March 2013

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<td>Pop in Place Macmillan coffee morning</td>
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(apologies that we can’t squeeze in the rest of the year just yet - more next month)

March 2013

Date: 20th

Leadership is a much-discussed attribute in so many aspects of our common life. From the elected leaders of our political parties to the Heads of our biggest industries and banks to the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, the essence of what sort of person we want to lead us is always on our minds. The reality is that effective leadership and the ability to sustain democratic popularity nearly always conflict later if not sooner. The nature of leadership, whether it is as a parent, or teacher or Prime Minister; or Chairman of a bank or company; or even, as in the news just now, a new Bishop of Rome or Archbishop of Canterbury, it is inevitable that unpopular decisions by a leader have to be made. This reduces the leader’s popularity and brings her, or his, leadership into doubt. For example, the Government’s management of the UK economy is being questioned and for some there is too much constraint and hardship. For others we need to keep taking the medicine for the pain of constraint. Then there is the management of our banks and the remuneration of...
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their senior executives that brings the division between rich and poor into so much sharper focus. At its heart, good leadership is about love, and justice for all.

The recent news from the Vatican is very radical indeed - it is unprecedented, at least in the past 600 years for a Pontiff to resign. The last was Pope Gregory XII in 1415. Qualities being suggested for the new Pope range from ‘a charismatic, multilingual reformer’ to ‘holiness, orthodoxy, intellectual abilities and administrative experience – and ‘time for an Italian’ which might be interpreted as ‘safe pair of hands’ and no change. Our Sarum Canon Fr Timothy Radcliffe of Blackfriars, Oxford, former head of the Dominicans, who lead our Lent courses just a few years ago, is ‘hoping for someone who understands the aspirations and imaginations of today’s young so that he can share with them a powerful word of faith and hope…. Strength of character and political savvy to decentralise the (Roman) Church’ government and empower local churches. He should be a man of dialogue.’ Another comment from an inter-faith leader was ‘….needs to be a serious statesman and needs to reach out to the world’s great faiths.’ It is also unprecedented for there to be new heads of the Roman and Anglican Churches at just about the same time. The expectations placed on our new spiritual leader Archbishop Justin Welby are not entirely different from those placed upon the successor to St Peter in Rome. Yet Abp Justin brings different gifts compared to both his predecessor Archbishop Rowan and indeed Pope Benedict. Abp Justin brings experience of the other world - a material world of production and employment, of trade and economics - to some the ‘real world’. As Bishop of Durham, he brought his experience as an executive in the oil industry to the Government’s enquiry into banking standards and surprised many observers with his expertise and the penetration of his questions to those giving evidence. Here in our Diocese of Salisbury we hope his experience of working in Africa can be applied to further reinforce our work in the Sudans.

What is clear is that whether we are Anglicans or Roman Catholics or of any other Christian denomination or indeed other faith, we live in an increasingly and some would say aggressively secular world. How does, how should the worldwide Christian Church respond to this challenge? The simple answer is to respond positively to the need to be relevant and to face up to change whilst remaining faithful to Jesus’ command that we should love one another.

The successors to St Augustine in Canterbury and St Peter in Rome carry huge challenges and over bearing expectations. As they embark on their respective ministries this Easter it would be wonderful if they could work together in better making God’s love known here, to us, in the ‘real world’.

Do join us for our Holy Week and Easter services and help us to make God a reality in our lives.

With love and prayers

March 2013

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March

2nd Free Mother’s Day Coffee morning and Table top sale at the Scout Hut 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
5th Gardening Club-Film Night ‘Grow Your Own’
6th Mothers’ Union Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
9th Diocesan Festival Salisbury Cathedral
12th Floral Group
13th Autumn Leaves-Natural World Slides 2.30 p.m.
19th WI - The Probation Service, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
29th Pop in Place, Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Raffle 10.00-12.00

April

2nd Gardening Club-Global Warming and Climate change
3rd Mothers’ Union ‘Journeying Alone’ 7.30 p.m.
9th Floral Group - All around my house 2.00 p.m.
10th Autumn Leaves-The Blue Danube 2.30 p.m.
14th Mothers’ Union Sales table in church
17th Mothers’ Union Spring Council
19th WI - Annual Meeting, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
19th Pop in Place AGM, Lower Drax Hall 10.30 am
24th ‘Following George’ s Footsteps’ Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
24th Autumn Leaves Coffee Morning, Turberville Court 10.30am-12.00noon
26th St John the Baptist Annual Church outing to Powderham Castle

May

1st Mothers’ Union ‘Turning the Blues Around’ 7.30 p.m.
8th Gardening Club-Garden Design
8th Autumn Leaves-English Cheeses 2.30 p.m.
14th Floral Group - Workshop 2.00 p.m.
11th Gardening Club Plant Sale-2 The Manor House
17th Pop in Place May Summer Show 7.00 p.m.
18th Pop in Place May Summer Show 2.00 p.m.
18th Bere Heath Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.00noon
CHURCH AND VILLAGE
ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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<td>Ragamuffins Pre-School</td>
<td>Manager - Mrs Mandy Buller</td>
<td>472125</td>
<td>c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7UP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ragamuffinspresp@btinternet.com">ragamuffinspresp@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Sue Stone</td>
<td>471027</td>
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<td>Mrs Eileen Maidment</td>
<td>471616</td>
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<td>Twinning Association</td>
<td>Bob James</td>
<td>472113</td>
<td>5 Turberville Road</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob@james52.freeserve.co.uk">bob@james52.freeserve.co.uk</a></td>
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<td>Jenny Skews</td>
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<td>W.I. (Bere Regis)</td>
<td>Mrs Dian Pitts</td>
<td>471322</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:dian.pitts@btinternet.com">dian.pitts@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly: Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm</td>
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<td>Wildlife Events (Briantspuddle and Affpuddle)</td>
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<td>Talks in winter Briantspuddle Village Hall, also field meetings in Parish in summer</td>
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<td>Woodbury Hill Singers</td>
<td>Mrs Kath Jeeves</td>
<td>471715</td>
<td>10 Turberville Court</td>
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<td>Chapel Toddlers Group</td>
<td>Mrs Janet Morris</td>
<td>471270</td>
<td>The Manse Rat, Buff Lane</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk">jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Mondays 1.30 p.m - 3.00 p.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Buff Lane</td>
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<td>Rotary Club of Wareham</td>
<td>David King</td>
<td>01929</td>
<td>Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7NT</td>
<td><a href="mailto:david.king@gbpltd.co.uk">david.king@gbpltd.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.wareham.rotary.co.uk">www.wareham.rotary.co.uk</a></td>
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**LENT COURSE – “GLIMPSES OF GOD”**

The Lent courses in Bere Regis on Thursdays in the daytime and Briantspuddle on Monday evenings continue through March. It’s not too late to join in. See last month’s Parish News for details (my apologies for putting them under last year’s title!). If you have queries phone Brenda (471391) or Jonathan (471768) respectively.

**LET’S TALK** – AN INITIATIVE FROM BISHOP NICHOLAS

Bishop Nicholas has asked the whole diocese, in benefice and parish groups, to discuss the following five questions and send their answers back to him by the end of April:

What is the “Personality and Character” of your local church?

What are the priorities of your local church?

Is there one thing you would like to take on in the coming year (recognising that it may mean you need to stop doing something else)?

Are there ways in which we can work together to achieve more?

How can we best measure the quality and impact of church life?

The questions were given a preliminary airing at a recent meeting of Purbeck Deanery Synod, and it was noted that these questions are not just for church members; questions 1 and 5, at least, need input from people outside the church.

Do start thinking about these matters and discussing them among yourselves, and come to a meeting at the Vicarage in Bere Regis on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 pm, when we will draw our various thoughts together and produce a response for Bishop Nicholas. All from the benefice are welcome, church and non-church members alike.

**EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to make a donation (suggested amount — £1 per lily) for our Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, these can be given to Elaine Standfield, the Vicar, or Church Warden.

JH
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

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<td>Andrea Smith</td>
<td>Alan Smith</td>
<td>Phil 2: 5-11</td>
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<td>Benefice Communion Service</td>
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Chalice: 10th March J Haigh. 24th March M Menzies.

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<td>Andrew Jones</td>
<td>472734</td>
<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andrew@joneser.freeserve.co.uk">andrew@joneser.freeserve.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>4771175</td>
<td>4 Bitchams Mead, Turberville Court</td>
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<td>Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday 8.30 pm</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket</td>
<td>Andy Kent</td>
<td>471079</td>
<td>94 North Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andy@contactgo-plus.net">andy@contactgo-plus.net</a></td>
<td>Village football and cricket teams all ages</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Parish Council</td>
<td>Ian Venham</td>
<td>471480</td>
<td>Shitterton Farmhouse BH20 7HU</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming Club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305 846262</td>
<td>Carmelot, Affpuddle DT2 7IH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob.holman@scott.co.uk">bob.holman@scott.co.uk</a></td>
<td>5.15 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 Cristard</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead, BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Michael.cristard@internet.com">Michael.cristard@internet.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</td>
<td>471469</td>
<td>10, South Mead</td>
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<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 Bartish</td>
<td>471534</td>
<td>Rye Hill BH20 7UP</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 CARS</td>
<td>Jon and Helen Parker</td>
<td>472561</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Bereregis-cars@activist.com">Bereregis-cars@activist.com</a></td>
<td>Fortnightly Road Safety group meetings. See adverts</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)</td>
<td>Anna Hawkes</td>
<td>471039</td>
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<td>Wednesday 6 - 7 pm. 5½ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)</td>
<td>Greta Richardson</td>
<td>01258 469131</td>
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<td>Thursday 6.30 - 8 pm 8½ - 10 years or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)</td>
<td>Neal Ughtt</td>
<td>472273</td>
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<td>Monday 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit</td>
<td>Phil Venham</td>
<td>471215</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:philip@venham.fsne.co.uk">philip@venham.fsne.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Tuesday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm 14-18 years, male and female, Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>John Atkinson</td>
<td>01305 851699</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:johnnakinson2000@yahoo.com">johnnakinson2000@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>Mrs A Nicholson and Mrs C Starkey</td>
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<td>9th and 16th March</td>
<td>Dusting</td>
<td>Mrs M Turner and Mrs B Bell</td>
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<td>First Sunday Coffee</td>
<td>Mrs B Lightfoot and Mrs V Mayo</td>
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Sunday 3rd March Third Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle (purple)
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Wednesday 6th March
11am Mothers Union Communion Service Turberville Court

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis (purple)
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Family Service Junior Church Bere Regis

Sunday 17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
12.30 Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis (red)
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Mattins Bere Regis

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CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

Monday in Holy Week
9am  Morning Prayer for Holy Week (red)
Bere Regis

Tuesday in Holy Week
9am  Morning Prayer for Holy Week (red)
Affpuddle

Wednesday in Holy Week
9am  Morning Prayer for Holy Week (red)
Bere Regis

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday
9am  Morning Prayer for Holy Week (red)
Affpuddle
(11am Blessing of the Oils and renewal of ministerial vows The Cathedral, Salisbury)
6.30pm  Benefice Communion for Maundy Thursday Affpuddle

Friday 29th March – Good Friday (hangings removed)
11am  Parish Walk of Witness (meet in the Church for a prayer before our walk over Black Hill)
Bere Regis
2pm  Meditation for Good Friday Affpuddle
6pm  Service of music and readings for Holy Week Bere Regis
CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

Saturday 30th March – Easter Eve
7pm Easter Vigil - Short Service of meditation Bere Regis

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day –
‘Hallelujah Christ is risen.’ (white)
6.30am Easter Dawn service of light (and light breakfast) Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Family Service Communion for Easter Bere Regis

Sunday 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
12noon Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6pm Shortened Evensong & PCC AGM Affpuddle

includes Rimsmoor pond. Both are within very easy walk of Briantspuddle, although it’s not recommended that you actually walk too near the bogs! Ian Cross found some nests of the Purse-web Spider on the fringes of Oakers Bog. This is Britain’s only mygalomorph (a group of spiders that includes the huge bird-eating spiders and tarantulas in the tropics).

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Welcome to some brief excerpts from the Wildlife Newsletter for Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish. If you would like the full version to be emailed to you, please contact info@briantspuddle.plus.com. (It's in full colour too!)

Summary of 2012

Well, what can we say? The wettest year on record? And how has that affected wildlife? 2012 was a good year for slugs, frogs, toads, and bog plants. 2012 was a bad year for almost everything else, but particularly for sun-loving insects such as butterflies, and for insectivorous birds.

Birds suffered in several ways. Many migrants were held back by cold weather and strong headwinds over southern Europe, and then huge sandstorms in the Sahara - eventually reaching our shores to have difficult breeding conditions. Many nests were flooded, blown out or away. Nest recorders commented on eggs not hatching, young birds dying in the nest or chicks growing very slowly. Some birds like Swallows and Blackbirds managed late broods, but many birds of prey raised no or very few young. However, the good news for the end of 2012 is that Tasie Russell has just spotted a female Brambling in her garden - at last, she says. The editor, not knowing much about birds, went onto the RSPB website to check out the status of Bramblings. Its status is "green" but this doesn’t take away the obvious joy when such birds are seen in our villages and even in our gardens.

By the way, the RSPB website is clear, easy-to-read and explains which birds are on its "red list". It states: "The cuckoo has joined other species like the grey partridge, house sparrow and turtle dove on the list of birds whose populations are in big trouble".

Oakers Bog has had a good flow of water all year. Oakers Bog is one of the few areas that has benefitted from the constant rain. The bog is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and afforded some of the highest protection. The site also
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis
On the 10th February:
Jazmin Ann Jade Burbidge, Scott Philip Burbidge.
Jordan James Hughes
On the 17th February: Natasha Louise Rawlings

Funerals & Thanksgiving services
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis
On 25th January: William (Bill) Ironside
On 15th February: Pamela Shiner

Interment of Ashes
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis on 16th February
Doreen Madge Shaw (Widow of The Rev. Dennis Shaw)

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
Practices on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. New ringers always welcomed. - meet at the church porch.

Citizens Advice Bureau
Our CAB adviser, Gill King, is available every Tuesday morning to see clients either in the Surgery or at home for those not able to get into the Surgery. Simply ask our Receptionists for an appointment.

The Citizens Advice service provides free, confidential and independent advice to help people resolve problems with
- debt
- benefits
- housing
- legal issues
- discrimination
- employment
- immigration
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- money

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AFFPUDDLE AND TURNSERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETING
(open to the public)
Thursday 21st March from 7pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall

More information can be found in the main Parish Council monthly summary but the Parish Council invite the public to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council on Thursday 21st March from 7pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall. The only item on the agenda will be the consideration of this planning application. There will be an extended period of public participation at the beginning of the meeting before a vote by the Parish Council.

For more information contact the Parish Clerk Lindsay Hole on 07887 782005 or at woodlands20@hotmail.com

PUDDLETOWN SURGERY NEWS

Once again I am writing to keep you up to date with events at Puddletown Surgery and impart important health messages. If there are any other matters you would like us to address, please let us know by ringing to speak to Carol Taylor, Practice Manager, on 01305 848333 or e-mailing carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk.

Opening Times for Easter 2013

Over the Easter period the Surgery will be closed on Good Friday, 29th March, and Easter, Monday 1st April.

The surgery will be open on Easter Saturday, 30th March, 8.30 – 11.00am.

OUR CHURCH IN BERE REGIS

Music in Our Church

At long last the organ’s ‘plastic mac’ has come off... and it certainly sounds better. We are very grateful to Gilbert Griffin for ensuring that the new stainless steel North Aisle roof was laid to the highest standard and that the work ran smoothly. The roofers certainly had the most atrocious weather to contend with – I wouldn’t have wanted to be out on the roof in all that snow and rain.

It has been lovely to have Diane back with us for the last couple of months, playing the organ for Evensongs and choir practices and we wish her a safe journey back to America after Easter. We are so fortunate to have our brilliant organist, Helen and Tim, Diane and the other organists, who, so willingly come to help us out now and again and, of course, we must not forget John England and his trusty violin. He and Diane played a duet voluntary a couple of weeks ago, which was a real treat.

The small, ladies choir, Canzonetta is coming to sing in Our Church on Palm Sunday, 24th March at 3pm. Whether you like to worship through music and devotional music helps to prepare you for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter or whether you just enjoy listening to hauntingly beautiful music in our lovely Church, please come along to this short concert (only an hour), followed by tea and cakes. The main piece is the Pergolesi Stabat Mater. Pergolesi died in 1736 at the age of 26. All I can say is what else might he have written, if he hadn’t died so tragically young? An added bonus for us is that Helen, our organist will be playing the organ accompaniment. Come and support us and the Bell Tower appeal.

You won’t have any problems finding this month’s carving. It is, of course, the fine, Norman Font, which has been in use for over 850 years. It was damaged in the time of Charles I when an attempt was made to fit a cover, in accordance with the order of the Archbishop.

Sarah Welton, Church Warden

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
ANNUAL CHURCH OUTING

26th April 2013

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Friday (note changed day)

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March 2013

We would appeal to all residents to make sure that they do not add to the litter in the parish, not only is it compromising the enjoyment of the countryside but it also undermines the hard work of other Parishioners, who we are aware, spend some of their free time collecting rubbish.

Community Policing

One of our community officers attended our February meeting. He made us aware that there are certain crimes that are increasing in rural parishes. In summary these are:

- Theft from cars
- Fuel theft, for example from oil tanks
- Theft from outbuildings

The Community officer believes that some of these thefts are avoidable if residents took some simple steps to protect their property. A leaflet is available in the village shop.

Simple measures include not leaving anything visible from the windows of your car. Something as simple as some change for parking will attract interest. Having a lock installed on your oil tank and alarming your shed will also help and should cost less than you might think. Reducing the prospect of “easy pickings” may be enough to prevent theft.

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will be followed by the Parish Councils deliberations and a vote by the Parish Council to either accept or reject the proposal.

You can read the application and supporting documentation by accessing www.dorsetforyou.com, and following the links within planning. The application number is 1/D/13/000183. Should you have any questions the case officer is David Hodges and he can be contacted by email at d.hodges@westdorset- weymouth.gov.uk or Direct Line 01305 252231. Individuals can also submit their own representations about the proposal direct to the District Council as part of the planning consultation process.

This planning application is complex and includes a large amount of supporting evidence. For this reason it is very difficult to offer it to residents in a paper format. The Parish Council is therefore attempting to extract from the application a summary that might be possible to offer in a written format. If this can be done, copies will be placed in the Village Shop, on Parish Noticeboards and in the Village Hall.

For additional and up to date information please consult Parish Noticeboards, our Community Website www.briantspuddle.info or contact the Parish Clerk (01305 848130, 07967 314761, nicholas.gore@tiscali.co.uk).

Parishioners are reminded that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March from 7pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall and this matter will be discussed as a reoccurring Agenda item. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and may make representations at the beginning of the meeting.

**Bus Services**

Current arrangements to maintain bus services will be extended to August 2013 whilst a tender process begins with providers of the services moving forward. It is however, the stated intention of Dorset County Council to reduce its budget for bus services by £500,000 per annum.

A consultation to include users of the services is currently underway and you can have your say by accessing the website www.dorsetforyou.com/busconsultation. The Parish Council will investigate whether there is a paper based consultation alternative and if so copies will be placed in the Village Shop.

**Litter and Rubbish burning**

There have been reports across the parish of black plastic littering the countryside. We have also been made aware that plastic is also being burned. Parishioners should be aware that the burning of plastic is against the law.

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**JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS**

Looking Towards Lent

The February Junior Church Service (10th) was on the Sunday before Lent, so we took Lent as our theme. Traditionally Christians have used Lent as a time to practise giving up something which they enjoy such as chocolates or biscuits etc. In standing firm, for a limited time, against a small temptation, it gives us a chance to practise being firm, in bigger circumstances, when we need it.

In olden times all rich food was given up in Lent, so the tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday developed. Then all the good rich food could be used up in the pancakes. With this in mind we started our “hour before” with three pancake races. Tommy won the “little ones” race, Harry won the “middles” race and Rose, even with the hindrance of high heels, won the teenage race.

We went on to some teaching around the part of the Lord’s Prayer which says “Lead us not into temptation”. Then the children drew pictures of a personal temptation, which were ceremoniously burnt. We finished “the hour before” with a pancake (or two) before the service started.

In keeping with our continuum Lord’s Prayer teaching, the first puppet item in the service was the Cliff Richard’s song, the Lord’s Prayer. Reverend Canon Redsox was the main singer.

**Why don't you come and join us at the Family Service on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00 am.”**
Bere Regis Junior Church
The next children's activity morning will be about:

Mothering Sunday
and The return of the Prodigal Son

Sunday 10th 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 with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

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West Dorset Wind Farm

The planning application from West Coast Energy Limited to erect nine 126.25 metre high wind turbines in the Parish of Tolpuddle, within a mile of our Parish, has been received by West Dorset District Council. The Parish Council is a Consultee in the planning process.

Based on the impact the development would have on the Parish, the Parish Council want to inform Parishioners about the proposals and to offer an opportunity to hear the views of residents.

An Extraordinary Meeting (open to the public) will therefore be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Thursday 21st March from 7pm. The only item on the Agenda will be consideration of the planning application. There will be an extended period of Public Consultation at the beginning of the meeting and this

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have very recently been notified by West Dorset District Council that they have received a planning application from West Coast Energy Limited for the following:

Proposed wind farm to comprise of nine turbines with associated crane pads, substation control building, anemometer mast, new tracks, new entrance junction off A354, plus temporary site construction c (Full) Application number 1/D/13/000183

The location of the site is in the Parish of Tolpuddle, the exact location of the proposal is for land south of the A354 and north of the A35, north of Tolpuddle, south west of Milborne St Andrew and North East of Puddletown.
On 9th February Briantspuddle Hall Committee hosted a very successful Race Night.

Everyone enjoyed the supper and the eight races. The prize for the best dressed Lady Race Goer was won by Cynthia Read and the best dressed Gentleman Race Goer was won by Alex Armitage. After all the expenses were paid there was a profit of £455 for hall funds.

Artsreach

At the time of writing ‘Lost Chord - You Can’t Keep a Horse in a Light House” has not yet taken place. There will be a report in the April Magazine.

Tickets are now on sale for “Great Expectations”. A one man performance by Dave Mynne. Tickets (£7.00) available mid February from Philippa Thorniley 01929 471497.

Big Village Sale

Plans are afoot to hold a Big Village Sale on Monday 27th May 2013. This event will be open to residents and people/charities/businesses from outside the village and it is suggested that it should centre round the Village Hall Yard. It is expected that the charge for a stand will be £10. As in past years refreshments will be served in the Village Hall: more details in April’s magazine.

There was also three puppets as chorus singers and Jasper on drums. Also near the end, folk were amazed to see another puppet coming up, this time from the pulpit, to do a trumpet solo. Well done Pippa. Your puppet’s solo made the performance.

The drama was also on the Lord’s Prayer. It was a thought provoking sketch where “God” starts asking questions of somebody who was quickly saying their prayers for the night. Thank you to Hilly and Mike for bringing the idea from a course.

As the service drew to a close there was a particularly important item. Three of our Junior Church members from one family, Jazmin, Scot and Jordan, were formally brought into the church community through baptism. Please keep them and baby Jessica in your prayers. (Baby Jessica will be having an operation on February 27th).

Thank you to all the people who helped. In order of proceedings:- thank you to Ruth for organising the action song “If I were a butterfly”, thank you to Sonya for organising the prizes and the pancake races, thank you to Alan for the teaching, thank you to Jo for organising the burning of temptations, thank you to Mike for the wonderful pancakes, thank you to the eight puppeteers with Emma the leader, thank you to Hilly and Mike for organising the sketch, thank you to Jamie, Pippa and Ella for reading, thank you to Jazmin, Scott Jordan and Louise for the prayers and a really big thank you to Hazel and Barbara, who not only made teas and coffees, but washed up after all those pancakes.

Do come along and join us any second Sunday in the month for an all age family service, everybody welcome. The next one is a Mothering Sunday Service, 11 to 12 including coffee (children’s “hour before” from ten, new members always very welcome).

Pat Wharf
BERE REGIS BELL TOWER APPEAL

The bells of St. John the Baptist Church Bere Regis have rung out for over 500 years. Now they need a major overhaul which will cost £50,000.

Fund Raising Update

Notelets

A very warm thank you to the very many of you who have bought notelets and who have let us display the notelets at one of your events. Proceeds have been £450 to date. Supplies of notelets are regularly available in the Church and from all of the bell ringers.

A particular thank you to Adrian & Elaine who have worked tirelessly on this project.

Donations

Thank you to the person who donated £50 in memory of the time his father enjoyed learning to ring on our bells. This brought home to us how the tradition of ringing spans our immediate generations and reminded me of how much fun the school children had trying to pull the ropes for the first time before Christmas.

Thank you to the ladies of the WI who raised £100 for the appeal at their annual pancake races on Feb 12th. We are really appreciative of this effort and we hope it may inspire other village groups ……!

Progress

We now have a total of £2,840 towards the £50,000. Although there is a huge way to go, we are firmly on the way and inspired by the support and feedback that we have had in what is just the first month of the appeal. We know of other fund raising ideas currently at an early stage and that too is encouraging.

BERE REGIS WILDLIFE GROUP

I am sure we are all looking forward to the spring now after a very damp and grey winter. Many signs of spring are on the way such as the fine bank of primroses on the bank along the Wool road above the school. During February, as well as the talk about the impressive range of birds that we have in our Parish, we were very pleased to help the Parish Council with the Souls Moor Consultation Day when we were able to show the village the plans to manage and help bring back the wildlife interest of our village nature reserve. If anyone who couldn’t get to the meeting would like a copy of the Management Report do let me know on 471563. At the end of February we will have had an interesting talk on the Bere Stream which has been identified as one of the purest chalk streams in the country.

Looking forward, we are planning to meet in the Churchyard not only to see some of the wildlife interest that there is but also carry out some further management work to improve our charming churchyard for the benefit of wildlife. This will only be light work so just bring along some secateurs or shears. This will be as follows:

Saturday 6th April at 10.00am in the Churchyard ‘Wildlife Interest and Management’.

In case you haven’t noted the February meeting and the Parish Magazine is out before 27th, don’t forget our February meeting on the 27th in Turbeville Court on the Bere Stream by Sarah Williams from the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Looking further ahead on 1st-2nd June there is going to be a national ‘Garden Bioblitz’ when we are going to be asked to record ‘What is in your Garden?’ – which should be an interesting activity! More about this later.

Tony Bates

March 2013
Reminder

John England, our Tower Captain, and Philip Ventham, will be giving an illustrated talk entitled “Following George’s Footsteps - the WW1 Diaries of a Grenadier Guardsmen 1917 to 1919” in the Drax Hall on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5.00) will soon be available. Proceeds will be donated to the Appeal. Please make a note in your diary.

Contacts

If you are willing to get involved in any way, please let me know on 471 463. John England on 471 469 will also be pleased to talk over any ideas you may have to assist.

Jon

Art exhibition for the Bell Tower Appeal

It was reading last month’s article on the Bell Tower appeal; I decided to donate my painting of the church to the appeal. The idea is that it could be sold. Who
would want to my amateurish etchings? Well you never know? Following discussions with a few key people the idea is that we should all have a go and the results could be auctioned off in aid of the Appeal.

The plan is this:-
An Exhibition of Paintings Photographs of the church and any other church inspired Art will be held in the church over the August Bank Holiday weekend.
Exhibits can be lent, or displayed for sale on a Commission basis, or just donated for sale.

What are we looking for?
If you have any interesting pictures or photographs of Bere Regis church that you would be prepared to lend for the weekend please let me know. They will be returned at the end of the weekend.
If you are a serious artist and do not want to give your work away. You could help by producing a piece of Art for the Exhibition which could be sold on a Commission basis.
Enthusiastic amateur like me, get out there, produce something, show it off, (there is the Bere Regis show two weeks earlier) and put it in the exhibition.
We can have silent bids throughout the weekend with an auction in the afternoon with tea on Monday afternoon.

Money for the appeal could be raised in the following ways:-
1. Exhibition preview early Friday evening. Drinks and canapés, Free to all exhibitors and helpers, but anyone else would have to buy a ticket.
2. Commission on Art sales as above
3. Donations by public coming to exhibition
4. Sales of teas in the church during the weekend
5. Sales of donated works of Art.
I know there are lots of talented people in the area. I hope that the quilters will put some of their work on display and the flower sanctuary guild will do some spectacular flowers. It is an opportunity to celebrate our church in Art. It can be anything for example embroidery, ceramics, wood work, sculpture, collage, wood...
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At our meeting in February Nancy thanked everyone for the support she was given when she was visiting her family in Australia. As our speakers were unable to attend we spent an evening in discussion.

Next month we will meet for Holy Communion at Turbeville Court at 11.00am on Wednesday 6th March.

If you would care to come and join us you would be made most welcome. Please call Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105 for any information.

Angela Jones –Secretary

Date of Next Meeting
6th March Turbeville Court Wednesday 11.00am

There will be no evening meeting.

Forthcoming Events
13th March Service for Lady Day
in Lady St. Mary Wareham Wednesday 2.00pm
**BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday 9th February we held a celebration of the Chinese New Year (The Year of The Snake) which occurred on Sunday 10th. Over 30 people came together for this new event. We were first treated to a splendid Chinese hot buffet, which included such favourites as prawn crackers and crispy duck and a whole range of Chinese dishes, including vegetarian options, washed down with suitable liquid refreshments.

To keep us occupied during the feasting we all opened our fortune cookies and also tested our collective brainpower on a number of teasing tasks set by Sue Stone. This was followed by a number of team games, set by Sue, which became quite boisterous and competitive, much to everyone’s amusement. We ended the evening with the usual raffle. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we have to thank Sue for the entertainment and Debbie Scott and Sarah Brady who were the prime organisers.

Our AGM at the Royal Oak will have taken place by the time that you read this, but at a Committee Meeting to follow shortly after, we will be planning our fund raising events to take place before our trip to Cérences in September, so watch for this space in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.
time, with some fine saves from Dean Rogerson keeping them from going further behind and a number of missed chances at the other end. But with a half time rallying cry from Brenda Rodgers White, Bere found the spirit from somewhere to stage an astonishing comeback.

Ian ‘I meant it’ Michie got the great escape underway with a cross-come shot from fully 30 yards but a goal he no more than deserved for all his effort and Mo Farrah like runs. This lifted Bere heads and gave them belief and it was never in doubt when Brendan Rodgers White turned into Luis Suarez White by dropping both shoulders (picking them up later) and calmly placing the ball beyond the keeper and into an empty net when put clean through to make it 2-2. Pretty boy Vincent then glanced home from Leighton ‘the Earl of’ Dacres sublime cross to complete the comeback and give Bere the lead that their second half efforts (and the fact that the big bloke for SSS went off injured!) deserved. Bere and in particular Kelvin Cox dug deep to hold onto their lead/breakfast, and Ticker, Cleall and Blake all made important and often last ditch tackles, and were ably helped out by ‘I do all the pretty boys running’ Snook and ‘best I’ve played in years’ Cope in midfield. The final whistle finally blew and the win means that Bere remain top of the vets league.

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Many thanks to those who worked so hard for the special clean on 13 February.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE AFFPUDDLE
SPRING CHURCHYARD TIDY UP
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 10am - 12noon

There will be a churchyard tidy up at the St Laurence's Affpuddle churchyard on Saturday 16th March from 10am to 12noon.

Anyone wishing to assist will be most welcome. Please bring your own gardening implements, rakes, shears etc.

S C SANDERSON, Church Warden, 01305 848812

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BERE REGIS SPORTS
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Football club

Dorset Saturday football league Div 1.
5/1/13 Bere Regis 8 Bridport A 0
Goal scorers – G.Rose (x6), S.Cooper, M.Elford

12/1/13 Bere Regis 3-0 Swanage
Goal scorers – G.Rose, M.Elford,

15/12/12 Bere Regis 4-0 Poole Borough reserves
Goal scorers – G.Rose, M.Elford, S.Cooper, S.Hewitt

Dorset Saturday football league Div 3.
8/12/12 Belvedere Inn 2-3 Bere Regis Reserves
Goal scorer - P.Macklin (x2), C.White

15/12/12 Stickland Utd. 2-2 Bere Regis Reserves
Goal scorer – A.Curtis x2

Dorset Veterans league

SSS Veterans 2 Bere Regis Veterans 3

The Bere veterans started where they had left off prior to the Christmas break with a win, although they were made to work hard for it. On a cold and dreary day at chapel gate, Bere found themselves 2 -0 down at half
GARDENING CLUB

We had a wonderful talk last month on Garden Wildlife and the reasons why we should think about the wildlife in our gardens and try to garden to encourage wildlife in gardens. It is important that animals can move about and gardens can make useful corridors. Shelter and food is also important. Gardeners do not always appreciate wildlife particularly in the form of slugs and snails. We should think before we use some chemical slug destroyers. (I know it is difficult when they have just munched through your new little plants purchased at great cost) Have a good look at your garden, see what is there, and then try to work with it.

This month on Tuesday 5th we have a new venture and film Night. Tuesday is a rubbish night on television so come to our film night. ‘Grow Your Own’. A comedy about allotment holders. Bring a bottle of wine or a beer and nibbles just relax and enjoy the film.

BERE REGIS SHOW

We have had our first meeting to discuss this year’s show. We are finalizing the Schedule so it’s your last chance to tell any of the committee if there is anything ideas which can be incorporated. We hope to go to print in April. We are looking for advertisers and sponsors to go in the schedule to help with printing costs. The show made a loss last year and most of the costs go in advertising and printing costs.

We have decided to do scarecrows again. At the moment the committee decided not to have a theme. Several people have indicated that they would prefer to have a theme to the event. I wanted to do scarecrow celebrities. (Elvis and Elton John). Another idea was to do scarecrows at work. We haven’t finally decided on this but if you have any views please let the committee know.

Do not forget the seasonal theme to the show. We may be lucky in March to see the arrival of spring so please get out with your cameras for some lovely spring photographs.

The other usual classes are in such as Painting, You’ve made lets see it, and Embroidery and Quilting so please make a start.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4 May
10.00 – 12.00
in
Briantspuddle Village Hall

In aid of St Laurence’s Church Affpuddle

Donations for stalls welcomed: Cakes, Books, Raffle, Crafts and Plants

Please come and join us for coffee and biscuits!
Pamela Shiner

Pamela was born in 1929 in Plymouth where her father Alfred Clarke was serving as a submariner with the Royal Navy. Her father was often away at sea both before and during the war and she spent her childhood there with her mother Violet, helping after her brother Bill was born seven years later. During the war their house was bombed and the family was evacuated to Chagford on the edge of Dartmoor. The long walk to school over moorland was something of an ordeal and proved to be too much for young Bill who had to be taught at home.

When they returned to Plymouth she trained as a shorthand typist. Pamela attended her first job interview accompanied by her mother who insisted upon her daughter being allowed an hour and a half for lunch as the return tram journey home would take an hour...and it was very important that she had a hot home cooked lunch, a principle by which Pamela would abide throughout her life.

Other secretarial jobs followed when the family moved to Weybridge after the war. For a while Bill, now a strapping teenager, used to row her across the river to get to work. Pamela had the opportunity to exploit her physical charms when working for a photographic supplier–hers were the lovely hands used to model cameras in their catalogues...back issues are very collectable now, I believe.

In 1951 Pamela was persuaded by a friend to join the Weybridge Rowing Club and it was there that she was introduced to fellow member Norman Shiner and their courtship began. Norman introduced the 23 year old Pamela to his parents who were initially quite shocked, believing their son’s paramour to be no older than 17 –he was 32 at the time. Impressed by Pamela winning a decorated pint glass for her triumph in a Ladies Rowing competition Norman proposed; Pamela accepted at the second time of asking.

They were married by the end of the year. Norman had taken a job as a civil engineer in Karachi and shortly after a two day honeymoon he left for the mysterious east in order to polish up his Urdu before his bride arrived. Pamela followed him by ship three months later having greatly enjoyed the social life on board during the cruise.

Three good years passed and Pamela worked at the High Commission in Karachi (the conditions of employment specifically forbade her to be a Communist or a Fascist – no problem there -her lifelong political views were always even tempered).

This would provide spaces that are similar in size to those in the Drax Hall and as well as creating additional useful areas.

Is this achievable? Funding, agreement of the PPC and congregation, the wider village including the parish council and permission of the church would all be needed. It would be up to the village as a whole to decide if they share my vision.

Would it be a benefit to the village? I think so as it would make the church into a vital and vibrant community space as well as creating a revenue stream to maintain and preserve the building. Parking near the church is easier than outside the Drax Hall and the church is more centrally located within the village. Developing a wider use aligns itself with the idea that the “church” is more than just a building and makes it a central focus in village life.

There are many similar examples across the country of church/community integration. A good example of a church that has successfully achieved this near to us is the creation of Eyre Church (St Peter’s) for the Arts. It is worth looking at their web site: http://www.eypechurcharts.co.uk

This “looking up from the crypt” is a very personal view of a possible future for our church.

Ron Margetts
This got me thinking about our church and wondering if it is potentially facing a similar phase of decline - falling congregation numbers, the move to a more secular 21st century society and the problems of maintaining a historic building during a time of economic recession. At a time when many rural churches are being sold as housing or converted for other uses maybe it’s time to review how we as a village engage with the building.

Through modifications over the centuries our church has lost many of its original features and gained an interior that is largely Victorian, although luckily the roof carvings have survived. This is a building that has adapted as times have changed, and done so in dramatic ways - the various floors, rebuilding and additions, movement of the organ and creation of the vestry. We should preserve our heritage but at the same time be prepared to sympathetically make changes to ensure the building fulfils its purpose as the centre of our community, both spiritually and as a resource. The vision as I see it, is that by introducing a wider more varied range of activities around the church, we might help reunite the now largely secular community of Bere Regis with its spiritual roots.

The question we need to ask, assuming this is a sensible idea, is – ‘How can we increase the use of the church by the community to secure its future and generate the income needed to maintain it for future generations?’

If we look at the footprint of the church and try to image its use as a community resource then how could it be adapted to meet the dual roles of being a place of worship and a community hall? My view on this is that the following could be done without really affecting the integrity of the existing church structure as all alterations should, if possible, be reversible, ensure flexibility in design as needs will change over time and use good design and high quality materials that complement the existing building.

1. Convert the nave into the main community zone by removing the Victorian pews and put in chairs. The use of a mobile staging would allow for plays and other performances.
2. Fill in the arches of the south aisle to create another self contain area/meeting room
3. Install a proper kitchen at the western end of the south aisle (currently where the ‘hidden’ kitchen is) or where the vestry is at present in the north aisle.
4. The Chancel area then becomes the small chapel for regular services with a moveable partition between it and the nave allowing the whole area to be opened up for larger services and weddings.
5. Toilets would also need to be installed either within the existing building or outside plus a more efficient heating system.

However, it was soon time to return home to England and start a family. Ann arrived in 1956 and Lesley two years later. Shortly after Ann was born the young family rented a cottage near Cambridge. Pamela kept a letter of thanks from the proprietor which she proudly produced as evidence in later years when anyone dared to question her housekeeping skills ‘...I do want to thank you very much indeed for the wonderful condition in which you left the Cottage, it seemed nothing short of a miracle to me that you could have left with a small baby and leave everything in such perfect order ....’ Indeed it was ..!

The family moved to Somerset in 1961 where Norman had started a concrete manufacturing company. Pamela acted as the secretary and bookkeeper, the girls being left to play in their Dad’s sandpits whilst Mum was in the office. During his long working life in construction Norman also had interests in a variety of businesses including a fish and chip shop and a seaside gift shop and cafe. It is tempting and not necessarily disrespectful, to imagine Pamela serving up a cone of chips and a “99 whilst wearing a “Kiss me Quick” hat.

Semi retirement began in 1978 with the move to Bere Regis where Pam, after her long and very happy marriage, got on with life in her own indomitable way, making many new friends and taking up new interests such as Bridge, a game which gave her so much pleasure and good company in those subsequent years. She also had an indefatigable penchant for shopping and cooking. Not a glossy brochure could drop through the letter box without her choosing something to decorate the house or herself. At her house now is a marvellous collection of unusual ornaments and costume jewellery. Entertaining people to lunch also gave her great pleasure. Often one would come across notes for elaborate menus including mousles, seafood, exotic salads, chickens in aspic, bold curries and creamy puddings. Clearing
OBITUARIES/EULOGIES

up, however, was a testament to her endeavours and it was to help her with her culinary interests that she planned and ordered a new kitchen only two months ago. Sadly she was not able to experience the benefits of it.

Pamela had a sunny disposition and was always very optimistic. Life’s experiences can be cruel, though, and she was deeply saddened by the untimely death of her younger daughter Lesley 6 years ago. However she bore this loss stoically and without a trace of self pity, concerned only for her grandchildren Sebastian, Marcus and Imogen who have been a joy and a consolation.

Nor did she complain when her daughter Ann and her husband Paul moved to France in 2005, encouraging them in their venture with the assurance that there was always a holiday home for her there ...if she was not too busy visiting Spain, Greece or other Mediterranean shores with relatives or friends.

Pamela was a beloved mother to Ann and a much cherished mother in law to Paul and Mike. Ann and Paul fully expected her to live with them in due course so that they could look after her in later years. Her unexpected death shocked and saddened all who knew her but comfort can be gained knowing that Pamela left us peacefully.

Today is a not so much a time to bid our final farewells to Pam but to say “Hello” once again to a friend whose invisible presence is still amongst us.

Pamela was a devotee of the radio and would frequently fall asleep late at night to the sounds of Radio 4. Whilst we listen to some music which may be familiar to many of you let us think about Pamela and give her thanks for her generosity of spirit, tolerant nature and unconditional love for family and friends.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

It is a very special year for Bere Regis Floral Group as it celebrates its Emerald anniversary – fifty-five years. The group was started by Maureen Anderson whom some villagers may remember when she lived at Hyde with her husband Hamish. She now lives in Scotland, and has just celebrated her one hundredth birthday! In fact, the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies was started by Dorchester lady, Mary Pope.

To mark the club’s Emerald anniversary, there will be several special demonstrations through the year. The first of these is on Tuesday, 12th March at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall and will be by florist David Wragg.

Visitors are very welcome to all meetings. For all details contact secretary Diane Edmunds on 01929 472331.

‘LOOKING UP FROM THE CRYPT’:
MY PERSONAL VIEW OF POSSIBLE FUTURE FOR OUR CHURCH

This is the personal view of a non-churchgoer, who feels strongly about the future of our Church building.

The church has a new roof and fund raising for the bells has started. This ongoing challenge of fundraising for repairs seems to be never ending, maybe it’s time to review how we as a village engage with this building: .......

Recently Mary and I spent some time in the southern Peloponnese in Greece in a region known as the Mani. As in England, we found many villages, have an ageing population and many of the young people have moved away to find work, housing and access to a wider range of amenities. We were really saddened by the poor state of repair of their churches. Like ours many date from the 12th century (Byzantium), and inside almost all the walls are covered with beautiful multicoloured icons with sacred images of Christ, the virgin and local saints, all gradually fading away through neglect as the building crumbles around them.
The art group continues to go from strength to strength with two new members joining last month we are now almost fully subscribed. What works so well for us is the fact that our patient tutor, Peter Lightfoot, provides a perfect mix of demonstration, personal coaching and the complete freedom for us to choose what we want to work on and the medium we prefer. There is definitely a bias towards acrylics (very forgiving) in the group but a couple of members have produced some wonderful works in pastels. We’re not big on still life, but portraits have proved popular, although probably one of the most difficult to do. It’s quite amazing what can be produced in the three hour duration of our class, which takes place at the Scout Hut on Tuesday mornings. However, some students are even more dedicated and regularly carry on working on their paintings between classes - turning up the following week with new creations to share with the group.

For more details, contact Peter Lightfoot on 01305 851920.

Alison Debenham
understand the truth of God's Word the Bible.
This month we shall be holding some special Services – all at 10.00am, including:

10th March Mothering Sunday Family Service 10am - for all ages
17th March Missionary Service with Tim Hunt from OutreachUK
24th March Palm Sunday – “Hosanna in the Highest”
29th March Good Friday – Thoughts and Meditations on the Cross
31st March Easter celebration Family Service – for all ages

Chapel Mums and Toddlers
We invite any new young mums to come along and join us on a Monday afternoon at the Chapel Toddlers Group. We provide two main play and interactive areas - a soft area for babies and younger toddlers and a ‘ride round’ area for the older toddlers. Drinks and biscuits are provided. Come and see us – a chance to meet and have a chat with other mums while the children play together. We open at 1.30 until 3.00pm. A warm welcome awaits!

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Next service will be on Sunday 3rd March and will be led by Rev Paul Arnold. We shall also be welcoming Holly Rose Harrison in baptism. All are welcome.

On Saturday 23rd March starting at 7.00 p.m. there will be a talk by Mr Peter Hammond – ‘Oh Mr Porter’. Mr Peter Hammond will be giving an amusing and informative talk about his time working on the Railways. Everyone is welcome. Donations towards the upkeep of Bere Heath Methodist Chapel.
And at no time is that unique message more relevant than at Easter as we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, dying on the Cross for our sins, and then, on the third day, proving He had overcome Death and paid the price as He came back to life. If anyone of us could get to heaven by ‘just being good and doing our best’ what then is the point of God making such a huge gesture of love on your behalf? We must not allow the Gospel message of God’s redeeming love to be watered down simply because a watered down Gospel cannot ensure souls are saved.

Jesus said in John 11:25,26 “I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” Then He put this challenge on the end – “Do you believe this?” The word ‘believe’ in these verses doesn’t refer to a mere mental assent to the existence of Jesus. He was saying in effect, “you have to believe that I died for your sinful condition”.

Christianity does exactly what it says on the tin – but check the labeling inside the Bible first! We invite you to come to the Bere Regis Chapel this Easter time and celebrate with us the unadulterated Good News of God’s love and mercy. You are assured of a warm welcome and not only that - you will have the opportunity to ‘taste and see that the LORD is good’ for yourself!

May we all experience God’s resurrection power this Easter

Pastor Jim Morris, The Manse Flat, Butt Lane, Bere Regis; Tel:01929 471270 Email: jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk

As a Church we promise to offer Christian love, care and pastoral help to anyone in need. With God there is always a way through! If you need to talk, please contact Pastor Jim Morris on 01929 471270. We will do our best to help or, at the very least, put you in touch with someone who can.

Bere Regis Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY at 10.00am & Junior Church for the youngsters
- Mums & Toddlers meets 1.30-3.00pm on Mondays (except school holidays)
- STS Youth Group meets 7.30-9.00pm on Monday (except school holidays)
- Tuesday Fellowship 7.30-9pm – informal Bible study & prayer
- Son Seekers Youth Club meets 6.30-8pm (except school holidays)

Chapel News in Brief

Our Sunday worship draws us together in family worship and praise. We love to sing God’s praise, we desire to pray from the heart and we have a holy enthusiasm to

PATRON SAINTS

In our islands of the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic we boast four patron saints. We celebrate them individually throughout the year: 1st March – St.David: Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales; 17th March – St.Patrick: Bishop and Missionary, Patron of Ireland; 23rd April – St.George: Martyr, Patron of England; and 30th November – St.Andrew: Apostle and Martyr, Patron of Scotland. Most of what we know about them is based on legend as the chroniclers of their day have left us only brief outlines of their lives and achievements. We have two celebrations in March.

St David (or Dewi) the patron saint of Wales was born c.545 in Cereticu (Cardiganshire) and died at Menevia c.601. He was brought up a priest and spent his early years preaching in the Isle of Wight before returning to Wales. He presided at two Synods of the Welsh Church, and was an apostle to the Welsh people, founding many monasteries in the southern part of Wales. He is said to have made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and to have been consecrated archbishop by the patriarch, but there is no foundation for this legend. It is also said that a Synod of Welsh bishops met to condemn the Pelagian heresy (doctrine fiercely opposed by St Augustine spread by a monk called Pelagius – we need not concern ourselves with the details here!), and then endeavoured to promulgate the official doctrine among a vast assembly which had congregated at a place in Cardiganshire now known as Llandewi-Brevi. It is said the people came in thousands. The bishops looked with dismay upon the multitude, and said to one another, ‘Not even a trumpet would reach the ears of all present, and the people will return home untouched by the
preaching.” One after another stood up, using a heap of clothes for a pulpit, but all alike failed to make themselves heard. Paul the Old, David’s former teacher, advised that he should be sent for. Initially reluctant he at last gave in, saying, ‘I cannot preach, but I will give you what little help I can by prayer’. When he came he would not stand on the heap of clothes, but on the flat ground. He expounded the Gospel and the law as from a trumpet, and a white dove perched on his shoulder and remained there while he preached. He was heard by the most distant as by the nearest, as the sun is seen by everybody at noon. The legend continues that as he preached the ground rose under his feet until it became a mountain, and on the top of the hill a church was set. The synod itself is historical, whatever we may think of some of the incidents related as happening at it! As a consequence he is said to have been made Archbishop of Menevia, the modern St. David’s, which he may have chosen as being accessible from Ireland, with whose bishops he kept up a close connection. He was a good and faithful bishop, building many churches and teaching diligently. He died at St David’s on 1st March, but the exact year is uncertain.

Rather surprisingly, in view of the fact that the Welsh pride themselves on their music and poetry, St. David is not directly associated with any of the arts! He left neither melody nor verse (nor prose, for that matter). The only “hymn” named after him is actually a melody from Psalms 1621 harmonised by Thomas Ravenscroft (1582-1635). The famous ballad “David of the White Rock”, the title of which may have some empathy with the legend above, has nothing to do with him at all! It was written by David Owen, a blind harpist (known locally as Davydd y Garreg Wen), in the early 18th century, who lived at a farm called Y Garreg Wen (The White Rock), at Porthmadog, Caernarfonshire.

St. Patrick is one of the better documented of our island’s patron saints. He is also the one most lavishly celebrated, each 17th March! The apostle and patron saint of Ireland was not actually an Irishman but was born at what is now Dumbarton (c.373), his father, Calpurnius, a deacon and Roman official, having come from “Bannavem Taberniae,” which was probably near the mouth of the Severn. As a boy he was captured in a Pictish raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He escaped to Gaul in about 395, where he studied under St. Martin at Tours before returning to Britain. There he had a “supernatural” call to preach to the heathen of Ireland, so he was consecrated and in the year 432, landed at Wicklow. He at first met with strong opposition, but, going north, he converted first the chiefs and people of Ulster, and later those of the rest of Ireland. He founded many churches, including the cathedral and monas-tery of Armagh, where he held two synods. He is said to have died at Armagh (c.464) and to have been buried either at Down or Saul (though one tradition gives Glastonbury as the place of his death and burial). Downpatrick cathedral claims his supposed grave which is covered with a massive slab of granite.

St. Patrick has lent his name to numerous places in Great Britain and Ireland, and many legends are told of his miraculous powers of healing the sick and blind, and even raising the dead. Perhaps the best known tradition is that he cleared Ireland of its vermin. The story goes that one old serpent resisted him; but he

Yay or Neigh?

A cow goes into a bar and the barman says, “why the long face?” And the cow says, “typical – all these illegal ingredients coming over here stealing our jobs!” But then as Shakespeare would have said “to beef or not to beef – that is the equestrian!”

Those are just a few of the many comy jokes currently going round the internet. But joking apart, a lot of ‘horse play’ has surrounded the discovery of horsemeat in certain brands of supermarket foods. The old TV advert used to boast, “you can’t tell stark from butter”. Sadly the stuff now packed into our supermarket meals is so bland apparently, we can’t tell horse from cow. The issue at steak, sorry at stake, is not one of taste, but of deceptive labelling. To be fair the regulations governing the food chain, including regular testing and scrutiny of ingredients is very strict. But such is the vast nature of the food production industry that to test every batch I guess is next to impossible.

The plain fact is there will always be that unscrupulous element in society whose only concern is to make a fast buck. They are not concerned with public health or taste issues. Of course this is a part of human nature that affects every area where there is money to be made. Whether it’s cowboy bankers or dishonest bankers; producers of counterfeit designer clothes, jewelry and watches – and of course dodgy banknotes!

When it comes to morality and ethics – how do we sort out the real from the counterfeit; the true from the false? What about religions? That’s even more confusing! Which one is right? Sadly what is usually on offer today is a bland ‘pick n mix’ that tries to incorporate all beliefs and all shades of scientific and social thinking. The ingredients, flavourings and various additives in modern religious thought result in a bland (or is it blind?) acceptance that all roads lead to God.

This is at odds with the ‘labeling’ that is on the Bible. For Christians, the essence of the Gospel is clearly laid out in this God-breathed Book. We are encouraged to ‘taste and see that the Lord is good’. But to get the real flavour of the Gospel we have to understand the God we are dealing with. Yes, He is good and loving – but He is also just and holy and as our Creator God we will all one day stand before Him and have to give an account. When Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no-one comes to the Father except by Me – that’s exactly what He meant.
overcame it by cunning. He made a box, and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected, saying it was too small; but St. Patrick insisted it was quite large enough to be comfortable. After a long contention, the serpent got in to prove it was too small, then St. Patrick slammed down the lid, and threw the box into the sea. In commemoration of this St. Patrick is usually represented banishing the serpent; and with a shamrock leaf, in allusion to the tradition that when explaining the Trinity to the heathen priests on the hill of Tara he used this as a symbol.

There exist manuscripts of his prayers and poetry, and of course the most famous is the hymn we know as “Saint Patrick’s Breastplate” (“I bind unto myself today”). This hymn is set in splendid musical form by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, himself an Irishman born in Dublin (1852-1924). The words are an amalgam of St. Patrick’s poetry with a “doxology” rather equating to the well-known “Celtic Blessing”. Stanford sets the verses in “G minor” with the blessing in “G major” reverting to the original melody in the minor with a splendid “tiers de Picardy” at the end (last triumphal chord is major!). The “hymn book” version can be found in “Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New” No.162, “Hymns Old & New” No.225, and “Ancient & Modern Revised” No.162 (longer text version). The hymn is particularly relevant for Trinity Sunday. Much of the text is drawn from St. Patrick’s composition, the hymn and prayer “The Deer’s Cry”:

“Christ to protect me today against every poison, Against burning, against drowning, against death-wound, So that I may have a multitude of rewards – Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ below me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me, Christ in the eye of everyone who sees me, Christ in the ear of everyone that hears me!”

“I bind myself today to a strong virtue, an invocation of the Trinity. I believe a Threeness with confession of a Oneness in the Creator of the Universe. Salvation is the Lord’s, salvation is the Lord’s, salvation is Christ’s. May Thy salvation, Lord, be always with us! Amen.”
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Pancake Race at the recreation fields and enjoyed this very much.

Jurassic Class, the Year Fives, are waiting patiently for their trip to the Egyptian museum after the break, but have in the meantime been continuing their rivers topic in Geography. They have created some fantastic poetry on the theme of water, using personification (where an inanimate object is likened to a person or given human qualities). The children are also following their personal projects, where each class member has some time each week to follow a project of their own choice, in writing, 3D or art. It is lovely to see how the children progress through the school and be able to take on an independent study and really take pride in their work. In RE they have started a study of Islam, and were fascinated by Halal sweets and the face-covering Niqab.

This is just a sample of the work done in school – the basics of phonics, spellings, times-tables, mathematics and reading go on as normal, but these enriching experiences mean that the children are really keen to learn and contribute to their own education. We would like to thank, as always, the tireless work of FOBRS whose fundraising efforts mean that we can fund trips and visitors at a greatly reduced price to parents. We would also like to say a big ‘thank you’ to all those parents who have been able to come in and help, or contribute with books and materials for the various topics.

Debbie Tibbey, Deputy Head Teacher
little spatial connection to Bere Regis. If any person has a comment on either of these proposals please send them to Amanda our clerk so that we can include them in our response to District which has to be in by early April.

The Parish Council Precept Explained

As Peter Wharf has explained in his report our Council Tax goes towards paying for the local services provided by the District and County Councils, as well as for other local services such as Fire and Policing.

What may not be quite so well known is that a small part of your Council Tax bill goes on what is called ‘The Parish Precept’, that is, the amount of money that your Parish Council has to spend on your behalf on the very local things that we do within Bere Regis, which is not just the village, but the civil parish of which runs from Roke in the North to Gallows Hill in the South.

On the income side we receive most of the precept from council tax payers, via Purbeck District Council. For the coming financial year we shall be asking for £37,000, which is up by 12% on last year’s figure of £33,000. We also receive a grant of £5,500 from Dorset County Council towards the cost of the Lengthsman scheme and there is a very small amount of income from running the village cemetery. We have budgeted for a total income of £49,412 in 2013/14, and plan to spend £53,064.85 – the difference being made up from reserves accumulated in past years.

On the expenditure side our spending falls roughly into the following four categories:

1. **Maintenance**, including the work of the Lengthsman, cutting the Play Park and Cemetery grass, and maintaining the fabric of the Play Park and Cemetery. This year we will be maintaining the newly acquired Souls Moor and the streamside area near Elder Road for the first time as well.
   Cost £22,801 (43%)

2. **Administrative costs**, including our Parish Clerk’s salary, insurance, stationery, postage, hall hire, audit fees and rates for the Cemetery.
   Cost £18,263 (34%)

3. **Future facilities and amenities**, including Christmas trees, the addition of information boards, path signage and the Neighbourhood Plan (we hope to get a substantial part of the £6000 for the Neighbourhood Plan reimbursed)
   Cost £10,000 (19%)

4. **Grants** to village organisations.
   Cost £2,000 (4%)

The Parish Precept amounts to about £50.50 per Band D household per year, and the increase this year will add just £6.17 per year to a Band D Council Tax bill.
March is here at last, and let’s just hope that Spring is coming too. We’ve already got daffodils blooming around the school field and the shrubs have buds, so there are definitely positive signs.

We have completed the first half of the spring term, and looking back it is quite astonishing how much we have achieved in six weeks. Tyneham Class, the youngest children, have visited the Dinosaur Museum in Dorchester and completed a fantastic project on dinosaurs. They have learnt how to make simple Powerpoint presentations, made masks and models and written dinosaur stories. It has been lovely to see the Year One children take responsibility for their Reception partners and work together so well. The Sharing Assembly at the end of the topic was very well attended and the children were very proud to be able to show off their work.

Studland Class, the Year Twos, have been finding out about the Emergency Services, with visits from the Fire Brigade, Police and Lifeboat staff. They had a dramatic day with Simon Stone, re-enacting the Great Fire of London including dressing up in costume and lots of shouting. They have created some very impressive artwork using washes and silhouettes to represent the fire over the London landscape. In DT they have made moving vehicles, and congratulations are sent to Warren for making the fastest emergency vehicle and winning the playground race.

The children of Kimmeridge Class, Years Three and Four, have also had Simon Stone in with them for a Viking day, and their visit to Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre added a rich experience to their studies of the Vikings. They have written in runes, created poems, made round shields from papier mache and made Viking ships from milk cartons which have been skillfully attached to the corridor wall. Kimmeridge Class also took part in the Village
We hope you approve of what we do for all of us who live in this lovely village and the wider parish. Every parishioner is very welcome to join us at our monthly meetings (second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Drax Hall) to have a say and influence our decisions, or to join one of our sub-committees dealing with the Play Park, the Village Nature Reserve or our Neighbourhood Plan.

**Dr Brian May & The Woodland Planting Scheme**

The extraordinary pulling power of ‘celebratory’ status was well in evidence on Monday 11th February when Brian May and his team from UPM Tilhill came to the village to tell us about the proposed planting scheme and wildlife haven that is to be established on 63 hectares of farm land to the south of the village that Brian has recently bought. The Drax Hall was full to bursting as around 150 people listened avidly as Brian May outlined his vision for the area and Julian Ohlsen from Tilhill told us that around 100,000 native British hardwoods would be planted in the Autumn. Brian May impressed everyone with his easy charm and evident enthusiasm for his approach to wildlife conservation. It is clear that the vast majority of residents are very much in favour of the proposals.

Members of the Parish Council have been meeting with Tilhill staff to iron out details of the scheme, in particular to ensure that footpaths and rights of way are respected and enhanced and that we try to integrate our plans for a village nature reserve on Souls Moor with the new planting scheme.

**Play Park**

The Play Park will be officially opened on 2nd March. The ceremony will be held at the Bere Regis Scout Hut starting at 1.00 pm.

However, some work will continue for a bit longer than was originally anticipated. Fundraising will also be continuing as the price of some of the equipment has gone up and we still have a shortfall to make up.
Pop In Place AGM Friday 19th April 10.30 All Welcome.
We welcome new people to our team, please if you are interested in being part of a vibrant successful intergenerational community group please give me a call or attend our AGM.

“Climb Every Mountain” will be showing on Thursday 16th May 6pm Friday 17th May 7pm and Saturday 18th May 2pm tickets will be on sale after Easter

Village Quiz will be on Monday 20th May 7.30 team of four people

popinplace.net have you checked out our website, you could be on there, photos and reports from all our events and general information is available on popinplace.net

For more information contact Alison Bennett Pop In Place Team Leader 01929 472023
Community Right to Buy

Under the ‘Community Right To Buy’ legislation, we are now able to register buildings, land and facilities which we believe are valuable to the community, so that, in the event that any of these might be sold or lost for whatever reason, the Parish has the right to be given ‘first refusal’ so as to try to keep the community asset going. We have compiled such a list and are presenting it to the registrar for approval. This does not mean that anything on the list is completely protected, because we would have to raise the necessary funds to buy the land or shop or whatever, and that may prove impossible. The legislation merely gives us the opportunity to try to safeguard a community asset.

Monthly Surgery

A Parish Councillor will be joining Peter Wharf our District Councillor at the regular surgery we hold at Turberville Court on the first Saturday of each month from 09.30 to 10.00 am.

Peter Wharf, Parish Councillor

PLAY PARK FUNDRAISING

Martin Barlow has raised over £300 for the play park by having his ‘famous’ beard removed!!! Here is the evidence:

Going ..... Going ..... Gone!!!

original and most loved musical The Sound of Music, Please note that currently this group is at full capacity in accordance with our Child Protection policy but if you are interested in joining after the May show phone me and we can put you on our list and wait for availability 01929 472023

The Pop In Place Community Café Monday and Friday mornings 10 until 12 at the Lower Drax Hall

Where there is a warm welcome to all, pop in for a coffee or tea and a chat. We also take donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac and books. These are sold during the mornings to help fund our rental costs. Donations would be most welcome and a great help to our running costs.

On Friday morning Tony Shave is there with his Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Stall, buy your fruit and vegetables and eggs then come in for a coffee too.

If you have never popped in why not give it a try in 2013 there is a warm welcome to you all. (Remember transport is now available)

Forthcoming Events.... Are also on our Diary cards that are available from the Pop In Place. Pop in and pick one up.

Good Friday Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Raffle Friday 29th March 10am 12noon

The Pop In Place will be holding our annual Easter event on Good Friday, we will be having entertainment from the JC Puppet Theatre, the Bonnet Parade and lots of teas and coffees and hot cross buns. Please come along and support this event its always lots of fun for all the family.

Why not have a go at making an Easter bonnet, this can be a traditional type where you decorate a hat with flowers or Easter eggs or for the more adventurous you can make a bonnet that depicts an animal we have had some amazing chickens and lovely lambs on people heads over the years, you are free to be as creative as you like. The competition is in three sections the young children 0 to 9 then the older children 10 to 16 then an adult section, go on have a go at something artistic and join in the fun on Good Friday morning.
Pop In Place Bere Regis

Village Hall

Family Easter Fun Morning

Friday 29th March from 10 am to 12 noon

Bring an Easter Bonnet to wear in the Parade

Gigantic Easter Egg Raffle

Tea, coffee and hot cross buns available

Come along and have some fun!

GARDENING TALKS WITH SIMON GOLDSACK

Turbo-charge your borders - Tuesday 5th March & Sunday 10th March

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**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

**Elections**

If you wish to vote in the elections on Thursday May 2nd you need to ensure that you are on the electoral roll. The last date for doing this is April 17th. If you just want to ensure that you have a vote please give Leigh Johnson, the Electoral Services Officer, a ring or an email and she will let you know. Details listed below.

Leigh Johnson

Direct line: 01929 557219

Switchboard: 01929 556561

Email: leighjohnson@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

**Council Tax**

Council tax is made up of primarily of five elements, Parish, District, County, Fire and Police. At District (Purbeck) we are about to finalise our Council tax for 2013/14 and this element (which represents about 10% of the total) will go up by around 2%. The Government has announced the final grant settlement for Purbeck for 2013/14 of just over £2.5M, a reduction of around £170K (8%) on last year. Dorset County Council is currently planning on freezing Council tax at its current level. It also includes elements funding the Police and the Fire authorities so the total increase (including the Parish Council precept which has also increased this year) will be in the region of 1.1%. For a band D property these figures are indicative.

*Bere Regis precept is explained more fully in the Parish Council notes*

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**POP IN PLACE NEWS**

**Pop In Place worthy causes for 2013:-**

During this year the Pop In Place will be supporting many different worthy causes and they are Dorchester Hospital Special Care Baby Unit, The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer support. If you look at the advertising for all the different events you will see the charity that will benefit.

**Could you be a Volunteer in 2013? Have you ever thought of helping out in your own Community?**

New Volunteers are always welcome, if you could spare a couple of hours on a Monday or a Friday to help serve the teas once in while I would love to hear from you. We also run a Performers Group on Thursday nights you may feel that you have some skills that you could offer. There are many charity events that happen during the year, when we need extra volunteers. Please call me on the number below to talk through how you can help within your own community.

**Transport is now available to our sessions at no cost to you**

We are delighted to inform you that we are able to offer transport to and from the sessions. If you are unable to walk, or are maybe a little apprehensive of coming alone, please give Max Saywell a call on 01929 471062 to make the arrangements. We look forward to seeing you.

**Pop In Place regular groups are as follows**

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

New people always welcome. As the School term starts this group will meet again at the Lower Drax Hall in North Street, all most welcome.

**The Pop In Performers Group next Production “Climb Every Mountain” In aid of Dorchester County Hospital Special Care Baby Unit**

This will be directed by Alison Bennett and Julie Lye and is our own version of the
Council Tax benefits

The existing national council tax benefit scheme is being abolished to be replaced by local council tax support schemes, which had to be approved by the 31 January 2013 to take effect from 1 April 2013. The previous national scheme was fully funded by the Government but the new local schemes see a 10% reduction in Government funding, which will cost us £35,100, based on 2011/12 benefit take up. The new funding mechanism also transfers the risks around future increases in the cost of the local scheme to billing authorities and tax setting bodies (i.e. us). As a result of work we have undertaken with all other affected Councils we have implemented the preferred scheme of a 10% reduction in benefit entitlement but with protection for pensioners and vulnerable groups.

Bus Passes

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and give better value for money for tax payers. Residents applying for an older persons or disabled persons bus pass for the first time will now be able to apply by phone, by downloading an application form online or by collecting a application form from their district or borough council, or from their local library. Residents needing to renew their pass should be automatically invited to reapply by Dorset County Council and then sent a new pass through the post.

However, anyone who has moved since their current pass was issued should contact their local district or borough council to update their address details before the end of February.

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 outside 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
March 2013

It is with great pleasure that we will be welcoming Nicky Chivers, who takes up the role of practice manager at Bere Regis during the first week of April. Nicky lives locally and brings to the role her fifteen years experience of working in a general practice environment. We all look forward to her arrival and hope that she will enjoy working at our friendly practice.

Book Purchase

Thank you again for your kind donations. This scheme is an overwhelming success. If you have any unwanted fiction, in a ‘good as new’ condition, please bring them along!

Surgery Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm except
Wednesday 8.30am to 4.00pm

(Morning blood test appointments available from 8.10am by appointment only)

Late Surgery Monday & Friday 6.30pm to 7.00pm

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except Wednesday 8.30am to 4.00pm

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November Leaves Over 50’s Club

We were kept fascinated by Terry Heard from Spetisbury with the variety of products which he produced from coppicing hazel, birch, chestnut and ash from the local woodland. He made a besom broom and kindly left it for a raffle prize.

The March meeting is, as usual, at the Drax Hall at 2.30 on Wednesday 13th when Penny Piddock is to show a series of slides on ‘The Natural World’.

County Council Report

It is the Budget meeting on the 14th February, where the County Council sets the Council Tax for the next financial year. Central government still has the squeeze on our finances and therefore the Council will agree a 0% rise and take the Council tax freeze grant as it is on offer again this year. However we calculate the total money coming in will be less again this year than last so there will be cuts in most budgets, and some services will be altered. In the last 2 years approximately 500 fulltime workers have been laid off.

The subsidy for the 387 bus from Poole to Dorchester been agreed by Cabinet to continue from April to August, when the route should be in a new batch of contracts to agree. In the meantime Dorset Passenger Transport Division has started a consultation to look at the use and need for buses in Dorset. Hard copies of the survey are available. (I will put some in the shop) or online from www.dorsetforyou.com/busconsultation. If you are interested in using the bus service please fill in this form. The Council Budget includes a cut of nearly £500,000 for next year which is equal to the subsidy of five bus routes, so no route is safe at present if not used.
March 2013

Several people have mentioned to me that they would like a bus to Wareham. It is clear from the passenger numbers that the 316 Thursday bus to Wareham is very poorly used, so give it a try. 9.26am from Manor farm road, return at 12.54pm.

Free Bus Passes do not pay the bus company much, they only get reimbursed by about 80pence however the number of passengers also counts so do not feel embarrassed at using the bus service, it may keep the service open for other full paying passengers.

For those of you who have smart phones enter www.nextbuses.mobi to get your next bus times or use www.travelinesw.com to get your timetable.

BERE REGIS WI

Understandably January’s meeting was a small gathering with the weather being bitterly cold and some ladies succumbing to the annual flu virus. Hopefully, next month everyone will be back to full health.

Tuesday, 12th February saw the Annual Pancake Race for some of the children from Bere Regis School, an event always eagerly anticipated by the children. The W.I. ladies not only provided teas, coffees and cakes but stalls of, among others, books, fabrics & sewing materials, greetings cards along with the usual raffle. The children seemed not to notice the cold and ran with their characteristic enthusiasm although the Mums seem to prefer a cup of coffee in the warm. Around £100.00 was raised in aid of the Church’s Bell Tower Appeal. A big thank you to all those who came along to support this event.

On Tuesday, 19th February the ladies had a talk on the National Coastwatch - volunteers who watch over our coastal shipping – a topic perhaps not in everybody’s daily thoughts.

Tuesday, 19th March will be a talk on the Probation Service by two of its officers – another unusual subject perhaps for the ladies but none the less should be interesting.

If you would like any further information about your W.I, please do not hesitate to call: Dian on 01929 471322 or Eileen on 01929472022. Visitors always welcome
SCINTILLATING SOUND IN THE SEA

4th April – 7.30 pm
St Nicholas Church, Winterborne Kingston
Raffle - Refreshments – Bar

In 1490, Leonardo da Vinci wrote: “If you cause your ship to stop, and place the head of a long tube in the water and place the other side of the tube to your ear, you will hear ships at a great distance from you”, and so invented sonar. Of course, he wasn’t the first. Nature had already done it millions of years earlier and, today, a whole host of living things in the sea use sound to visualize the world around them. Whales and dolphins in particular have evolved processes that make human attempts look half-hearted.

In this 40 minute talk, and time for questions, Dr Peter Dobbins, Principal Scientist with Ultra Electronics Sonar Systems and expert in underwater acoustics, will explain how sound is the only means of communication in the depths of the ocean, how the creatures that live there use sound and how mankind is polluting the oceans with unnecessary and damaging noise.

Tickets and Entrance: £5.00 (£2 under 18s) Enquiries 01929 471193

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All Tours pick up in Bere Regis, Tolpuddle, and Puddletown
**Easter Prize Bingo Monday 25th March eyes down at 7.30pm at the Upper Hall.**

The Village Hall Bingo will be on Monday the 25th March all welcome lots of lovely Prizes come along and bring a friend, Children are welcome to play if accompanied by an adult.

Donations of Bingo prizes to Ruth please and raffle prizes to Kath.

**The Village Hall AGM will be Friday 12th April 7pm. New Committee members are welcome**

**Hall Hiring in 2013**

The Village Hall is available for hire, we have two different size Halls to offer at very reasonable hire charges. The hall is clean and warm with the new heating system and also offers air con on hot days, the toilets have been recently refurbished and there is a chair lift to assist people who require it to the upper hall. If you are looking for a venue for a regular meeting or a one off event or party, please come along and view our facilities, contact Sally Cheeseman our Bookings Secretary on 01929 471022 to discuss your requirements.

**A Writers Group at the Hall.**

The group meets the last Tuesday of each month 7pm in the Lower room it will cost £2 per person and new members who are interested in writing are very welcome to come along.

**Date for your diary**

The Purbeck Film Festival will be at Bere Regis Village Hall on Saturday 19th October we are in negotiations re the film but we are trying to secure Quartet more details to follow.

Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023

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**RAGAMUFFINS PRE-SCHOOL**

This term, the Children have enjoyed activities based around the theme of Winter.

They have made bird seed feeders for their gardens, cooked snowflake cakes and made lots of lovely winter themed crafts. Last week we all celebrated Chinese New Year and learned a Dragon dance, made money pockets and tasted fortune cookies. This week, we have been cooking heart shaped cookies and making Valentines cards for people we love. We have welcomed four new Children and their families to the setting and are now all looking forward to our half term break.

**Future Events**

**It's that time of year again ..... Saucy Bingo**

We are delighted to announce that our fourth annual Saucy Bingo fund raising night will take place in the Scout Hut on Friday 12th April 2013. Doors open at 1900 hours with eyes down at 1930 hours. Tickets are just £5.00 and include admission and a glass of wine. Our saucy caller Mel is warming her balls and we all look forward to a great evening with lots of great prizes, fun and laughter!! Please come and support us at this popular event. Tickets are on sale from Monday 4th March 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mandy Buller

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**THANK YOU**

Emma and Rene Bastian wish to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care and help shown to them and the children following the loss of Mark. The messages of sympathy and to all those who attended his service.

Special thanks to Phil Trim and mates who mad the roads passable in such dire circumstances. To Pastor Jim and Rev Ian for their private comfort to us. Also to Albert Marsh for their professional services and especially to Jonathan Stretch for his personal care.

It makes us appreciative and proud to live in such a small caring community. Please accept this as our personal thanks.
Would you like to have an Easter Felt-Making Party?

(Great for a birthday or hen party)

For seven or more of your family and friends (maximum 15), where they will have the opportunity to create their very own needle-felted Easter decoration to take home with them. I can also organise bespoke workshops for a group of you.

For further details please contact Mary-Jane Lillie:
Email: ajml161@gmail.com
Mob: 07947314243
Explorer News:

Training for Nepal – 155 days and counting........

With their fundraising all but complete, the Kingsbere Explorers have been busy preparing for their fast approaching trip to Nepal in the summer. So far this year they have completed two day hikes on the South West Coastal Path surrounding Lulworth, which have been a great tester for new equipment, especially the thermal gear! With at least one walk planned every month, plus a couple of weekend camps, they are well on their way to being prepared for taking on a challenge of a lifetime.

Scottish Night – 22nd January

To celebrate Burn’s Night, the Explorers dressed in a variety of tartans and were taught to perform a selection of Scottish dances with the help of Lorna Ventham. The evening would

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**Chicken and Green Peas**

(This is a very old recipe that John’s Mother used to make.)

A chicken and green peas for Easter.

Sage and onion stuffing.

- 4 small onions
- 4 sage leaves
- 4-6oz of breadcrumbs
- salt and pepper
- melted butter
- beaten egg to bind

Boil the onions, changing the water twice, and slip the sage leaves into the last water as you take the onions out.

Chop the onions and the sage leaves finely, mix with a good knob of butter and the egg, season and dry off with as much fresh white breadcrumbs as it will take up lightly.

Stuff the chicken and roast in a moderate oven, basting well. Small pork sausages may be served with the chicken.

Green peas and new potatoes are the correct accompaniments.

A chicken and green peas are for Easter and a Duck and green peas for Whitsunday.
not have been complete without haggis and neeps, expertly cooked and served by Phil.

**Scout News:**

On Sunday 10th February, a patrol of four Scouts took part in the Dorset County Cooking Competition after winning the District competition last October. Ella Grigg, Alex Moore, Dan Miller and Matt Miller impressed the judges with fine examples of Italian cuisine. They prepared a bruschetta starter; a classic Italian ‘Risotto ai funghi con verdure’ and a Tiramisu with a difference; Veloce Cremeso Tiramisu.

The quality of the competition is always very high at County level and the Bere Regis team were placed in a very respectable third position overall, missing out on a Regional place by just one point! A special trophy was awarded for the ‘best dessert’ of the competition; the Bere Regis Tiramisu won this with ease. This dessert may soon become a Scout Camp favourite.

Jane Orchard, the Deputy District Commissioner for Bournemouth Scout Groups, presented the trophies and certificates at the Blandford Scout Hut. Well done to you all!

**Cub News:**

Following their recent swimming night at the Purbeck Sports Centre, some of the Cubs have earned their swimming badges. Eight Swimmer 1, seven Swimmer 2 and four Swimmer 3 badges were awarded across the pack. Well done to you all for this fantastic achievement!

The Local Knowledge activity badge has also been earned by most of the Cubs. For this badge they have learnt about their local area and researched and designed their own Coat of Arms.

At one of the February meetings, the Young Leaders organised a fantastic quiz night. At another, the Cubs planned and performed a sketch as part of the Creative Challenge badge.
Looking forward to the rest of the term, the Cubs are hoping to put two teams forward for the Wareham and Isle of Purbeck District football competition. The cubs won this competition last year and hope to retain their title.

Beaver News:

Four new members were welcomed into Beavers this term and there has been plenty of exciting activities on offer to keep them busy. Already this year the Beavers have made boats, flipped pancakes and have created their own musical instruments, with drum making being particularly popular!

The Beavers spent a very informative evening learning about fire safety, the equipment on a fire engine and the role of a fireman thanks to the staff at Bere Regis Fire station. During their time at the station the Beavers were even allowed to sit in the driving seat of the fire engine, as long as they didn’t press any buttons!

GROUP ACTIVITIES

London Irish Scouts and Guides Day

A small contingent of Bere Regis Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders went to see London Irish play the Saracens in the Rugby Premiership at the Madejski Stadium in Reading. It was a wet and cold afternoon but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and the game was won by the hosts by a convincing margin of 29-16. Two of the cubs got to be part of the Guard-of-Honour as the players came on to the pitch.

SCOUT HUT HIRE

The Scout Hut is available for hire and it is being used by more and more local groups and families.

If you have any enquiries about hiring the Scout Hut, particularly during the daytime, please contact Tony King on 07718 521009.

CONTACT US

If anyone would like further information about Bere Regis Scout Group please contact the following:

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Cubs: Greta Richardson 01258 489131

Scouts: Neal Unitt-Jones 01929 472273

Kingsbere Explorer Scouts: John Atkinson 07917 620247

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This very special recipe book, containing contributions from the Explorers themselves, and from their families and friends, is available for a suggested minimum donation of £5.00. If you haven’t got hold of a copy yet please contact Gill Brindle on 01929 471242.

Gurkha Night – Saturday 9th March

The Explorers are hosting a Gurkha Night on Saturday 9th March at the Scout Hut at 7.30pm. It will be an evening of authentic Nepalese cuisine, dancing and culture and will feature an illustrated talk on ‘Trekking in Nepal’ by Alan and Andria Smith.

Tickets are priced at £6.00. For more details please contact Phil (471215) or Helen (472273).

OTHER EVENTS

Bingo Night at the Scout Hut

Prize Bingo is on every other Friday at the Scout Hut. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Meetings in March will be 8th and 22nd.

Everyone is made to feel welcome so please come and join us. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday Morning Kid’s Club

Bere Regis Scout Group is very excited to announce the start of a monthly Saturday morning kid’s club at the hut. It is open to children aged 0-16 years old (under 5s to be accompanied by an adult). This month’s meeting will be held on Saturday 16th March starting at 11am. Entrance to the club is £2 per child to include sweets, popcorn, squash and entertainment.

This is open to all children so please come along and have a great time!

For more information please contact Karen on 07789 005630 or Anna on 07866 455912.

BIG Breakfast in Bere Regis - Scout Hut - Saturday 2nd February

Once again, this event was very popular and the organisers would like to thank everyone who came along and supported it. £193 was raised for the Scout Group. Another ‘Big Breakfast’ is planned for Saturday 13th April.
MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING & TABLE TOP SALE
SATURDAY 2ND MARCH - 9 AM -12 NOON
AT THE SCOUT HUT, ELDER RD, BERE REGIS

Come along & join us for our Mother's Day themed morning.

FREE Mother's Day Card making for children - use our craft tables to create a card for your mum while she has a cuppa & chat!

FREE TO ENTER RAFFLE - Enter for your chance to Win a prize worth £20

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE - Lovely Selection of Prizes - £1 per strip!

TOMBOLA GAMES - 'Picture Perfect', 'Sweet Surprise', 'Traffic Light' & 'Hearts', plus 'Guess the weight of the Mother's Day Cake!' & 'How Many Sweets in the Jar?'

Lots to Win - Raffle Prizes, Tombola Prizes, Cakes, Beautiful Hand Crafted Mother's Day Cards by Mary-Jane Lillie, Jewellery & Lots More.

Bespoke Mother's Day Cakes by S.O.S - a deliciously unique gift! Beautiful knitwear & scarves, Top of the range skin creams & Products, Jewellery, Avon, Homemade Fudge & many other table top goodies & refreshments too.

Come on down & join in the fun :-)