having fun doing so.

We are planning to include a plant stall at the Book Swap on May 7th and during the summer months there will be garden produce for sale.

Next Meeting

Meetings are usually held on the second Saturday in the month. The next meeting is March 12th at Briantspuddle Village Hall starting at 10am.

Contact details –

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Angie Talbot - 19 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle                  Tel: 01929 472483
e-mail – angie@pbtalbot.plus.com
alternatives seem to be to ask the parish or town council to pay the county council to run the library. This is probably too expensive for virtually any parish that has a library. The other alternative is to hand the building over to the ‘community’ to run as a voluntary or part paid Friends group. Some small towns are keen to work on this and turn library buildings into town hubs, meeting rooms, parish offices, health drop in centres etc.

The mobile Library system is seen as vital to take over where some libraries shut, however criteria on use will be tightened up and some stops could be lost in order to go elsewhere. It may be worth seeing if combining the Library with some other regular activity by changing the time may help increase use.

**Bus shelter**

There has been a long delay but negotiations are ongoing with the relevant landowner about the position of the bus shelter. The parish council agreed to authorise buying the proposed shelter, which is being part funded by a small county council grant, and it is hoped that it will be in use in the next few months.

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 9 March, 2011 at 7pm.

For more information, look at [www.briantspuddle.info](http://www.briantspuddle.info)

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

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**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

John Painter at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis, on 1st February, and cremation at Poole
AN OUTCOME FROM THE AUCTION OF PROMISES

THANK YOU TO PETER AND PAT WHARF

Many thanks to you both for hosting a wonderful dinner as part of the auction for promises church fund raising event. Your tireless preparation during the week certainly paid off and we were able to sample an extremely wide selection of curry and vegetable dishes on the actual night. Pat Brady particularly appreciated the ambience of “The Old Vicarage” and Alec and I cheerfully watched as he ambled (or was that staggered) back home at the end of the night. Special thanks must go to Sarah and Pat for bidding for the prize in the first place and we would also like to thank our fellow diners Debbie and Simon Scott and Julie and Chris Sutton for making our evening so enjoyable. Should this event be available at the next church auction of promises we thoroughly recommend everybody bid for the prize.

Mary and Alec Lillie

THANK YOU

Audrey, Denise, Stephen, Elaine and family would like to thank everyone who attended John’s funeral. It was of great comfort to the family to see so many friends of his attend the church. Thank you also for the many cards and messages of sympathy received by them at this sad time. Our thanks also to Canon Ian Woodward for the lovely service, John England for the reading, Kath Jeeves for flowers and The Royal Oak.

Mary and Alec Lillie

Wind turbine

Members considered a planning application to install a 55 metre high wind turbine with 32 metre diameter blades at Rogershill Farm. Whilst Members are not opposed generally to wind turbines, they objected to this application as they believed it would constitute an irreversible impact on the landscape with a resultant loss of amenity to both residents and users of the footpath network. It was felt there would also be a detrimental impact on wildlife, particularly birds, and generate an unacceptable level of noise. There was insufficient evidence submitted of wind speed to determine if the height of the turbine was appropriate and Members requested that an environmental impact assessment be carried out. Concerns were also expressed that a precedent could be set that could lead to a proliferation of wind turbines across the landscape.

Libraries

Although the county councillor was away, she had sent a written report on county council plans, as part of their proposed budget cuts, to force the funding of 20 libraries onto community and town and parish councils. The new national crime map on www.police.uk and the “stop the thief” initiative which is in conjunction with the National Farmers Union (NFU).

It was learnt that there had been a substantial theft of lead from Wool church roof and also thefts of domestic fuel in the Lulworth area. Recent Traveller movements were also discussed and it was reported that Travellers from a recently closed site had moved onto another site out of the district.

This prompted a general discussion about securing the site in Sares Wood to try and prevent any further illegal use by Travellers. This parish council has applied to the county council to have the highway through the wood that the Travellers camp on downgraded to a bridleway. This would enable more effective barricades to be put up which would prevent vehicles but not horses and walkers/cyclists.

All the relevant land owners support the parish council in this initiative as this stretch of highway is hardly ever used. It is a very long and drawn out process though and any letters of support would be welcome. If you wish add your support, please write to the parish clerk at 2 St Catherines, Wimborne BH21 1BE or email at anthony@abraine.wanadoo.co.uk.
The Development Programme.

At the end of January confirmation was received that the anticipated grants from Viridor Credits and Dorset County Council had been approved and at the same time The Garfield Weston Trust also awarded a grant towards the village hall development project.

These latest grants amount to £95,000 and the accumulated funds for the project now match the required amount of working capital to proceed with the hall development works.

A meeting was held with the architects on the 8th February to review and agree the tender documentation and these are to be released to prospective contractors by the end of February, any local contractors interested in tendering for the work should contact The John Stark and Crickmay Partnership.

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The architects advise that tender responses should be received within one month of issue of the tender documents and that building work could be expected to commence about one month later and will take approximately five months to complete.

The tenders will probably be returned after the dead line for the April Parish magazine: news will be posted on the web site and information posted on the Parish notice boards. The Secretaries of the Regular User groups will be sent information together with neighbours and other interested parties.

Pete Talbot

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNE SPRUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Police update

At the parish council meeting of 9 February Members heard from the area’s Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Sam Shewbridge. She updated the meeting on recent developments which included a brief overview of the

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Spring Fayre and Coffee Morning
On Saturday 9th April 10.30am - 12 Noon
Crafts
Cakes
Plants
Coffee
Books and other stalls
All Welcome
Please Join Us
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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Mowing Rota March-April 2011

The mowing season is upon us once again. As the grass no longer seems to want to stop growing until at least November I have extended the rota to cover October. In view of this fact we are more than ever in need of as many mowers as we can get and any additional volunteers will be most welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer to join the rota should contact Steve Sanderson on 01305 848812. A rota and instruction will be circulated before the end of February.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

In last month’s magazine I reported that I was arranging for Gwen Yarker to give a power point talk on The Public Catalogue Foundation which includes our unique village hall portraits. Gwen has agreed to give the talk on Thursday 24th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Entrance will be £3 and it promises to be a very interesting evening so do make a date for 24th March.

In October last year I attended a fascinating talk given by Dr. Allan Dodge about West Gallery Music. I obtained Dr. Dodge’s details and provisional arrangements have been made for him to visit Briantspuddle on Thursday 27th October more details in future magazine.

Philippa Thorniley

I have just received the following information about the talk on 24th March and the lecturer, Gwen Yarker. This talk sounds even more promising than I anticipated!

Philippa Thorniley

Picturing Dorset: The Public Catalogue Foundation Project

With a Masters degree in nineteenth-century British art from the Courtauld Institute, Gwen has been an art curator in national and provincial museums. As an independent art historian Gwen has worked on museum collections and HLF bids for museums is an experienced exhibition curator, lecturer and writer and was Dorset coordinator for the recently published Dorset edition of the Public Catalogue Foundation.

She is the curator Georgian Faces: Portrait of a County and author of the accompanying exhibition catalogue, funded by The Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art. Gwen was recently awarded a Caird Fellowship for a research project at the National Maritime Museum.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from February through to October. New members are invited to join. Contact Guy Storey – 471041 for membership forms and details.

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**ROGS mini tour** - Bowood Golf and Country Club, Calne (10th - 12th June 2011).

**Annual Cricket Match and BBQ** -

**ROGS annual tour** - Hammamet, Tunisia (9th - 16th October 2011)

**AGM** - Bere Regis Sports Club - 10th November 2011

**Christmas Cup of Good Cheer/Dinner Dance** -
John Painter

Ralph Frederick John Painter known to all as John was born on March 31st, 1932 at Wynford Eagle to Sue & Fred Painter – their first born. Brother Charlie followed 17 months later. Later, the family moved to Giles Cross where John attended Bradford Peveral Primary School.

Some of Charlie’s earliest memories whilst living at Giles Cross near Maiden Newton during the war was of them both getting into trouble with their Mum for going off into the fields, picking up spent cartridges which had dropped to the ground following dog-fights in the skies above, and the time when two German planes machine-gunned the train at Stratton.

School was at Bradford Peverell and Audrey says that John fondly recalled school holidays spent on his uncle’s farm in nearby Littlewood and John was often seen and heard singing to himself whilst sitting on a favourite fence. Another memory was of having refugees from Southampton living with the family – Elsie and Dinks Parker, two girls who remained friends with the family for many years.

After moving around West Dorset the family eventually settled in Milborne St. Andrew for a few years and, on leaving school, John began work at the Milk Factory. He stayed here from 6 months before the family then moved to Winterbourne Anderson.

It was at this time that John began playing Cricket for Winterbourne Kingston and Football for Bere Regis. He was also a keen dart player.

He made lots of friends in Bere Regis and it was whilst joining them on one occasion that he spotted Audrey, and Audrey believes they first saw each other when they were shopping at Beamister Stores in Bere Regis. He always maintained to the Grandchildren in later years, that when he first met her she was drunk! How true that was, we’ll never know, but Audrey graciously permitted the legend to remain even though she says she has never been drunk in her life.

Eventually John and Audrey were married in Bere Regis church on February 27th, 1954 and went on to have three children – Denise, Stephen and Elaine who in turn provided them with three grandchildren – Kristian, Simon and Helen, who were very dear to him. John & Audrey lived in Bloxworth for around 4 years before moving on to the farm at Winterbourne Anderson where John was principally the tractor who settled the nerves and opened the scoring before Torres Moss scored from a perfect cross by Louis Lamps Moore. Jacob Hansell not to be outdone, got in on the act with a deft finish at the near post from a corner to make it 3-0 at half time.

The second half saw two more goals for Torres Moss to complete his hat trick, one from a delightful through ball from Josh Hamilton, whilst Louis Lamps Moore capped a fine display with a sweetly struck goal. However, goal of the game came from a delightfully worked move with a beautiful cross from Oscar ‘ramires’ Rayner, and Ed ‘van der’ Kent finishing crisply at the far post. Yet another clean sheet for dan the cat miller in the Bere goal and his interchangeable defence of Morgan ‘freeman’ Goldsack, Lawrence White, Josh Hamilton and Mossa, whilst Harry ‘Hos’ Bastian made a solid debut appearance in a defensive role.

Torres Moss not only took home the match ball but the Man of the match award as well for a disciplined performance.

RBL WOMEN’S SECTION

The group met on 19th January with sixteen members present with apologies from Mrs O Curtis.

Minutes were read and duly signed, then correspondence which was two letters, one of which was an invitation from the Wimborne branch for a dedication of their new Standard. The Secretary will reply. The Treasurer gave her report on accounts and stated that our Poppy Appeal for the last year amounted to £251.30. She then congratulated everyone for their efforts.

There followed a brief outline and summary on the County Conference. We then discussed our next meeting which will be our Soup Lunch and we shall invite the men to join us.

The Chairman then introduced our speaker who was Sarah and her dogs. We had a very interesting talk and demonstration on the care of dogs. She has brought two of her lovely and well behaved dogs with her. One did some tricks and his party piece. After she had finished speaking the dogs went around to make friends with everyone. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Cockburn.

We will be having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th March at 10.30 am at Turberville Court. We would like to see you there as we do need more money for our servicemen and women.

Flowers for the Cenotaph in March - Mrs Hartley.
Juniors U10 Section C

Bere Regis 2 Wimborne 8

Bere and a number of supporters wished that the elongated winter break had continued a little longer, as torrential rain greeted the players at the rec of dreams for this game. Wimborne took the lead early on but Bere replied with a goal from a diving header from Luke Selby Grace and then took the lead with a goal from Louis’Lamps’ Moore. Wimborne then rallied with 3 quick goals to lead 2-4 at half time.

Following a half time chat in the dry and warm changing rooms, the conditions worsened during the second half and there were thoughts of calling the RNLI. Despite Wimborne scoring four more goals, all credit to the Bere lads who never gave up and continued to the final whistle.

Oscar Rayner was named Man of the Match for his tireless effort and never give up attitude.

Broadstone 0 Bere Regis 4

An excellent first half display by Bere, laid the foundations for an impressive win and more importantly a clean sheet. Luke Selby Grace settled the Bere nerves with a firm strike before a well worked goal with quick passing bagged him his second and Bere led 2-0 at half time. Goalkeeper Dan ‘the cat miller’ was largely untroubled during the first half and even took to a spot of sunbathing!

With a depleted squad for this game, tiredness took its toll in the second half, but despite a performance not as good as that in the first half, Bere scored two more goals with ‘smiley face’ Luke Selby Grace completing his hat-trick and Oscar Rayner bagging the fourth.

Man of the match went to Lawrence White who didn’t put a foot wrong all afternoon.

Durweston 0 Bere Regis 7

Another excellent display, and once again it was smiley face Luke Selby Grace driver. Work on the farm meant long days for John during the harvest and although the children did not realise it at the time, and as Stephen says Dad worked very hard to keep his family. There were occasional holiday trips away with the family to Sandy Bay in Devon.

A phone call to Audrey recently from Ron Fancy reminded her of the fun times John and Ron had together during their time at Bloxworth. Their popular meeting place was in the toilets (in those days, at the top of the garden). These were back to back, and John and Ron had many conversations putting the world to right (and much more besides). Allegedly, one of them even fired an airgun at some of Audrey’s underwear hanging on the washing line – to much mirth !

Eventually, having been made redundant from the farm, John & Audrey moved to Bere Regis in 1979 and John began a job at Milton Abbey School. He really enjoyed his time at the school in those lovely buildings and wonderful grounds. He made many friends, and met up again with old friends who also worked there.

On retirement from the school in 1997 his one true hobby was his garden, and that of gardening for some of the neighbours and his Brother and Sister-in-law, Trish & John Lewis at Rye Hill.

John was always a Dorset man – not a keen traveller. Audrey says that you couldn’t make John travel as he would ‘holidays are for resting not travelling’ and he loved being at home with the family and especially later loved being with his grandchildren.

About five years ago the early signs of Dementia began to afflict John which led to a gradual retreat from village life, although he still went with Audrey every Thursday into Blandford for the weekly shop, and on for Dinner with Elaine and her family.

Throughout this time Audrey coped with his gradual decline and cared for him at home until these last few weeks.

Denise, Stephen and Elaine ‘want Mum to know how proud they are of her for the love care and devotion she has shown Dad over the last few years. Without her care he would not have been able to stay at home for as long as he did. We will always be grateful’.
March 2011

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Bere Regis 2  Blandford Utd. Res 0 (Dorset Div 1)
An important victory for Bere that keeps them tugging on the shirt tails of the leaders. Graeme Rose scored his customary brace but what pleased Russell Ferguson Hewitt was the first clean sheet for a number of games.

SUNDAYS seniors

Upton FC 6  Bere Regis 3
9 man Bere took the lead and led 3-1 at half time, but the exploits of the previous night took its toll and they eventually ended up loosing. Goals came from young Jake Muscato and a brace from Nicholas White.

Bere Regis 3  Poole Wanderers 4
Bere took the lead on three occasions but eventually ended up throwing the game away late in the second half in a windswept game at the rec. Everything was all white for a while, with Nick White scoring from the spot and with a sublime free kick, and Rob White scoring with a neat finish. Despite some fine saves by stand in keeper P 'diddy' Maklin it wasn’t enough and poole scored with almost the last kick of the game.

Springers 9  Bere Regis 3
Another late night the evening before, resulted in Bere finding themselves 3-0 down at half time. Matty Elford, Will Spurdell and Nick white replied for Bere but unfortunately twice that number did the same for Springers.

Flight Refueling 3  Bere 3
Bere ended their loosing streak but should have won this game. Matty Elford scored a brace and Nick White continued his impressive goalscoring run, but it wasn’t enough as Flight Refueling scored in the dying minutes.
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

Events in March
BINGO – This will be held at the club on Sunday 27th March at 8 p.m.

BERE REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB
SATURDAYS seniors
Shaftebury Res. 1 Bere Regis 2 (Dorset Div 1)
After an elongated winter break due to the weather, Bere won a hard fought game despite Nick White missing a first half penalty. However, Nick was man enough to step up and dispatch a penalty early in the second half to give Bere the lead. Matty Bennett then doubled the lead with a well worked goal, following some good work from Ian “blast from the past” Michie. However, Mr Michie

Bere Regis Parish Church
Giant Cake and Plant Sale
In aid of church funds
Saturday 30th April
10am - 12 noon
in Wareham Town Hall

All Welcome
Please Join Us
Bere Regis Church
Annual Coach Trip

Saturday 30th April 2011

Winchester Cathedral

We will be leaving the car park at 8.30 am.

A fabulous opportunity to not only appreciate this magnificent building but also visit other attractions in the city - such as the Great Hall (home of King Arthur's Round Table) and the six Military Museums.

Cost £16

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BERE REGIS WILDLIFE WATCH

Wildlife is now just beginning to show signs that Spring is fast approaching and soon there will be a blaze of colour to be seen including the charming wild daffodils that we are fortunate enough to have growing in some of our local woods.

Last month we held our meeting on the importance of Churchyards for wildlife. We were delighted to have a really good attendance. We mentioned that Ian Woodward and the PCC have agreed that we set aside a small area in the corner of Bere Regis that we will improve as a wildlife habitat.

This should provide an attractive addition to our ancient Churchyard. We plan to hold a working party to carry out some work on this in the near future. Anyone who would be prepared to help please contact Tony Bates on 471563 or Sarah Welton on 471562.

Our next meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th March at Turbeville Court. The subject will be an illustrated talk by Tony Bates 'the Wildlife and Scenery of Bere Regis through the Seasons'.

We will follow this up in April with a village walk.

T.B.

When you respond to advertisers, do please tell them you saw their advert in this magazine - it helps them monitor the effectiveness of their advert and helps us generate more advertising revenue.
Someone in our fellowship recently read out these telling words,

"I was regretting the past, and fearing the future. Suddenly my LORD was speaking – "My Name is I AM." He paused. I waited. He continued. "When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My Name is not I WAS. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I will not be there. My Name is not I WILL BE. When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I AM (here)."

Are you in a hard place today? Now? At this moment? Then call upon the One who is there right with you at this moment. The One who says I AM here for you.

With love in Jesus,

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

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- 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

A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

or

"Salmagundi musicae"

by a peripatetic organist

“HENRY WILLIS”

“Father Willis”

Henry Willis (1821-1901), in England, and Aristide Cavaillé-Coll (1811-1899), in France, rivalled one another in producing organs which were not only integrated and beautiful instruments but also showed qualities of durability, engineering skill and attention to detail which were scarcely to be matched elsewhere. It is hardly disputed that Henry Willis was the greatest of the 19th century British organ-builders.

Henry Willis was born on 27th April 1821, the son of a North London builder. At an early age he became friendly with George Cooper, later the sub-organist of St. Paul’s Cathedral, and the two boys learnt to play the organ without formal lessons but with a few hints from Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), the St. Paul’s cathedral organist. In 1835, when he was 14 years old, Willis was articled for 7 years to John Gray (later of the most renowned organ building firm of Gray and Davison). During his apprenticeship he invented the special manual and pedal couplers which he used in all his instruments for over 60 years. Willis tuned the organ at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor, and was encouraged by the organist there, Sir George Elvey (1816-93). While still an apprentice, Willis was appointed organist of Christ Church, Hoxton, and later he became organist of Hampstead Parish Church, where he had built an organ. Then for nearly 30 years he was organist of the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, from which he resigned only after he was well over the age of 70. In spite of the claims of his work in many parts of the British Isles, he would often travel 150 miles on a Saturday in order to be present at the Sunday services (the railways were efficient in those days!). After his apprenticeship expired he lived in Cheltenham for 3 years, where he assisted the musical instrument-maker, W. E. Evans. They produced a two-manual free-reed organ with two and a half octaves of pedals. This was a precursor of the “American” organ (a type of harmonium similar to that locally at Almer church). Evans was a genius in reed-voicing and undoubtedly, as in the case of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, Willis owed his superlative skill in voicing organ reeds to his early experience in obtaining the most musical results from the brass tongues of harmonium-type reeds. Henry met the great organist Samuel Sebastian Wesley at Cheltenham and this led to the rebuilding of the
Gloucester Cathedral organ in 1847 (for which he received the princely sum of £400!), which marked the establishment of Willis as an independent organ-builder (and allowed him to marry).

For the Great Exhibition of 1851 in the Crystal Palace, built in Hyde Park, Willis erected the largest of the organs shown in the building. Patrons had lent him money to finance such a magnificent instrument, which brought him much fame and set the seal on his ability and revealed his qualities not only as a maker and voicer of organ pipes but as an engineer and inventor as well. The instrument had 3 manuals and a pedalboard of 32 notes, 70 speaking stops and 7 couplers. There were also important features which went a long way towards revolutionising the control of the instrument. Brass discs, we know as "pistons", inserted in the key-slips between the manuals, replaced the composition pedals which drew the stops "in blocks" as in the organ at Bere Regis. Barker-lever pneumatic servo action (tiny wind pressure bellows) was applied to the manuals, and to use Willis’s own words, "that Exhibition organ was the great pioneer of the improved pneumatic movement. A child could play the keys with all the stops drawn. It never went wrong". A large part of this instrument was subsequently erected in Winchester Cathedral as a four-manual organ and most of the pipework functions to this day in spite of rebuilds at various times by Hele, builder of the Puddletown organ, and Harrison of the famous organ builders Harrison & Harrison. (Go on the Bere Regis Church Annual Coach Trip, to Winchester Cathedral on 30th April, to see this instrument for yourself!). Cavaillé-Coll always preferred and retained the mechanical tracker system rather than the pneumatic system. Today the advantages and disadvantages of both systems are still the subject of great debate amongst organists!

The Exhibition organ was the means of procuring Willis the order for the organ at St. George’s Hall, Liverpool, which became a Mecca for music lovers, before the days of frequent orchestral tours, owing to the superb skill of William Thomas Best (1826-97) as a player, particularly in the symphonic and orchestral style. Those of you who read the “View from the Loft” in the August 2010 edition of this magazine will not be surprised to learn that Willis had serious differences with S. S. Wesley, the “expert” retained by the Liverpool Corporation who wanted both the pedals and manuals to begin at GG. Willis accepted a compromise and built the organ with manual compass a 4th longer than at present, but with a CC pedal (as we have today). Willis got the idea of the radiating and concave pedal-board for which he became famous at the Great Exhibition. When inspecting a German instrument in company with Wesley, the latter suggested that Schulze, the builder, should not only have made his pedalboard concave but should have made his pedals radiate from an imaginary centre behind the player’s back. Willis actually gave Wesley full credit for this idea. (The 1904 Bishop organ at Bere Regis has a parallel concave pedalboard and the 1906 Hele organ at Puddletown has Willis’s design of radiating concave pedalboard. The re-built hybrid Bevington instrument at Affpuddle has a parallel flat pedalboard common to many organs of the day). Willis was largely responsible for showing English organists of the latter half of the 19th century how to play the pedal organ, and in fact played a separate pedal

What’s in a Name?

What’s in a name? We may not like the name we were given by our parents. We may even have felt strongly enough to have it changed by Deed Poll. But names are important. It wouldn’t be the same if we all had numbers – somehow that would make us feel less than human. But when someone speaks our name we are endowed with a special identity. Names of course all have meanings as any good etymologist will tell you. But don’t believe everything you read on those personalised mugs in Clintons!! They are usually there to make you feel what a good and virtuous person you are. Having said that my named mug reads – “James - comes from the Hebrew Jacob and means ‘supplanter, cheat, and schemer’!Oops!

Names in the Bible were always important because they often described the nature of the person. When Our Creator God reveals Himself through the pages of scripture there are many names that give us an insight into His divine identity. Jesus touched on some of those names when He came to reveal God to us – “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”. “I am the Good Shepherd”. “I am the True Vine”. “I am the Light of the Word”. But the one name that perhaps is most intriguing and mysterious is found in the Old Testament account of Moses’ dialogue with the Almighty, recorded for us in Exodus chapter 3. In answer to Moses enquiry about how he should describe God to the Israelites, he receives this astonishing reply from the Lord – “tell them, I AM has sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14).

This name embraces the fact that God is completely independent, that He relies on nothing for life or existence. Life is in Himself. He is the eternal God. There was never a time when He did not exist, or a time when He will not exist. The question “who created God?” is simply not relevant to One who is eternal. But there is also an inherent idea behind the name I AM that God is “the becoming one” – He becomes whatever is lacking in our time of need. The name I AM invites us to fill in the blank to meet our need – when we are in darkness, Jesus says I am Light; when we are hungry He says I am the Bread of life; when we are defenceless He says I am the Good Shepherd. He is the ever present God – there for us.
Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Of over a thousand organs which he built or rebuilt some of the most notable are the organs at the cathedrals of Gloucester (1847), Winchester (1852), Carlisle (1856), Wells, (1857), St. Paul’s Cathedral (1872), divided into two sections and later extended, and a section added in the north-east quarter-gallery of the Dome in 1899, Salisbury (1877), Durham (1877), Edinburgh (1879), St. David’s (1883), Truro (1887), Canterbury (1888), Exeter (1891), Hereford (1893), Glasgow (1893 – the largest of the day), Lincoln (1898), and Calcutta (date uncertain). There were also many large concert instruments, amongst them St. George’s Hall, Liverpool (1855), Reading Town Hall (1864), the Albert Hall, London (1871-2), and two for the Alexandra Palace, North London (the first in 1873, which was destroyed by the great palace fire of that year before the organ could be used, and the second similar instrument in 1875. This was vandalised in1918, but restored and reopened in 1929. The French organist and composer Marcel Dupré declared it to be the finest concert-organ in Europe). Of course he produced many smaller instruments throughout the British Isles and abroad, including the organ at Windsor Castle. The last major instrument which he personally supervised was that at St. Bees Priory, Cumbria, in 1899, which he voiced himself, although approaching his 80th year.

The English organ at the time lacked properly developed pedal and choir (or chair) organs (see the splendid 1794 George Pike England organ in Blandford Forum), but in his largest instruments Willis produced adequate divisions for these important parts. His organs had a fine engineering quality; he developed pneumatic action, firstly by improving the Barker lever (a small pneumatic bellows) and later by improving a tubular action (piped high pressure wind) which he had seen in France. This enabled him to divide the organ at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, in 1872. In 1888 he applied electric action (coils, solenoids, electro magnets and associated wiring – originally DC run from huge glass accumulator cells) to his organ at Canterbury Cathedral. This was exceedingly reliable until it was taken down for rebuilding shortly before the Second World War. In 1896 Henry Willis built an electronically controlled organ for the Great Hall at St. Paul’s School, Hammersmith. This was enlarged in 1908 by his son, Henry Willis II, but in 1969 it was removed from the school and installed locally in St. John’s Church, Fortuneswell, Portland. Sadly it is now in a state of considerable disrepair but it is hoped that sufficient funds can be raised to renovate the instrument and eventually rebuild it in the St. Paul’s School new Assembly Hall, at Barnes.

Willis’s organs may be called “romantic”, “symphonic” or “orchestral”, as we
described those of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll last month. Most organists played little genuine organ music of first-rate character in the 19th century, but relied on Handel’s choruses, orchestral arrangements, original compositions in the style of Mendelssohn (and not often as good as the works of that composer). The organ works of J S Bach were little known during this period and it was not until the early 20th century that they re-entered the repertoire. Willis and Cavaillé-Coll had much in common in their aesthetic outlook and both worked at a time when the historical significance of the genuine organ and its characteristic had all but been forgotten. Nevertheless, it is surprising how little modification to the tonal scheme of a Willis organ is necessary to bring it up to date, and most old Willis organs contain examples of voicing which have not been surpassed.

Henry (“Father”) Willis died in London on 11th February 1901 and was buried in Highgate Cemetery. Much of his work remains practically untouched as far as the tonal side is concerned. It is not easy, even today, to think how the magnificence of his 1887 organ in Truro Cathedral, regarded by many as his masterpiece, could be improved.

Four generations of the Willis family, each christened Henry, continued the family tradition of organ building until 1997 when Henry Willis IV retired. However, the firm of Henry Willis & Sons Ltd., founded in 1845, still has workshops in Liverpool today.
Your Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 10th February 2011.

Bere Regis has a Lengthsman!

The Parish Council agreed the appointment of local family man, Paul Critchell, to take on the important role of Bere Regis Parish Lengthsman following an advert that attracted 15 applicants.

Widely skilled and versatile, craftsman Paul will be employed on a part time basis and undertake a variety of tasks around the Parish in the communal areas including maintenance, gardening, repairs and projects to bring and maintain not just the Village but the surrounding areas of the Parish as well, to a high standard of cleanliness and safety.

Supporting the work currently carried out by both Purbeck District and Dorset County Councils, our new Lengthsman will provide a more immediately focussed service to Parishioners particularly targeting weeds and overgrown vegetation in the Summer, helping grit footpaths and pavements and clearing snow in the Winter and maintaining street furniture, signs and play areas all year round.

Part of the funding costs for the new post will be provided by Dorset County Council and the scheme will start for a trial period with the number of hours increasing as the scheme progresses and the volume and nature of work is more fully assessed.

Parish Council Chairman, Ian Ventham commented, “At last the Parish Council has the opportunity to provide a more responsive and better standard of service throughout the Parish by the creation of this role and we look forward to working with Paul over the coming months, using his wide knowledge and broad experience”.

Bere Regis website: www.bereregis.org
If there are jobs you think need doing parishioners are asked to contact Councillor Martin Howard on 01929 472841 rather than approach Paul directly. Several areas of work will still be dealt with by Purbeck DC and Dorset CC and it will be necessary to identify these and pass them on. Other work that arises will need to be prioritised to fully utilise the hours allocated to the Lengthsman Scheme and ensure that the important work gets done first.

Initially there may be a backlog of things that need doing but we are confident the Lengthsman will become an integral and important part of Village life leading to a more pleasant and safer environment for us all.

**Wind Turbine**

The planning application to install a wind turbine on the hill to the East of Rogers Hill Farm which we discussed last month has now been withdrawn, and will presumably be resubmitted in due course. We understand the developers have offered some financial benefits to the village when the turbine becomes operational. The Council would like to make it clear that its decisions to support or oppose planning applications are taken solely on the merits of the applications, and not in order to obtain any benefit.

**Snow Clearance and Gritting**

Whilst we fervently hope we will not experience weather as bad as that which we suffered in December, we are taking steps to improve our situation by putting in three more grit and salt bins around the village over the next few weeks.
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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The village where residents are away during the day or 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.

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.

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

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

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.
VILLAGE FORUM

Nearly 30 parishioners gathered at the Drax Hall on Saturday 19th February to discuss a number of matters of common interest. Full notes of the meeting will be sent out to all village organisations in due course, but here are a couple of the headlines.

Royal Wedding Party

The Forum was almost unanimous in supporting a village event. Plans are being drawn up, but please note in your diaries that everyone in the village will be very welcome on Friday 29th April from about 3pm, to a “Street Party” at the Sports Club, with games and activities bring your own party food for tea if you wish, before a Hog Roast at about 6pm.

Emergency Plans

To help us cope better with severe weather such as we had in December, and, indeed any other serious incidents, we are drawing up a simple Emergency Plan, within which we would like to hold a list of people willing to respond to a call for assistance.

We would like to develop better use of emails and other means of communicating quickly, such as Twitter, or Facebook.

Ian Ventham

GARDENING CLUB

Members had a very professional slide presentation on Violets from Mr Clive Groves of the Bridport Garden Centre who was the fourth generation in his family in the business. His interest was worldwide and the varieties he showed were amazing.

The March meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st at the Drax Hall is entitled ‘Roses, Old and New’ presented by Chris Yeats.

Please come along.

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Thank You

To all who supported the Village Pantomime, more details will appear in the next issue. A huge thank you to all the cast and helpers who put in so much hard work and to all who 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 money for Macmillan. This is the true spirit of what a great community is all about well done everyone another great village event.

Can you help? Help with transport?

We are looking for voluntary drivers who are willing to pick people up and bring them to the Pop In Place either on a Monday or a Friday and take them home again, this will enable us to reach out to people who can’t walk to the sessions. Please if you think that this is something that you can help with give me a call.

Technical Support?

Our appeal last month for help to set up a Pop In Place Website had a great outcome and resulted in Phil Boreham coming forward he has already made a start on the site and now I am sorting out the information and the images and Phil will add them on for us. A huge thank you to him for his help with this as its something we wanted to develop for along time.

Pop In Place regular groups are as follows

Healthy Eating Support Group is on Monday Mornings from 10.30

For the small fee of £1 you will be weighed and offered a food diary, everyone is welcome to come in and be weighed and have a coffee and a chat with others who are all in the same situation. The group is doing very well and we are all helping to support each other new members are very welcome just come along and see us on Monday.
**THE POP IN PLACE**  
**BERE REGIS**

Where people matter!

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**Pop in Place Regular Sessions**

Mondays and Fridays from 10am until 12 noon at the Lower Drax Hall. An opportunity to meet other members of your local community, have a coffee or a tea and a chat in an informal and friendly environment.

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**Pop in Place Performers Group**

Meets Thursdays (except second Thursday) from 6pm until 8pm in the Upper Drax Hall. Please phone Alison Bennett for more information.

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**Pop in Place Poppets**  
**Baby & Toddler group**

Meets Thursdays from 1pm until 3pm at the Lower Drax Hall. Please phone Trish White for more information on 01929 472418

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**Everyone welcome to come along**

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New volunteers are always needed!

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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.
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Cuts

The settlement for Purbeck was much worse than anticipated and as a result some services will have to be cut and some withdrawn altogether. However I view this as an opportunity to recalibrate the services PDC provides to ensure that we are concentrating on those services which affect every member of the population positively and that we restrict our activities to those areas that are required by law or needed to protect those less fortunate. Due to the sensitive nature of the exercise we will not be giving any clear indication of where the cuts will fall until they have been agreed. I am working with the Officers and Members to arrive at an agreed package of measures, however there may be some disagreement between members of the council so I will report on progress next month!

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 Louse 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 Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Blaxworth 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.

Forthcoming Events

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

Everyone is welcome to attend the Village Hall Annual General Meeting, there will be coffee and biscuits served after the meeting I hope to see you there.

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 £5 from Kath Jeeves 471175 or Alison Bennett.

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.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023
Thank you to the Pop In Place Performers group who has just put on a fantastic community Pantomime.

The Hall is now in great demand for a whole variety of different groups, organizations and meetings and has been improved now to a very good standard. The hiring fees are very reasonable considering we have to keep up our insurances, maintenance, fire and electrical inspection costs, and still we operate within the budget. As a Bere Regis person born and bred and the Chairperson of your Village Hall I think it's time to express a few of my thoughts and I believe the thoughts of a great many of the villagers. There is a lot of talk at the moment of new multi million pound buildings to be everything to just about everyone in the village.

Yes we know that the Drax Hall your Village Hall isn't perfect there are some issues that in an ideal world, a world with endless available finance could be changed, but this is not an ideal world that we are all living in with the country in the economic crisis ideals cannot become reality.

Therefore we are all left in a position to make the very best of what we have and that is precisely what we do here at the Village Hall. This old building is alive with so many positive and creative groups, the sound of music and laughter fills it and the people that benefit from it all feel very blessed. This Hall has soul and the people make it what it is, as have countless people over the years. So many memories of events at the Hall the old Church Harvest Supper where we used to bring our own knives and forks and John House would patrol around the long trestles table with the jugs filled with cider and say "are you sure you girls haven't had some of this" as we giggled away perched on maroon iron framed chairs with canvas seats, that became a little uncomfortable as we sat through the entertainment by the likes of my Mother and Cis Lewis reading their Poetry.

It is also true to say Kath Jeeves has been responsible for more wonderful happenings at the Hall than most of us have had hot dinners and Kath along with the Woodbury Hill Singers have treated us to great nights of community entertainment, that is not to mention the Autumn Leaves group, then there are all the events that the Village Hall Committee organize the live theatre and the Brilliant Photographic events, the WI with all the many and varied subjects that they are now covering, the Kingsbere Quilters Group, Dance Group, Majorettes and the Gardening Club, only a few weeks ago I walked in on Sue and Megan laying up a fantastic feast for them all, and the Hall looked so inviting. For the last fifteen years I have headed up The Pop In Place that has used the Village Hall as often as 5 times a week and the amount of peoples lives that this has enhanced with all the many activities that we do has been phenomenal not to mention the charities that we have been able to help in the process. The Hall has so many
We have had several new families joining us in 2011, which has been very encouraging for the group, and we seem to have around 13 children or more for each session. Even very young babies are sensitive to rhythm and singing, and the slightly older ones start to explore the instruments and the different noises they make. We have only a few regular children in the preschool year at the moment: in the past the three- and four-year olds have acted as leaders in the singing and in answering questions and handing out the snacks, but the slightly younger ones are trying hard to take on that role and managing very well.

We are a voluntary group offering fun music sessions for children aged birth to four, with their parents and carers. We meet during most school holidays, but not on Good Friday (22nd April).

Parents and carers with children under school age are always welcome to come and join in for a session to see what we do. After the music we have drinks and fruit and let the children have some free play with the instruments while the adults chat. There is no obligation to come each week, and you don’t have to book or pay in advance!

Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.
(Except Good Friday and Christmas – New Year)
Bere Regis Scout Hut, Elder Rd.
£2.50 per family (however many children) per session

Liz Teather: 01929 471216

March services

The next service at the Chapel will be on Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm

We look forward to seeing you.

The service will be led by Rev Brenda Stevenson.

For any questions or information, please contact any of the Stewards below.

Caroline Harrison (471378)
Karen Smith (47139)
Margaret Whittingham (471782)
We have been having lots of fun this year at Music Group. Usually there is not much gap between winter themes and Pancake Day with a food theme; but as Easter is so late we had an extra month to use for whatever we liked! The children chose to sing about animals, and so we had a Zoo theme for 4 weeks from January to February: mainly elephants, monkeys, lions and crocodiles... SNAP!

For the rest of February the theme was fairy tales, where we sang through a traditional story using familiar songs, (sometimes changed a bit!) or new made-up songs. These sessions are great because the children can follow the plot and know what’s going to happen next. We use our percussion instruments as usual, but also puppets and other props come in handy.

For March we revert to our usual spring programme and sing about tossing pancakes! We have felt ones to throw around and of course we use our egg shakers to lead towards Easter songs too. The children make a lot of noise with metal bowls and wooden spoons as we pretend to make cakes and puddings, and we fit in traditional rhymes and songs as well, so that the dish really does run away with the spoon!

We are having a special Mothering Sunday Craft and Sing Session on Friday 1st April, where the each child can make a card and gift for mummy. There is no extra charge, and no need to book. The craft sessions are always popular and can be quite chaotic, but are always good fun. We still sing as usual, and concentrate on songs reminding us of what our mummies do for us.

Purbeck supports Fairtrade in ensuring better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Purbeck is recognised as a Fairtrade District with more than 60 outlets in retail, catering and hospitality selling a wide range of Fairtrade products throughout the area.

Various events are taking place locally during Fairtrade Fortnight. These include 5 a-side Football on March 4th and March 11th at 3-30 p.m. at the Sports Centre, Wareham, and a Fashion Show by the pupils at the Purbeck School on Wednesday, March 9th.
Bingo

Bingo will be on the 11th & 25th March, 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

WHAT DO RAINBOWS DO?

Lots of things.....

* Play games
* Make new friends
* Try new activities

* Have fun!

RAINBOWS are girls aged 5 – 7 years who want to do exciting things.

RAINBOWS are part of Girlguiding UK - the largest organisation for girls and young women in the UK with around 600,000 members.

RAINBOWS meet in Bere Regis on Mondays from 4.30 to 5.30pm in the Scout Hut.

To find out more contact the Leader, Sue Bonfield on 01929 427281.
It was something completely different at the February meeting when Harry and Pam Blake showed a series of pictures in 3D. It was a credit to them in all the technical work which was needed to record them all.

For the March meeting, arrangements are being made to have an alternative speaker, as the gentleman booked on the membership card has sadly had to cancel due to his wife’s illness. It might be John England with some memories of his National Service days!

Still come and bring your 1930’s photograph.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have started 2011 entertaining Castle View, Dorchester and Young at Heart, Upton.

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
The WOODBURY HILL SINGERS present

A Royal Wedding Celebration

Saturday 16th April
2.30 pm
Village Hall, Bere Regis

Tickets - £3.50
(including cream tea)
Kath - 471175
Sally - 471022

“"If you were the only girl in the world"
"I'm getting married in the morning"

In aid of the Village Hall

Drive & Supper fund raising evening, suitable for all the Family, on Saturday, 5th March from 7.30pm at the Scout Hut to help pay for her placement and would appreciate as much support as possible.

Tickets are £6.00 per person and includes a supper of Sausage, Mash & Beans + pudding (bring-your-own drinks) and are available from Nikki – call 01929 472159

Group Activities

Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market

These Coffee Morning/Cake Bakes & Mini Markets will continue on the second Saturday of the month with the next event being held on Saturday, 12th March from 9am to Noon.

Please contact Chris Whitfield to book a table top. Table tops will be available at £4.00 per table or 20% of takings (whichever is the lower amount) to anyone who would like to sell off surplus home produce – fruit, vegetables, jars/ chutneys, or art/craft works, etc. (No bric-a-brac).

Sainsbury’s Active Kids 2011 and Tesco for Schools & Clubs 2011 Vouchers

We are again collecting both of the above Vouchers this year and would be grateful for all donations of vouchers. The equipment we get from both of these very generous initiatives really does benefit all the young people in our Group and help us keep our membership subs down. In Spring, 2011, our Cubs will be enjoying a weekend residential experience at PGL and will all enjoy a 25% discount as a result of some of the vouchers we collected last year.

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.

Please give your donations to any Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer Scout or any of the Leaders.
during a link night with the Cubs. They’ve also been cooking pancakes...a little early maybe, but still good to eat!

Explorer Scouts
14-18 years old, looking for adventure, fun, friends and a whole lot more? Look no more! The Bere Regis Explorer Scout Sub-Unit is now up and running.

The launch evening on Tuesday 8th February was a big success. 9 young people worked their way around the three bases - Minefield – Gutterball – Walkabout Quiz, munched through a pile of hot dogs, crisps and fizzy and got to know the new, seven-strong leader team.

The unit will be very much led by the young people with small committees advising the leader team of activities and events that they would like to do/attend. Some of the suggestions put forward already by both the Explorers and the Leaders include Ice Skating, Backward Cooking, Gliding and Climbing.

Duke of Edinburgh Award training and assessment will be a part of the activities offered. They also discussed a Dartmoor Camping weekend, Dragon 24 [24 hours of non-stop entertainment and activity.....phew!], summer camp in the New Forest and two major expeditions.....Kandersteg, Switzerland in 2012 (some of the Explorers have already signed up for this) and possibly Nepal, Kenya or Uganda in 2013.

The group will be meeting on alternate Tuesdays. Anyone wanting further information or wanting to come along and see if it’s for them should contact Karen Coomes, Asst. Explorer Scout Leader, on 01929 471597 or karen@coomes.co.uk.

Also, Congratulations to Explorer Scout, Nikki, on gaining her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This Award was presented at the Wareham & Isle of Purbeck Explorers’ Cold Camp in January.

Nikki is also a member of the International Service Team heading off to Sweden later this year to help run the World Scout Jamboree there. She is holding a Beetle...
Chicken with Honey

- 4 chicken breasts
- flour
- paprika
- 3 tablespoons butter and oil
- garlic salt to taste, optional
- 2 tablespoons honey
- salt and pepper

Mix flour, paprika, garlic powder, and salt and pepper, rub into the chicken and leave in the fridge for about an hour or so.

Heat a frying pan on a medium heat with a little oil and fry the chicken for about 30 minutes, turning, put the chicken in a dish and keep warm. Add the butter and honey to the pan, when melted and mixed add the chicken breasts, turn down the heat a bit and cook for another 15 minutes, turning from time to time.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

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

Can anyone help us? There are all sorts of ways you could give assistance to our young members that probably hasn’t even occurred to you, for instance:-

Would anyone like to help us.... at our Coffee Mornings?

Decorating/maintenance of the Hut?

Come along and talk about a hobby /past-time or voluntary role with Beavers, Cubs or Scouts?

Or perhaps you’d like to come along and help out at a Camp?

If you can spare an hour, a day or a weekend, please contact us to sign up as a member of B.R.A.S...It is open to everyone, it won’t cost you anything other than your time and you may be amazed at the amount of satisfaction you get in return. Contact any of the Leaders....numbers at the end of this article.

We are still looking for ex-military wooden ammunition boxes or other ex-military equipment that may be useful for camping....no Tanks, thanks! These are ideal for camping as they stack well and as our Scout Section has grown we are in need of at least 3 more to use for Patrol equipment boxes.

Please call Mike Whitfield on 01929 472159 if you can help with this request. Many thanks.

Section News

Cubs

Cubs got a taste of communicating in different ways when Young Leaders, Jackie, Rowan & Koura ran an evening towards their Communications Badge. The Cubs were introduced to Braille and sign language and had the chance to practise their new skills on each other.

Scouts

Scouts have been busy getting preparations underway for their Cold Camp in March, ‘Remember Them’ presentation(s) – they had a bit of a practice run

BERE REGIS W.I.

Our first meeting of the New Year showed us, through the anecdotes of Mrs Anne Mepham, ‘Life in the W.I.’ From being thrust into the office of President [having just moved to the town] to tea at Buckingham Palace, [and the ensuing sore feet], visits to our college – Denman - all whilst bringing up a family illustrated Anne’s philosophy – “Grab every opportunity that comes your way”.

The first “Sewing Morning” proved successful with ladies not only learning new skills but also brainstorming new ideas for the W.I.

Several ladies have joined Arlene Duncanson on Friday mornings in Bere Post Office to discover a variety of uses of the computer in particular the ‘WWW’ and the sending/receiving of e-mails. All welcome.

Some of our Ladies have offered to help at

THE PANCAKE RACE on
Tuesday, 8th March 2011

Bere Regis Sports Club -
Race Time – 10.30am
Refreshments - Everyone Welcome

Next Meeting –Tuesday, 15th March – “Five Weddings & a Funeral”
Floral Arrangements by Susie Edwards

If you would like any information about your local W.I. please contact:
Sally on 01929 – 471022 or Lesley on 01929 - 471732
RAGAMUFFINS PRE-SCHOOL AT BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

200 Club Winners

February 2011

£25 – (95) J Preen
£15 - (7) D Bishop
£10 - (168) C Packham
£5 - (1) V Sutton

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 as well as being sold door to door within the village.

Pre-School Admissions

Please do get in contact to obtain our brochure, or to reserve your child’s place, as places fill quickly. Visits always welcome. Please contact Debbie on 01929 472125.

Debbie Greatorex, Manager, Ragamuffins Pre-School
Registered Charity No 288608

PARTY, EVENT, WEDDING, FUNDRAISER COMING UP?

Hog Roast machine and 12m x 6m Marquee available either for hire by individuals, or at cost for charities and clubs.

Contact Ian and Di Ventham on 471480 or ian@shitterton.com for details, availability and prices.
As you read this, we will have returned to school after the half-term holiday with the daffodils in bloom and the promise of Spring.

Up at the school we have a full term of activities planned, with the first of our themed weeks being held. March is National Celebrating RE month. The week of 7th – 11th will be dedicated to finding out about what people believe and how different beliefs help people to make sense of the world in which we live. The RE Council of Britain is co-ordinating events across the country - please see www.celebratingre.org for more information.

We are happy to be part of a national celebration of this kind, and whilst the main religions and belief systems represented in Britain will feature prominently, we may find out about some lesser-known ones, too!

March 18th is Red Nose Day, which we will be supporting. The noses have been selling like hot cakes, and the day promises to be great fun. FOBRS also have several fundraising events planned in the coming months, with a recycling scheme, indulgence evening and the May Ball at Athelhampton House. Please look out for flyers delivered to homes in the village with details of the recycling scheme, or have a look at the FOBRS page on our school website. The staff, children and parents are immensely grateful to FOBRS, our trusty team of volunteers, for all of their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. Their fundraising makes a huge difference to our budget, and your attendance at these events is always much appreciated.

On a different tack, we have started a film club after school on alternate Fridays for children who attend the school. Well over half of the children have now registered for this free club, with films such as ‘How to Tame Your Dinosaur’ and ‘Robots’ featured. Popcorn seems to be very popular, too! Parents needing further details or wishing to register children may call in at the school office.

Finally, we will break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 8th April and return to school on Tuesday 26th April. The last week of April will be Royal Wedding week (look out for teachers in their wedding dresses!!) culminating in the wedding itself – and a day off from school for all of us.

As always, we value input from village members, so please do get in touch if you feel you can help in any way.

Debbie Tibbey, Deputy Head Teacher