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### Letters from Your Vicar

**February 2016**

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

Reverend Canon Charles Masheder
The Vicarage, West Street, Bere Regis,
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01929 472883

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

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

**A Letter from Your Vicar**

Dear Friends,

We had a fantastic first Christmas in Bere Regis and Affpuddle and Felicity and I should like to thank everyone who helped to make it so! There were so many events and things to enjoy in the communities in the week leading up to the Festival and the various services on Christmas Eve (Christingle and Midnight Mass) and Christmas morning were really memorable. It all comes and goes so quickly, but of course, Christmas doesn’t stop on 25th December but runs on through ‘twelfth night’ called Epiphany, when we celebrated the visit of the Wise Men, to February 2nd when we recall the day Jesus was taken, forty days old, to the temple, called Candlemas. In fact, too, the message of God’s wonderful love at Christmas should last throughout the year!

As I write this, the weather is beginning to turn more wintry and therefore more seasonal, which is probably welcome but soon our thoughts will be turning towards Spring, although a fair number of daffodils have already made an appearance. I hope that you have a happy New Year and enjoy the rest of the festive season.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
February 2016

appearance and the bird activity has indicated that they thought that winter was
over. Spring brings with it, for Christians, the season of Lent and this year with an
early Easter (March 27<sup>th</sup>) Ash Wednesday will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>. That day there
will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm in Affpuddle church. On all other
Wednesdays there will be Holy Communion at Bere Regis at 11am and the annual
‘Lent Lunches’ at 12 noon. The only exception will be the lunch at Bere Heath
Methodist Chapel on February 24<sup>th</sup> (with Communion at Bere Regis).

Please also notice the change of services on the first two Sundays of March and
do encourage people of all ages to come to the Family Service on Mothering
Sunday (March 6<sup>th</sup>).

New Year is traditionally a time for resolutions, but Lent is another possibility! Such
resolutions might be deeply spiritual but they don’t have to be. I shall give a little
insight into mine from last year. I decided to read a chapter of Isaiah (beginning
at Chapter 40) each day except Sundays, to buy things each week for the local
Food Bank and to refrain from playing Solitaire on my computer, which I admit I
do sometimes play when I am trying to think! These resolutions met variable
success! I feel it would do all of us good, who live fairly full lives, and that does not
mean just those who are still in work, to find some time just to be quiet. This may
take the form of standing and staring at the world of nature outside our own
windows or to go for a walk (and there are plenty of great places in and around
our villages) or simply sitting still and, perhaps, reading or thinking. These are
opportunities to give God some chance to speak to us, which is, surely, as much
part of prayer as is our asking him for help or healing for ourselves or for other
people.

The word Lent means slowly (note the Italian lento) and it represents the slow but
gradual way that nature comes to life. In the Northern hemisphere it coincides so
easily with Spring. Some people, but relatively few, start their Christian life with a
sudden conversion, just like St Paul’s Damascus road experience recorded in Acts
Chapter 9. That must be for them very special. For most of us, it is more a gradual
process, perhaps like for me, with good and memorable moments along the way
when God’s presence and love have been particularly evident and faith has
grown stronger.

How would it be to set ourselves some possible aim for Lent and find when Easter
comes that we can look back and see that Lent has been a time of ‘growth’ but
hopefully not in a physical sense unless we are children or teenagers?!

So, have a good and improving Lent – and indeed a happy one!

Your loving Vicar,

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**July**

- 2nd  | FOBRS Summer Fayre                                     | 2.00pm     |
- 6th  | Mothers’ Union, Turberville Court                      | 10.00am-12.00 noon |
- 12th | Floral Group - Destination Flowers                     | 2.00pm     |
- 13th | Autumn Leaves - Coins                                 | 10.00am-12.00 noon |

**August**

- 9th  | MU Mary Sumner Day                                     | 2.00pm     |
- 10th | Autumn Leaves - Green Island Holiday Trust            | 10.00am-12.00 noon |
- 19th | Pop in Place Children’s Fun Morning                    | 2.00pm     |

**September**

- 7th  | Mothers’ Union, Turberville Court                      | 10.00am-12.00 noon |
- 13th | Floral Group - Just the two of us                      | 2.00pm     |
- 14th | Autumn Leaves - 45th Birthday Tea/Wildlife Photography | 10.00am-12.00 noon |
- 23rd | Pop in Place Macmillan Coffee Morning                  | 2.00pm     |

**October**

- 8th  | Mothers’ Union, Turberville Court                      | 10.00am-12.00 noon |
- 11th | Floral Group - Nature's Autumn Palette                | 2.00pm     |
- 12th | Autumn Leaves - Barn Owls                             | 2.00pm     |
- 15th | MU Autumn Council and AGM                             | 2.00pm     |

**November**

- 2nd  | Mothers’ Union, Turberville Court                      | 2.00pm     |
- 8th  | Floral Group - Traditional Christmas (TK village hall) | 2.00pm     |
- 9th  | Autumn Leaves - Lifeboat on the Road                   | 2.00pm     |
- 9th  | MU Deanery meeting, Wareham Parish Hall                | 2.00pm     |

**December**

- 7th  | Mothers’ Union, Turberville Court, Christmas Party     | 2.00pm     |
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## CONFIRMATION – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Two people have spoken to me about the possibility of being confirmed, so I should like to know if there are any others who would be interested in joining a group which will begin meeting in late March, or more probably early April, towards a possible Confirmation on June 19th. You can be of any age from 11 upwards.

It may be that you know of someone else who might be interested, please feel free to get them to speak to me, or do so, on their behalf. Such groups in my experience can be of great value to all, including the leader, as we look at various aspects of our faith and understanding of being a Christian.

Showing an interest – or even joining the group – does not in itself show definite commitment, so please don’t be too wary!

Charles

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## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

— Services for the first two Sundays of March

In order to accommodate the Family Service in Bere Regis (which does always really bring people of all ages together) on Mothering Sunday, we are making the following arrangements: (just for this month!)

**On March 6th** we shall have the usual services as on a 2nd Sunday:

- 8am Holy Communion at Bere Regis
- 9:15 Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday at Affpuddle
- 11am Family service for Mothering Sunday (Junior Church at 10am)

**On March 13th** we shall have the usual service for a 1st Sunday:

- 8am Holy Communion at Affpuddle
- 10am Parish Eucharist at Bere Regis
- 11am Mattins and Holy Communion at Affpuddle
- 6pm Evensong at Bere Regis

Thank you! I trust you see the logic!

Charles
### CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

**Sunday 7th February – Sunday Next Before Lent**
- 8am Holy Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 10am Parish Eucharist  
  Bere Regis
- 11am Mattins & Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 6pm Evensong  
  Bere Regis

**Wednesday 10th February – Ash Wednesday**
- 7pm Benefice Eucharist for Ash Wednesday  
  Affpuddle

**Sunday 14th February – First Sunday of Lent**
- 8am Holy Communion  
  Bere Regis
- 9.15am Parish Eucharist  
  Affpuddle
- 11am Family Service (Junior Church at 10am)  
  Bere Regis

**Wednesday 17th February**
- 11am Holy Communion for Lent, followed by  
  Lent Lunch  
  Bere Regis

**Sunday 21st February – Second Sunday of Lent**
- 8am Holy Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 10am Parish Eucharist  
  Bere Regis
- 6pm Evensong  
  Bere Regis

**Wednesday 24th February**
- 11am Holy Communion for Lent, followed by  
  Lent Lunch at Bere Heath Methodist Chapel.  
  Transport provided.

**Sunday 28th February – Third Sunday of Lent**
- 8am Holy Communion  
  Bere Regis
- 9.15am Parish Eucharist  
  Affpuddle
- 11am Mattins  
  Bere Regis

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<td><a href="mailto:Mrs.alotments@yahoo.co.uk">Mrs.alotments@yahoo.co.uk</a></td>
<td>A new allotment site adjacent to the Spots Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year.</td>
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<td>Mothers’ Union</td>
<td>Nancy Gibson</td>
<td>472105</td>
<td>15 White Lovington BH20 7NF</td>
<td><a href="mailto:NancyEGibson@msn.com">NancyEGibson@msn.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.</td>
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| Mobile Library                       | Dorset County Council | 01305 224440 | dorchestermobiledlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk |                             | Alternate fortnights Car park
Mondays 9.20 - 9.50 Fridays 10.50 - 12.15 |
| Neighbour Car Scheme                 | Brenda House       | 01929 471255 | 3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU    | stockleyfampartners@gmail.com              | Community run transport option                     |
| Pop in Place                         | Alison Bennett     | 472023  |                                  | pauli.bennett3@freeserve.co.uk             | Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday evenings 10.00 - 12.00 |
| Purbeck District Councillor          | Peter Wharf        | 472246  | The Old Vicarage West Street  | peterwharf@holme.com                        | Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30 -10.00 |
| Ragamuffins Pre - School             | Manager - Mrs Ann-Marie Pitman | 472125  | 2/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7UP | ragamuffinspre@gmail.com                     | Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 8 a.m. and after-school club until 5 p.m. |
| Rotary Club of Wareham              | David King         | 01929 471087 | Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7LU | david.king@gb@pltd.co.uk                   | Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.           |
| RBL Women’s Section                  | Mrs Eileen Maidment | 471616  | 9 Elder Road                    | stockleyfampartners@gmail.com              | Monthly. Scout Hut, 3rd Thursday. 12.30pm.      |
| Salt and Pepper Lunch Club          | Brenda House       | 471255  |                                  | stockleyfampartners@gmail.com              | Monthly. Lunch Club, 3rd Tuesday @ 12.30pm.    |
| Table Tennis for Adults              | Pauline Pithfield  | 01258 839123 |                                  | piths.pith@gmail.com                        | Mondays 7.00 to 9.00 pm                            |
| Twinning Association                 | Bob James          | 472113  | 5 Turberville Road              | babab@james32.freeserve.co.uk              | Meetings and events arranged as and when.       |
| W.I. (Bere Regis)                    | Mrs Dian Pitts     | 471322  |                                  | pithsdian@gmail.com                        | Monthly. Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 p.m.      |
| Woodbury Hill Singers                | Mrs Kath Jeeves    | 471175  |                                  |                                  | Weekly. Turberville Court Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.  |

BERE REGIS

CHURCH ROTAS

Readers

Parish Communion
7th  Mr Booth/Mr Scott
21st Mr Booth/Mr Wharf

Sidesmen
7th  10.00am  Mr Smith/Mr House
Chalice  Mr Lambert/Mr Cox
Intercessions  Mr Croom
6.00pm  Mr Gibbs
14th  11.00am  Junior Church
21st  10.00am  Mr Wharf/Mr Croom
Chalice  Mr Croom/Mr House
Intercessions  Mr Cox
6.00pm  Mr Gibbs
28th  11.00pm  TBA

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning  Mrs Christine Tucker and Mrs Nancy Gibson
Dusting  Mrs Annita Lemon
13th and 20th February
Mrs Mona Comben and Mrs Cecilia Clarke
27th February and 5th March
Mrs Bernie Lightfoot and Mrs Vikki Mayo
Mrs Paula Kent and Rebecca Kent
Mrs Jane Woodward and Mrs Sylvia Bayliss

Sanctuary Flower Guild

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13th - 27th  No flowers
February  LENT
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Payment required by end of March.
Contact John & Pat House on 01929 551266 for further information and tickets.

All Welcome

St John the Baptist Church
ANNUAL COACH OUTING
To
BATH ABBEY
Saturday 23rd April 2016
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<td>Andrew Jones</td>
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<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
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<td>Margaret Dann</td>
<td>472734</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Bell Ringers</td>
<td>John England</td>
<td>471449</td>
<td>10, South Mead</td>
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<td>Steven Battishill</td>
<td>471334</td>
<td>Rye Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk">office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk</a></td>
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<td>Diane Edmonds</td>
<td>472331</td>
<td>2 The Manor House, Southbrook</td>
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<td>Sue Stone</td>
<td>471627</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead, BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Michael.crisford@btinternet.com">Michael.crisford@btinternet.com</a></td>
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<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead, BH20 7NO</td>
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<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>Pat Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage, West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharf@binternet.com">peterwharf@binternet.com</a></td>
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<td>Ian Ventham</td>
<td>471480</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@contact.go-plus.net">andy@contact.go-plus.net</a></td>
<td>Village football and cricket teams for all ages</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming Club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305</td>
<td>Camelot, Affpuddle, D12 7NH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob.holman@beeches19.co.uk">bob.holman@beeches19.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 Wildlife Group</td>
<td>Tony Bates</td>
<td>471563</td>
<td>The Beecles, Barrow Hill</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)</td>
<td>Anna Hawkes</td>
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### 2016 Lent Lunches

**Wednesday 17th February 12.00 Noon @ Bere Regis Parish Church** (soup will be available following the Holy Communion Service at 11am)

**Wednesday 24th February 12.00 Noon @ Bere Heath Methodist Chapel** (transport will be available following the Holy Communion Service at 11am at Bere Regis)

**Wednesday 2nd March 12.00 Noon @ Bere Regis Parish Church** (soup will be available following the Holy Communion Service at 11am)

**Wednesday 9th March 12.00 Noon @ Bere Regis Parish Church** (soup will be available following the Holy Communion Service at 11am)

**Wednesday 16th March 12.00 Noon @ Bere Regis Parish Church** (soup will be available following the Holy Communion Service at 11am)

Come along and enjoy a simple lunch - homemade soups and great company!  
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CHURCHWARDENS CHAT

QUICK THANK YOU NOTE TO THE THREE WISE MEN AND OTHERS

Thank you for your gifts which you put among the raffle prizes at the Drax Village party in December. Were you among the crowd enjoying the evening, at the tables or the bar? You inspired so many to give gold coins that our church organ works again. There were other gifts from foreign lands. Golden oranges for the children’s Christingle and a beautiful Christmas tree. Thank you.

I gather you are taking some time to travel home, avoiding that nasty piece of work Herod. Do recommend people to visit our Church and village, we always welcome visitors.

RUMOUR, GOSSIP AND FACT

RUMOUR – The Apostles are crying.
FACT- The ‘tears’ that occasionally drop onto the choir and congregation are drops of rainwater.
RUMOUR - The main roof of the Church is collapsing,
FACT- The lead roof of the nave is so old it is worn out and needs replacing.
RUMOUR – No one needs the Church or will care if it becomes a ruin
FACT – Since last September the people of Bere Regis have packed the Church to capacity (400 +) on at least five occasions. People do use the Church.
RUMOUR – The cost of replacing the roof is........ (Fill in any large number)
FACT – As yet we have no estimated cost but whatever it is Bere Regis can find a way to do it.

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Members, their families, and friends of the Bladen Social Club celebrated New Years Eve with an evening of jollity, magic, music and comedy.

The many hidden talents of Parish residents were finally revealed, and thanks go to Steve for his very impressive magic tricks, Pete and the Pensionettes for their vocal prowess and slap stick comedy, Nigel for acting as MC and DJ in his fabulous red suit and of course to all those who attended for joining in the silly games and having a rip roaring time.

The social club talent scouts are now on the look out for more hidden talent in readiness for New Years Eve 2016, so if you have an “act” and you would like to contribute let us know. Just pop into the social club any Monday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening after 8pm, talk to a member of the committee about your act and maybe enjoy a drink at the same time.

The social club events team are busy planning for another fun filled year of social activities, but meanwhile don’t forget the 13th February will be the next Pie and Pint night, that there are the regular Thursday evening bingo nights at 8pm and there will be a Coffee morning commencing at 10 am on Saturday 20th February.

Details of social club events can be found on the Briantspuddle Parish website www.briantspuddle.info or by looking at the social club notice board.

Andrea Smith (Hon.. Secretary, Briantspuddle Singers)

BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS

Briantspuddle Singers wish to thank all those who attended, helped arrange or contributed to the Community Christmas Carol Evening, held at Briantspuddle Village Hall on 15th December. More than 80 people enjoyed a programme of choir items, community carols and readings, preceded by light refreshments.

Julia Ridgeway, representing the Mosaic Trust, explained the work of this organisation with bereaved young people from the local communities. A collection at the end of the evening raised £267 towards the work of the Trust. Both the charity and ourselves thank everyone who attended for their generosity.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

We gathered enough ringers at the New Year to ring out the Old and ring in the New. This has been done by village bellringers for past centuries and in living memories there was often a gathering of villagers from the local pubs and clubs who met at the cross, stopped the traffic and joined in with Auld Lang Syne and other community songs. In more recent years there have been some fireworks to let us know someone is awake and celebrating.

You are very welcome to join us on our Wednesday ringing practice night at 6.30 to 7.30 to see what we do and, maybe, have a try. We can always do with a new ringer or two.

We have been asked to ring for a wedding on Saturday 20th February at midday.

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

We tried something different at the January Junior Church last month. Instead of children acting out the bible story, in this case the Coming of the Wise Men, we used the adults from the Open the Book team. This group, from all three churches in the area, has been going into Bere Regis Primary School, on a fortnightly basis, to act out a ten minute bible story for nearly a year.

Retired people from all over the country are involved in the scheme, which is run by the Bible Society. As the drama was on the same theme, at both the school and the church for that week, it seemed opportune to demonstrate what happens at “Open the Book” in church. As our normal method at school, we still used some children in roles that could be allocated at the beginning of the drama. In school we have many children eager to be involved. At Junior Church we employed all the children who were too young to puppeteer. They formed the camel train for the wise men, complete with camel masks and tails. (Unfortunately we do not have a photo). We also used the Mary and Joseph from our
Christmas story. In the photos you should recognise many characters including the vicar. He is a very experienced "Open the Booker" from his last parish.

Of course, even though the majority of the children were not involved in the drama for one month, they were active in many areas (and I believe that they enjoyed watching the adults for a change). We had 15 involved in the puppet items, and many in the dance about our "King of Love" as well as singing a song in parts from the school nativity service.

The children were particularly involved in the vicar’s talk. Both our vicars, the incumbent Charles and Bob who stood in during the interregnum and is continuing to be involved, have a great rapport with the children. We are very lucky. Adults seemed to enjoy it too, if the numbers were anything to go by. 23 children and 51 adults of which over half had not come with children.

Any queries about Junior Church activities (which are not just on a Sunday once a month) please phone Pat on 472246. I’ll be only too please to talk you through our various activities.

Pat Wharf

COMMUNITY TALKS

Our next talk will be presented by Nick Gore whose talk is intriguingly entitled ‘Farming in a Puddle’! The date is yet to be confirmed – watch this space.

Book Swap

We have recently received several bags of donated books with some excellent new titles to boost our stocks. Thank you to those who donated them.

If you haven’t tried the Book Swap then we are always pleased to see new faces. We are open from 10 am till 12 noon on the second Saturday of each month. The Saturday Coffee shop is open at the same time, so you can catch up with friends or maybe make some new ones as well as selecting your books. There are plenty of books to choose from with a small charge of 25p per book – you can either return the book when you have finished with it or donate a different book instead. The next Book Swap is on 13th February.

Angie Talbot, 01929 472483, angie@pbitalbot.plus.com

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN

All who use the kitchen will be pleased to know that a grease filter and extraction fan has now been fitted above the cooker. Martin Debenham was able to complete the installation in time for it to be used by the Briantspuddle Community Group when cooking the Christmas lunch, and it has received very favourable comment from, users.

Thank you for all who contributed towards the funding, including individual donors, those who supported the fund raising cream tea, and especially thanks to the Baden Social Club members and to the committee of the Briantspuddle Community Group for their generous assistance.

Allan Smith
The 2nd coffee shop of the year coincided with the 1st book swap which always guarantees another good turnout. More about that later.

Our final Let’s Lunch of 2015 was the Christmas Dinner (with all the trimmings). Fifty seven patrons enjoyed a happy and lively lunch whilst the staff sweated and toiled. We had to do even more planning than usual to get that meal right, there were a couple of minor management problems but it all went off well and folks went home replete and smiling.

A very kind donation of wine was made by newcomers to Let’s Lunch, and we thank them for their generosity. Here also we would like to commend our patrons for their good natured even jolly participation in what we feel has become a village institution. Long may it continue!

Next I must make a special mention of the regular volunteers who lay up, wait on tables, clear up, wash up and put stuff away. Without them this event could not happen, you know who you are, so THANK YOU.

Here is a short explanation of how this works; all our cooks have a hygiene qualification, one of our number is the supervisor at any given event and takes responsibility for ensuring that PROPER care is taken in terms of things like fridge temperatures, cleansing of surfaces, procedures and temperatures when handling and cooking of food, and much more. Many of these things have to be written down (in a book kept for that purpose) as verification that we follow the procedures set out for us when we took on the task of cooking REGULAR meals.

As a group we have an insurance to cover the providing of food, and we have quite an onerous responsibility with regard to hygiene in the kitchen. We are reminded of this at each annual inspection. The helpers are supervised and advised by the cooks on how to behave in different situations and, so far the team has worked very well together.

As a natural follow on from this we must thank the Village Hall Committee for dealing with the cooker extraction system, which was our main concern in the Village Hall kitchen. It was, quite frankly, inadequate and unhygienic. Our thanks are extended to Allan Smith the secretary of the committee for organising the finance and installation.

The January meal is planned as ham and parsley sauce, hopefully people will have enjoyed that meal by the time you read this. Don’t forget tickets and details are available at the village shop, or phone Jenny on 01929471002.
BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

The first meeting of the New Year we had a talk from Katie Hensman fund-raiser/administrator for Mosaic. This is a locally based organisation supporting bereaved children and families. It was a most enlightening talk.

We followed with a shortened service and our gift exchange.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd February at Turberville Court.

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

Angela Jones – Magazine Secretary

Date of Next Meeting
3rd February Turberville Court Wednesday 2.00 pm

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, Diane Edmonds, or Sarah Welton.

BERE REGIS STUDY GROUP

“The Bere Regis study group are having a break until Lent. We will reconvene on Tuesday 16th February and would welcome extra members who could phone Brenda on 471391 to make sure enough study material is available”.

DCC suggest that the following Community Transport schemes cover Bere Regis and could potentially provide transport to Poole:

Bere Regis NeighbourCar Tel: 01929 471255
Helping Hands (voluntary car scheme) Tel: 01929 556655
Wareham Hopper Dial-a-Ride Tel: 01258 473154

Parish Council Vacancy

There remains one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the Council or finding out more about the voluntary position, please contact the Clerk, Lindsay Hole, 07887 782005 or woodlands20@hotmail.com.

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BRIANTSPUDDLE COMMUNITY GROUP

OK, I know that this is February, but I’m going to wish you all a Happy 2016 anyway.

After only a very small break for Christmas our small band of willing volunteers began their new year with the first coffee shop of 2016 on the 2nd of January.

Well, we thought there might be a few people out there who were not stuffed to the gills, and a few who might relish a bacon roll. What a surprise when it was the coffee shop that was stuffed, not the customers. Of course there are quite a few people who just want a cuppa and a catchup with friends, and let’s face it you always need to be up to speed with the latest gossip!!
Bag it! Bin it! – Dog fouling

It is regrettable that the Parish Council have had further complaints about the increase in the level of dog fouling in the Parish.

The council will reconsider measures that could be put in place to prevent this throughout the Parish at the next meeting. Residents are encouraged to come forward with ideas to eradicate this anti-social behaviour.

The Parish Council would like to appeal to dog owners to ensure that their dogs waste is collected and disposed of appropriately in a bin. Not only is dog fouling very unsightly but it also has serious health implications that can result in harm to people and livestock.

Precept and Reserves

The council increased the precept this year by 6.33%, a total of £521 over all households in the parish. In the review of the budget for 2016/17 councillors needed to consider the potential requirement for the legal advice needed for the proposed changes in leases with the VHC and Bladen Social Club. The insurance costs for the village hall continue to increase significantly and the Village Hall Committee looks to the Parish Council to contribute to this in the coming year through the S137 grant. As with the previous years we also need to ring fence around £3000 in the event of a standalone election and to keep an emergency fund available for building repairs. Councillors agreed to continue with the fingerpost project but have deferred the purchase of two roundels (at £500 each) to complete the work on two posts until the actual financial position is known at the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

Use it or Lose it – Bus service reductions announced

By the 8th February the Parish Council will be making an objection to the Bus Consultation being undertaken by DCC in a bid to save money. Further information on the review can be found on this link https://www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset/2016-bus-review, the website gives more detailed information on the services be reduced or removed.

The biggest proposed change that will effect our Parish is that there will no longer be a Tuesday and Friday service from Bere Regis to Poole. The Parish Council are disappointed with this proposal as the service was already reduced from 5 days down to 2 days and we consider this to be further rural isolation for less able parishioners needing to attend hospital appointments and other amenities in the larger towns.
LENT GROUP IN AFFPUDDLE PARISH

As usual we will be running a Lent Group in the parish this year, with interesting speakers and lively discussion. Meetings will be on Monday evenings, beginning on 15th February and ending on 21st March, at 7.15 pm for 7.30 start, finishing by 9.00 pm.

The venue will be Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle (the Haighs’). These meetings are open to all in the benefice, church-goers or not, and you can come to them all if you like, or be selective. See notice boards and pew sheets for further details, or ring Jonathan on 01929 471768.

Review of administration of Briantspuddle Village Hall

Since September 2015 detailed work has been going to review the administrative arrangements for running the Village Hall Trust within current Charity Commission requirements, as the law has been significantly updated since the Lease and Trust deed was signed in 1983.

An announcement was made in November on the Parish website and in the December edition of this magazine, is that the preferred way ahead was for conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is still a trust and under Charity Commission regulation, still with the same purpose and objective as the 1983 Trust, but with more clearly defined governance arrangements, obligations and protections for the trustees. The new governance document (constitution) has now been prepared in draft for all to see and comment on.

Hardcopy is available to read in the Village Hall and it can also be downloaded from the Parish website www.briantspuddle.info

To accompany the governance document is a ‘Questions and Answers’ sheet relating to the proposed constitution to help explain the rationale used in its production, together with a copy of the original Trust Deed for comparison.

Please take the time to read the documents thoroughly and if you feel that you would like to offer feedback to the trustees, please use the forms in the hall or download a form from the website and send it to the Village Hall Secretary as identified on the form.

The closing date for feedback is 20th February 2015.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Briantspuddle Amenity Complex – Working Group

The Village Hall Committee and Bladen Social Club have confirmed their participation in the working group to consider the financial sustainability across the village hall complex and its use for the benefit of all Parishioners.

The first meeting will be on 26th January and an update will be given in the Parish Magazine next month. It is anticipated that the recommendations coming from the working group will be presented at the March Parish Council meeting. This is a public meeting that Parishioners are welcome to attend.
Following are some of the events scheduled for the coming months. More details and prices will be published nearer the time. Do keep an eye on the Parish website and noticeboards. If you would like to be emailed information, please let us know at events@briantspuddle.info

February 2016

Thursday, 11th February

Village Hall lunch, doors open at 12:30 for a welcome drink, lunch served at 1pm.

Menu - cottage pie or chicken and mushroom pie with vegetables and new potatoes, with a choice of bread and butter pudding or jam roly poly and custard for pudding... followed by tea/coffee and mints.

Our lunches will be held regularly throughout 2016 on the second Thursday of each month. Do come along and join us. For any further information, please contact Carole Poole. T:01929 471 496

Sunday 14th February, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Valentine Tea Dance - £5 including an arrival drink.

Swirl your loved one, or a complete stranger, around the dance floor and then sit back and watch Ken Kilbank make it look easy, over a lovely cuppa a slice of cake.

Come and enjoy Sunday afternoon, with music, dancing, tea, cake, sandwiches and a warm welcome.

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Our next service at the Chapel will be on Sunday 7th February at 3.00pm. This will be led by Mr Tony Boyden. Everyone is welcome.

We have two extra events happening at Bere Heath Chapel in February.

On Wednesday 24th February we are hosting a “Lent Lunch”. Come and join us at 12.00 for homemade soup and crusty bread. All donations will go towards Christian Aid. This is one of the weekly lent lunches normally held at the Parish Church. So if you have never visited Bere Heath Methodist Chapel here is one reason for coming.

Another good reason to visit us is that on Saturday 27th March there will be our monthly “Buggies and Brunch”. This is a great morning packed with Children’s activities with coffee and chat for parents. It starts at 10.30am.

Please contact one of the Stewards.
Karen Smith 471339; Margaret Whittingham 471782; Caroline Harrison 471378

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

A Bonus Day!

How much do you treasure a single day? We all fully expect our lives to contain thousands of them – each one beginning with a unique dawn and ending with an equally unique sunset. No day is ever exactly the same. Once gone we can never get it back. I guess our outlook on our days is very much conditioned by our age. When we are young our life seems to stretch before us and we feel we have all the time in the world! As the decades pass at an ever increasing rate, we learn to treasure the

MILBORNE MOVIES

A Little Chaos (12)
shown by ‘Milborne Movies’
at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)
on Friday 19th February 2016 at 7.30pm

This story takes place in the 17th century at the Palace of Versailles, where King Louis XIV (Alan Rickman) is looking to develop the now-famous gardens. Given the importance of the job, his chief designer, André Le Nôtre (Matthias Schoenaerts), recruits strong-willed widow Sabine De Barra (Kate Winslet) to assist him. While building this garden at Versailles, these two talented landscape artists become romantically entangled. While pushing herself and her workers to complete the Rockwork Grove as an outdoor ballroom, Sabine negotiates the perilous rivalries and intricate etiquette of the court. As she gradually comes to terms with a tragedy in her past, Sabines professional and personal interactions with André bring out honesty, compassion, and creativity in both of them.

A Little Chaos explores the tension between nature and artifice, passion and restraint, and, as the title suggests, order and chaos. Contrasts abound: between the humanity the wigless Louis displays in bed with his children and the distant king in full regalia; the empty formality of Le Nôtre’s marriage and the organic intimacy of his relationship with de Barra; the sparkling facades of the court ladies and the personal tragedies they conceal. Kate Winslet’s portrayal of Sabine is brilliant, with Alan Rickman playing the quietly subdued monarch. The scene between the king and Madame de Barra, when she mistakes him for the royal gardener, is the pivot point on which the film turns and it is beautifully done. The production was filmed in England at nine locations, including Hampton Court. The costumes, scenery and sets are quite stunning. A Little Chaos shines with its unique perspectives on beauty, flowers, grief, work, and impermanence.

For further information see: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfilms/film/a_little_chaos and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Little_Chaos

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm.
Tickets £3.50 can be obtained on the door.
October’s choice of the Lunch Club was the Greyhound at Winterborne Kingston when Gordy and Sally Cheeseman joined us to celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary...

Three of our ladies spent an afternoon at “The Priest House Museum” in Wimborne as part of the WI exhibition “For Home and Country”, celebrating the centenary of the WI.

Two of the ladies attended the Autumn Council meeting in Poole when the new County Chairman was introduced. Vera de Menezes and Mandy Hickson, the two speakers, were certainly different providing

Miss Stone and Mrs Leigh used the November’s meeting to teach the ladies how to make their Christmas wreaths and our Christmas Dinner was held in the Drax Arms.

In January we will welcome two of the Explorers who are going to tell us of their trip the Scout Jamboree in Japan.

February’s speaker will be Dr. Peter Down - “Past, Present and Future of Dorset Museum.”

Visitors and guests are always welcome at the monthly meetings. If you would like any further information about the WI please do not hesitate to contact:

Di Pitts on 01929 471322 or Eileen on 01929 472022

Stop Press
Traditional Pancake Races, 9th Feb., Sports Club, 10.30am.

Memories of 2012

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time we have left. In the business and stress of daily living it is so easy to take this precious gift of time for granted.

I believe each day should be seen as a precious gift from God – twenty four hours that we can either use to the full or fritter away. We can either live our lives on a daily basis that pleases Our Creator, blesses others and gives us a measure of satisfaction, or we can allow each present moment to slip idly away – nothing achieved – a complete waste of time. If we’re honest, we’ve all had days like the latter!

This month of February, thanks to the Gregorian calendar, we celebrate leap year with a bonus day – Monday 29th February! A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit about the sun, which is about 365¼ days.

The Bible has a great deal to say about the value of a day. In Psalm 139:16 we are reminded that even when we were in the womb, God had every day of our lives on record, “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” By contrast, we are unable to accurately predict what a day may bring. Proverbs 27:1 reminds us of that forcibly when it states, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.” Time is such a precious commodity. God therefore exhorts us to use it wisely – to buy up the moments. When Paul was writing to the Ephesian church he encouraged them to use their time wisely. This is how Paul put it – “making the most of your time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:16) We can counter the evil in the world today by buying up time – using every opportunity to do good, make a positive impact on our community. And this month we have a bonus day to do it!

So here’s the challenge for us this month. What will we make of our bonus day? Twenty four extra hours! An extra day to look at and appreciate God’s creation; to show another person kindness and consideration; to refrain from judging another person; to make a positive contribution at home or work in whatever way we can. Jesus gave some good advice that we often think about, especially if we are struggling in the midst of a person crisis. We learn to “live one day at a time”. Make the seconds of each day count. Get the very best out of each moment.

The closing lines of Rudyard Kipling’s famous inspirational poem “If” come to mind here:
**PURBECK U3A**

"Meeting Points" monthly open meeting

**Thursday 25 February**
10:00 to 12:00 noon

Harman's Cross Village Hall

"You be the Judge" - a presentation by a Magistrate and Probation Officer providing a good insight into the process of court sentencing, including how and why decisions are made in local courts and the provision of sentencing options.

Non members very welcome. Just turn up.

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

The next meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday 9th February at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The demonstrator for the afternoon will be Lucy Ellis from Bratton, Wiltshire, and her title will be To the Manor Born.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at any meeting, and your first visit to the club is free of charge.

**BERE REGIS WI**

Time, as they say, has marched on with the ladies of the WI and the end of 2015 saw the ladies take part in a variety of events.

October’s meeting was at Tesco Store, Blandford, courtesy of Vicky Mayo. We were shown a video explaining the ethos and systems of Tesco and then shown around the warehouse with an explanation of the system of keeping shelves stocked. Our tour round ‘back of store’ was followed by generous refreshments whilst taking part in a Q and A session. A most informative and enjoyable evening with many thanks to Vicky.

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it
And which is more – you’ll be a man my son!

May we learn the lessons of buying up the time and opportunities of each precious day as we continue our journey into 2016. A final prayer from the Bible – from the Psalms - “Lord, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Make the most of this month
With every blessing,
Pastor Jim

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

Our regular Sunday Service is held at 10.30am and Junior Church or Creche facilities can be made available. The whole family is welcome. For other information about news and events at the Chapel please contact Pastor Jim or look us up on the Chapel website above.
slowly becomes more dissatisfied with what he finds on the road, and begins to look back on his previous travels in a more cynical way. Eventually on the final trip to Mexico Dean leaves him behind, feverish and hallucinating from drug use. Sal reflects that “when I got better I realized what a rat he was, but then I had to understand the impossible complexity of his life, how he had to leave me there, sick, to get on with his wives and woes.”

The group all felt it was a difficult book to read. The consensus was that the trips were repetitive, covered much of the same ground again and again and the characters were ones that nobody ‘warmed to’ or had any real empathy with. It does however give an interesting portrait of life after the war but before the civil rights and anti-war movements gained importance. Maybe we are all too old to rebel anymore!

From Wikipedia - The Beat Generation was a group of authors whose literature explored and influenced American culture in the post-World War II era. Central elements of Beat culture are rejection of standard narrative values, the spiritual quest, exploration of American and Eastern religions, music, rejection of materialism, explicit portrayals of the human condition, experimentation with psychedelic drugs, and sexual liberation and exploration.
On the Road is a novel by American writer Jack Kerouac. This book is interesting because it is considered by many a seminal work of the postwar American Beat and Counter Culture generation, a roadmap for disaffected youth. The book’s publication in 1957 provoked much debate amongst critics as to its literary worth. It is now considered to be a classic novel and is always found in the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century. Interestingly Kerouac typed the first draft of On the Road on a fifty-foot-long roll of paper in three weeks.

The book is about the nomadic travels Jack Kerouac made in the late 1940s as he crisscrossed America and Mexico on a spiritual quest, set against a backdrop of Jazz, poetry and drug use. The characters that appear in the book are mostly based upon real people he met or travelled with. The book’s main protagonists are Sal Paradise, the narrator of the story, and Dean Moriarty. Sal’s friend. Dean is described in the book as being an ‘extremely aggressive, adventurous, troublesome, womanizer, rebellious, radical dreamer, and crazy’. Dean is the catalyst around which much of the book is set. He is much admired by Sal, who loves Dean’s maverick, free spirited attitude to life and his love for ‘kicks’, in fact everything Sal isn’t.

The book is about a group of hedonistic, bohemian young men who all show an aversion to commitment and duty. The characters are in many ways amoral: they steal when they need to, they have very shallow relationships with each other, have no respect for each others feelings and treat women badly. The women in the book are portrayed as passive sex objects of limited intelligence, where marriage is just a convenience and a wife something to be left.

“Marylou was a pretty blonde with immense ringlets of hair like a sea of golden tresses…...and her smoky blue country eyes……...But, outside of being a sweet little girl, she was awfully dumb and capable of doing horrible things”

As the road trips progress we see that they become a disappointment to Sal. He
Conservation work on The Bere Stream

There was another well attended conservation working party in January, which concentrated on clearing undergrowth between the stream and path. Another working party is planned for the morning of Saturday 6th February. All are welcome - see the Wildlife and Environment Group article for more details.

Queen’s 90th Birthday

21st April 2016 is the Queen’s Official 90th Birthday and as such, there are a number of UK-wide celebrations being held, involving the lighting of beacons. We have agreed to hold a similar celebration in Bere Regis and light our Beacon as well. There is also a national campaign leading up to the Queen’s Birthday to “Clean for the Queen” encouraging towns and villages to tidy up their local areas, which we aim to do on Sunday 17th April and will need plenty of willing volunteers, ideally from each area of the village, to participate. Councillor Lynn Fancy is co-ordinating both the tidy and the celebration, so if you would be willing to spare some time to help, please contact her directly on 472725 or contact the clerk.

Calendars

Councillor Wharf was delighted to announce that this year’s sales of the Bere Regis Calendar had resulted in a profit of over £200. This was being split equally between the Bere Regis Youth Club and the Junior Church. Our thanks go out to Councillor Wharf and John Scott for their hard work in organising the photos for the calendar.

Bryan Benjafield

BERE REGIS SHOW

The show committee will be meeting during the next few weeks to decide on what classes and events are to be included in this years show. If you have any ideas or thoughts on the show please let me know 471627 or susan.stone97@yahoo.co.uk or contact our Show secretary Hillie Montgomery on 472029.

We have decided to give the scarecrows a rest this year but are open to other ideas or suggestions which will involve the whole village.

We have already decided on the photography classes and I hope people will be out and about looking for subject matter. The winter light is so attractive.

The classes are as follows:-

- Digitally enhanced picture
- Holiday snap
- Dorset Village
- Birds (try to get one of the Bere Regis Egret)
- Pets
- Cars trains planes or other forms of transport
- Selfie

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Spectrum residents living in Blandford St Mary were invited to join the Bus2Go outing to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Weymouth Pavilion on the Saturday before Christmas.

A fleet of 5 Dorset Community Transport buses headed for Weymouth with more than 70 residents on board, including 16 children. Many family groups enjoyed the day out, including Linda James who shared the experience with her granddaughter Amy and her 4 year old Great Granddaughter Matilda.

There was time for a bite to eat, some last minute Christmas shopping and, for some, a walk along the beach before heading for the matinee performance.

The pantomime was enjoyed by everyone and afterward they got to meet one of the stars of the show, pantomime Dame, Lee Redwood.

The trip was organised by Bus2Go's Margo Kirk and Spectrum's Resident Involvement Officer, Liz Maxwell. Bus2Go organises regular trips throughout the year and serves Blandford and the DT11 villages. The buses are equipped for those with mobility difficulties and the project is a real lifeline for those living in rural areas. For further information about the service please phone 07917 298 321 or go to www.bus2godorset.org
DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Buses 186 and 103

County have announced they are considering further cuts to the Bus services, in our area the 186 and 103 services. The announcement has been rushed and the period of time to respond is very short. I shall not be supporting this and would hope that people will respond to the consultation if you can. If you would like to complete the survey (before the 8th February) please visit: https://www.dorsetforyou.com/article/420870/2016-bus-services-review

When this is raised at the County Cabinet I shall be arguing that this has been poorly thought out and will result in severe rural isolation for some people.

Council Tax Settlement

The Government announced the settlement for Local government in December and when we read the small print we realised that Dorset is being treated worse than any other County in the country leading to a further and unplanned for £7.2 Million being required to be cut from the budget before April. This will not be possible without savage cuts. All of Dorset’s MPs went to visit the Minister to lobby on our (and your) behalf and we will know the results of this by the time you read this article. This is very serious as over 50% of our budget is on Adult and children’s services which are, generally, mandatory services. This means that any cuts elsewhere have to be correspondingly larger and more draconian.

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 at Wool in the Black Bear Public House at 11.30. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and can not get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

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At the February working party we will again concentrate on clearing undergrowth in areas between the stream and path.

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If you have some hand saws or loppers please bring them with you – if you don’t, no problem we’ll have some spares.

For more information please contact:
Tony Bates at tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk / 01929 471563 or
Mike Gee at mike.gee@tesco.net / 0775 988 4942.

Let Us Know What Wildlife You Have Seen

There are reports of a Red Kite having being seen in the area; a magnificent and graceful bird of prey. Red Kites are a real conservation success story, having been extinct in England and close to extinction in Wales in the post war years. Following their re-introduction to various sites, most notably in the Buckinghamshire / Oxfordshire, Red Kites have successfully established themselves, grown in number and extended their territories.

We would be very interested to learn about other wildlife (be it birds, mammals, fish, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians etc, common or unusual) you’ve seen locally. Please send sightings to Tony (tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk) or Mike (mike.gee@tesco.net). We are fortunate to have a wide range of habitats around the Parish (woodland, meadows, heath, streams etc) and it would be good to build up a picture of the wildlife resources we have in the area.

February Nature Notes

The days are lengthening and the sun is gaining in strength – it’s a good time to get out and enjoy our gardens and wonderful countryside. The evidence of nature shrugging off winter is easy to see. Frogspawn will soon be seen in ponds. The woods running up to Black Hill are now full with the shoots of bluebells determinedly pushing their way through the mat of last year’s leaves. The first woodland flowers, such as the yellow lesser celandine, have appeared and provide a much needed food source for early emerging insects. Hazel catkins are hanging in clusters in the hedgerow trees. Look very closely and you’ll also see the female flowers; they are like tiny red stars perched on the end of buds ranged along the outer branches (a much enlarged photo below). Once pollinated by the catkins, these flowers will form the hazel nuts which form such a rich food source for wildlife to see them through the winter months.
## Affordable Housing

The Council has recently changed its policy to encourage the use of self-build as a means for some people to own their own home. If you think this might apply to you please get in touch and I will get someone to explain what it involves to you.

## Partial Review

We have been instructed by a Government Inspector to conduct what is called a partial review into our local plan. Basically the Inspector is trying to encourage us to build nearly twice as many homes as we planned for over the next approximately 20 years. There is a major shortage of houses in Purbeck, particularly of affordable homes. Whilst this may be much needed it needs to be balanced against the need to provide greater infrastructure (roads and the like) for any increased building and the requirement to protect and enhance our rural environment. We are struggling to square this circle and I will report on how we are doing in later articles.

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Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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## Bere Regis Wildlife Group

### Conservation of the Bere Stream

Despite the heavy early morning rain we were lucky to have a dry session for the January conservation working party. We focused on clearing undergrowth (a thicket of brambles and numerous ash seedlings – see the before and after pictures below) in an area between the stream and path.

This work will allow more sunlight to reach the ground, enabling wild flowers to flourish and provide more diverse habitats suitable for a wider range of wildlife. It also had the benefit of opening up views of the stream to those walking the riverside path. Do take a look and let us know what you think.

This work builds on our efforts last winter when we also carried out some clearance of undergrowth and coppicing. The regrowth from the coppiced willows is now very evident (see photo below) and is another example of the wider range of habitats we are providing for wildlife.

Please join us at one of our next conservation working parties. Many hands make for light work; all are welcome (under 16s should be accompanied by an adult), no experience is required, there’s a friendly crowd and it is great fun too! So, please do come along.

The next working parties will be held on:

Saturday 6th February 2016
Saturday 5th March 2016.
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NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

Over the last few weeks Parliament has been settling back into the usual business routine after the Christmas recess. I have been involved in various debates in Parliament, challenging ministers on a wide range of topics, including refugees, the Armed Forces Covenant and end of life care – highlighting the excellent work done by our local hospices.

Part of the job of MPs is not only to debate and vote on laws in the House of Commons as you can see on BBC Parliament, but also to scrutinise the detail of the legislation. This is done in Public Bill Committees. Committees are named after the relevant Bill, and I have been involved in two so far. The first was the Education and Adoption Bill committee last summer, and I have just been part of the Childcare Bill Committee.

The committee carefully checks all the wording of the Bill, to make sure it is clear and that it implements what MPs hoped it would. I asked to be part of these committees, as part of my interest in young people and education.

The committee room is like a smaller version of the main chamber in the House of Commons, made up of MPs of different parties, reflecting the wider composition of MPs, with the governing party having a majority.

The committee hears evidence from government departments, organisations, members of the public and interested groups such as charities, as part of its consideration. We then go through each clause of the bill, debating any changes and proposing amendments. After this process, it is “reported” back to the House of Commons and will then be read for a third time.

The Bill then gets sent to the House of Lords for them to debate and scrutinise the wording, before going to the Queen for Royal Assent. Once it has received Royal Assent, it then becomes an Act of Parliament and becomes law.

The Childcare Bill will increase the number of hours of free childcare available to working parents, which will benefit many people across our constituency.

I have continued visiting people and organisations in the constituency, and recently met with the Friends of Wareham hospital, hearing about the hospital’s new chemotherapy clinic. There will be more information on this next time!

As always, please do get in touch if you have any concerns or would like to meet; email me on michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk or contact my office on 01202 624216.

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Pension Scams

Last April, the Government introduced new pension rules enabling greater access to and freedom around, how people spend their pensions. However, there is growing concern that the new rules will increase the risk of investment and other types of fraud. Indeed, it has already been reported that one in seven over 55’s have been targeted by pension fraudsters, and it’s been estimated that the amount of money lost to pension scammers between April and August 2015 was just over £9 million, which is around twice as much as the same period in 2014. The most common way used by potential scammers to contact over-55s is by email, followed by phone and then by post.

Be very wary if you get:

- A cold call offer of a free pension review;
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- An offer of an investment described as ‘unique’, ‘overseas’, ‘environmentally friendly’, ‘ethical’ or in a ‘new’ industry;
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Butter, onions, mushrooms, tin of sweet corn, beef stock cubes (oxo) dissolved in water.

Melt butter and soften onions, add mushrooms and sweet corn, season with salt and pepper.
Blend in tablespoon of flour.
Add beef stock.
Stir well to thicken. This makes the sauce.
Place meat pieces in casserole and cover with sauce.
Cook with the lid on for about 3 hours at 150 degrees centigrade. Until meat is really tender
Serve with green salad, mash or jacket potatoes and or seasonal vegetables.
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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from February through to October. New members are invited to join. Contact Guy Storey – 471041 for membership forms and details.

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GERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

GROUP NEWS

We are having a cabinet reshuffle in the Scout Group. Anna will become a roving leader working with all sections and Mark will become a cub leader which means we have exciting opportunities for new Beaver Leaders to get involved. You need no prior experience. You will be hand-held by other leaders in the team for as long as you like and you will get the help of assistant leaders and occasional parents. The programme is already written, you just need to deliver it. The Beaver tag line is “Fun and Friends” which is just about the best way you can live your life. Who’s in?

EXPLORER NEWS

The autumn term finished with the Kingsbere Explorers Xmas party, which this year was held at Bere Regis school. During this term there are some District and County Explorer camps planned for our Explorers to participate in, and our regular weekly activities will include researching community issues and charities, as well as some navigation and science experiments nights, both with a bit of a twist! The spring term would not be complete without the now annual ‘Scottish Evening’ held around the time of Burns Night.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award - News:

Congratulations to Rowan Findler, who is the first Kingsbere Explorer Scout to gain the highest level of the Duke of Edinburgh’s award; Gold. She has been part of the Bere Regis Scout Group since she was a Cub Scout. Rowan, had already completed both the Bronze and Silver awards during her time in Explorers. Her Gold award involved eighteen months of volunteering in the community, learning new skills and physical challenges, navigating over north and south
Dartmoor on expeditions during the last two summers and spending a week at a residential experience learning new skills and meeting new people. Rowan is currently in her second year at the University of South Wales, studying for a BSc in Renewable Energy Systems. We currently have 24 of our Explorers participating in this nationwide scheme for youth development.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE in JAPAN

Kingsbere Explorers Cameron Findler and Tom Unitt-Jones have given accounts of the various parts of their experiences during their participation in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The second of these ‘memories’ is from Tom, from the Unit’s arrival in Tokyo to his first reactions on reaching the Jamboree site:

Our journey to Japan involved a two stage flight; Heathrow to Charles-de-Gaulle, then Paris to Tokyo. Upon arriving at Haneda Airport at around 8 o’clock in the evening, we were informed that our luggage had not yet arrived and would not do so for a few hours, perhaps even not until the next day. This left us living off of what we had packed for emergencies in UK Contingent backpacks, and our hand luggage, which was what we had kept with us for the flight. However this did not leave the majority of the Unit too downhearted as we now found ourselves in a foreign country with a strange language half a world away, to which our journey had been much anticipated. A short ride on the Japanese underground found us in Shinagawa Eki (station) from where we could see the towering Prince Hotel, where we would sleep for the duration of our stay in Tokyo. As we left the station, we felt the thick night air, surprisingly warm and particularly humid, although little compared to the conditions in the height of the day (as we soon discovered).

In the morning we were required to buy our own breakfast from the 7/11 just outside the hotel. Our green ‘Pasimo’ contactless credit cards we had been given the previous day were used for food-and-transport-related transactions whilst in Tokyo. After our pancakes, onigiri (rice balls) and grape juice, we set out on our first excursion to Shibuya crossing, known as ‘the world’s busiest road crossing’. Optionally we could go into shops and supermarkets, notably the 100 Yen store, comparable to our pound shops. This first day was particularly strenuous; our bodies hadn’t yet adjusted to accommodate for the
temperature, so there were many headaches and a lot of sweating. Unfortunately this meant constant reapplication of sun cream to protect our skin from the intense sunlight. From Shibuya, our Unit travelled to the Imperial Palace where we had a brief walk around the grounds whilst photographing the traditional Japanese architecture, which contrasted the modern skyscrapers of Tokyo beyond. Perhaps the highlight of the day was the free time spent in Joypolis, the anime-themed indoor fun zone with roller coasters and gaming machines.

Our 3rd day was composed of a pair of outings; one to the top of Japan’s tallest structure, the Sky Tree, and the other to the Tokyo Live show of Japanese culture. The wait to ascend the Sky Tree was tremendously long, admittedly most of those queuing being Scouts from the UK Contingent, although the views from all aspects of the observation balcony at the top of the tower were spectacular. The culture show was made up of Japanese singers, some Japanese martial arts and tasters of a variety of Japanese foods, both savoury and sweet. I think the culture show helped to build up the excitement for the Jamboree camp, to which we travelled the following day, as we became acquainted with fellow Jamboree-goers from the UK here.

An early rise at 5 o’clock allowed us enough time to eat and get to the station for our departure. This was an epic 600 mile trip from Tokyo to Yamaguchi, a city at the western tip of the Honshu mainland of Japan, via the well-known Shinkansen (bullet train). Cruising at 200 miles per hour, and incorporating several stops along the way to cram in more Jamboree Scouts, the journey was about 4 hours long... but far from boring. The Jamboree spirit had kicked in, and there were all Brazilians, Finns and South Africans singing, dancing, and playing instruments up and down the train. Here, greeting in all languages were heard and badges were swapped. This was an insight to the nature of a Scout Jamboree.

The rest of our day was predominantly taken up with setting up our camp site, which sat between two Japanese Units, and getting into uniform for the Opening Ceremony. Similar to Tokyo Live, this spectacle included traditional Japanese drum music, some speeches from some important members of the Scout Associations and flag waving. All 40,000 members of the celebration were present, all seated on a massive expanse of flat ground. This was the first time we
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Adults aged 65 or over and the pneumococcal vaccine

If you are 65 or over you will be offered a type of pneumo jab known as the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV). This one-off vaccination is very effective at protecting you against serious forms of pneumococcal infection.

People over-65 only need a single pneumococcal vaccination, which will protect for life. It is not given annually like the flu jab.

Christmas and New Year Excesses!

If you feel you are in need of some help and advice regarding the following areas:

- Stop Smoking
- Weight Management
- Physical Activity
- Alcohol Reduction

Then you may wish to contact LiveWell Dorset. This is a free service for people who live in Dorset who would like support to change their lifestyle. Please contact the following numbers: Freephone 0800 8401628 or local 01305 233105 or e-mail: www.livewelldorset.co.uk

For further information, please consult www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

NEIGHBOUR CAR

If you are struggling to make appointments or just get where you need to be, we can help you.

There is a one off registration fee of £5 and a minimum donation of 50p per mile. All we ask is 48 hours notice for your journey.

Could you be a volunteer driver?

If you feel that you could offer some of your spare time to help with this vital service and be reimbursed for your mileage, please call us.

Brenda House
(Scheme Co-Ordinator) 01929 471255

 remarked the scale of our adventure.

Next time, readers will hear about the time at the Jamboree and the home hospitality they experienced as part of their trip.

SCOUT NEWS

Scout program for the spring term will include a Games evening, conclusion of the Fun - d project, some first aid, a pancake challenge, code making and breaking plus preparation for the County cooking competition, as well as some work on healthy living and the District night hike - oh.... a bit of ice skating also! Sounds like the Scouts are going to be busy!!

CUB NEWS

During 2016 the Cubs will celebrate their centenary with lots of activities and events to mark this special occasion. At District level we are looking forward to taking part in a football tournament and the scrapheap challenge. This term we will be looking at healthy eating and cooking, our Teamwork Challenge and going swimming.

BEAVER NEWS

During January and February the Beavers are learning about endangered animals, celebrating the Chinese New Year, cooking and will be taking a trip to visit Tesco to see what goes on behind the scenes. They will be working towards their Teamwork Challenge, as well as the Cook and Global Issues activity badges.
KINGSBERE EXPLORERS KENYA EXPEDITION 2017 – PRIZE CLUB DRAW

Twenty-one of our Explorers (plus three Explorers who participated in the Nepal 2013 Expedition) have now signed up to take part in an expedition to Kenya in the summer of 2017. The KENYA 2017 PRIZE CLUB was launched as part of their fundraising challenge for the expedition. The money raised with this prize club will go towards their travel to Kenya and towards the project that they will be assisting with whilst they are there.

The winners of the January draw were 1st Patricia Hobbs 2nd Sue Thorne 3rd Stu Malcolm

Application forms for prize club tickets are available from Gill on 01929 471242.

KINGSBERE EXPLORERS KENYA EXPEDITION 2017 – FUNDRAISING EVENTS

There will be lots of Kenya expedition/Moving Mountains fundraising events taking place over the next eighteen months. Please support the Explorers and Scouts to raise money to provide help to the communities that they will visit in Kenya.

PRIZE BINGO NIGHTS AT THE SCOUT HUT

Prize Bingo is every other Friday at the Scout Hut. In February bingo night will be held on Friday 5th and Friday 19th. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments are available.

SCOUT HUT HIRE

The Scout Hut is available for hire, particularly during the daytime – rates from £7.00 per hour. For more information, please contact Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 or 0788 422 6445.

CONTACT US

If anyone would like further information about Bere Regis Scout Group or the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit, all the contact details for the individual sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) are available in the village directory at the back of this magazine.

General enquiries and offers of help/assistance: Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

Scout Group Publicity: Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 and Helen Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

Winter Breaks/Travel Clinic

As we approach our cold spell, many of you might be thinking of warmer sunnier places! So may we ask travellers to take advantage of our Travel Risk Assessment Service and fill out one of the Surgery’s travel forms at least 6 weeks before your intended journey if possible.

Our Practice nurses will use this, your medical history and their research to produce your individualised Travel Risk Assessment and will advise on any immunisations needed.

It may assist you to know a little about the countries to which you are travelling, and any health travel problems that you may be at risk from on your trip, before you book an appointment. The following websites may be useful: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk and www.malariahotspots.co.uk

Coughs, Colds and Viral Illnesses – Self - Management

A cough is a reflex action to clear your airways of mucus and irritants such as dust or smoke. It’s rarely a sign of anything serious.

A "dry cough" means it’s tickly and doesn’t produce any phlegm (thick mucus). A "chesty cough" means phlegm is produced to help clear your airways.

Most coughs clear up within three weeks and don’t require any treatment. For more persistent coughs, it’s a good idea to see your GP so they can investigate the cause.

When to see your GP

There’s usually no need to see your GP if you or your child have a mild cough for a week or two. However, you should seek medical advice if:

- you’ve had a cough for more than three weeks
- your cough is particularly severe or is getting worse
- you cough up blood or experience shortness of breath, breathing difficulties or chest pain
- you have any other worrying symptoms, such as unexplained weight loss, a persistent change in your voice, or lumps or swellings in your neck
THE BOOK “BERE REGIS A STEP BACK IN TIME”

Update on the PHTF

I am very pleased to say that I have sent £3,400 to the Alzheimer’s Society this is the profits from the sale of my book Bere Regis a Step back in Time. I am awaiting another delivery of fifty books about thirty of them are spoken for, but I will have a few more left to sale so if anyone is interested please do call me on 01929 472023.

The main fundraising for the PHTF in 2015 was the memory walk at Yeovil and the writing and publishing of the book, also thank you to those who decided to donate to the fund and not give Christmas Cards.

This brings the total of the fund £16,376.00.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the sterling work of the Alzheimer’s Society through the Pamela Hoare Tribute Fund.

Alison Bennett

The Baby Show

(from l to r: Sylvia Mullins, Mollie Carlyle, Mrs Drax, the winning baby Anna with proud Mum - Cythya Burden)

Although we have been on our Christmas break, it has still been a busy time for Girlguiding in Bere Regis.

We started December with a ‘Santa’s Workshop’ themed sleepover. We had a fun-filled night which began with dinner and was followed by Christmas crafts including wreath making, decorating advent candles and making crackers. In the kitchen we made miniature chocolate Christmas Puddings before a surprise visit was made to us by Father Christmas. The evening ended with songs around the indoor campfire before heading to bed to watch a Christmas film.

To begin 2016 we made our annual trip to Swanage to watch the pantomime. This year the show was ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and we had lots of fun cheering on Jack as he climbed to Beanstalk to find his fortune. We were very lucky that the cast of the show gave us a special greeting from the stage, and were definitely the loudest at booing – especially when the giant said he fancied Brownies for dinner followed by Brown Owl!

We are looking forward to a new term and all the activities it will bring, especially February 22nd which is World Thinking Day.
**Choices**

A rather large boat ran aground at the bottom of the school field, just before Christmas. Not a drastic result of flash flooding – thankfully our part of the UK has been spared the terrible floods of the past few weeks - but a leaving gift from Mr Battishill. The play boat, which is large enough to take a whole class of children, takes just a little imagination to become a Viking ship, cruiser or ancient clipper off to discover new lands. As it is moored on the grass by the Adventure Trail it’s currently surrounded by mud, but a few carefully-placed wooden pallets have made an ideal pontoon/gangplank. A big ‘Thank you’ goes out to Mr B and as soon as we get some decent sailing weather we’ll be down there, scrubbing the decks and setting sail.

Mr Roberts, our new Head Teacher, has completed his first week and I’m very glad to report that he is still smiling. He has already learnt lots of the children’s names and even those of the many staff!

On the first day of term Mr Roberts took the assembly with the whole school on the theme of Choices. Reiterating the school’s ethos, he spoke about the expectation that each child will make ‘good choices’ in their behavior and attitudes. Good choices bring praise and reward as well as intrinsic satisfaction of having ‘done the right thing’. Helping children to make good choices helps develop their sense of responsibility to themselves, their peers and the wider community.

Of course, the flip-side is that poor choices bring consequences of a different nature. Mr Roberts has told the children that he expects honesty in facing up to mistakes and an understanding that sanctions will be given when rules are broken. It strikes me that our society currently has a culture of blame and spin, where the finger is often pointed at someone else and responsibility is often not taken for fear of losing face. The school’s aim is to help our children to become responsible, honest and trustworthy people, aware of the high expectations we have of them, happy to be part of a successful school and able to admit to their shortcomings in order to grow and develop.

We are very much looking forward to this spring term and have plenty of exciting topics and activities planned for the children. Watch this space!

Debbie Tibbey, Deputy Head Teacher

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**The Pop In Place Bere Regis**

*Bringing the community together!*

**Pop In Place Community Cafe**

Every Monday and Friday 10am until 12 noon in the Lower Room at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to pop in for a coffee or tea and meet new friends.

Fresh fruit and veg is available during the Friday sessions!

Transport is available: phone Max on 01929 471 062

**Pop In Place Performers**

An all ages vibrant performing arts group that specialises in the staging of community productions for worthy causes, meeting Thursday evenings 6pm to 8pm in the Upper Village Hall

**Pop In Poppets**

A baby and toddler group meeting every Thursday 9.30am until 11.30am in the Lower Room at the Village Hall

The Pop In Place has been at the heart of this community since 1996. During this time we have reached out to hundreds of local people with our regular groups and events programme.

Phone Alison Bennett on 01929 472 023 to find out how you can become part of this vital and special village organisation.

Check our website: popinplace.net
Poppets Baby and Toddler Group meets on Thursday
Mornings 9.30 until 11.30 all welcome

Pop In Performers Group
The summer production is a celebration of the Pop In Place It is entitled “Pop In Place the story so far... “the date for the shows are 17th 18th of June. The ticket sales from this show will go to Pop in Place funds to help to finance the celebratory events that we are offering the community free of any charge to celebrate our twentieth birthday. The group is now full to capacity any children wishing to join are welcome to come along in September when we will be starting work on the next production.

Please do Check out Pop In Place Website popinplace.org

COMING UP NEXT At The Pop In Place …
The Good Friday Event on 25th March 10 am until 12 noon The Easter Bonnet parade, Easter Egg Raffle, Hot Cross Buns and the wonderful JC Puppet theatre

REMEMBER TO KEEP KNITTING thank you to all of you who are still busy knitting and a big thank you to Liz Gale for all her sewing up work, and remember if you can’t knit then please do donate us some double knit wool ...........

Alison Bennett Team Leader 01929 472023

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

The season started with a visit by Alex Bett from Blandford who entertained us with songs to his guitar, and persuaded us to sing along with him with those we knew.

On Wednesday 10th February at 2.30pm in the village Hall there will be a demonstration, and maybe a chance to sample, by a representative of Wiltshire Farm Foods. Everyone is very welcome to come along to this and all the Autumn Leaves meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month.

There is a charge of £1.00 which includes sandwiches, cake as well as the talk or entertainment. To raise funds for the club, you are kindly asked to bring a small gift for the raffle. A most meetings there is a Competition - not too serious - when you are asked to bring something as suggested in the magazine article or on your programme.

We are always trying to find speakers on any subject to fill our diary each year and ask if anyone themselves, or who can suggest a contact, who would be able to give a half hour talk on any subject - hobby, past time, holiday or memories of past days etc. Please contact Kath Jeeves (471175) who has been organising the speakers for so many years who would be very pleased to have a chat about it.

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Why don’t you try something new in 2016

Have you ever visited the Pop In Place why not pop in and see if it’s for you there is always a warm welcome to all ,If you need transport give Max a call on 471062

Thank you to all who supported the Bring and Buy in January

This year 2016 it is twenty years since the Pop In Place began and we have some special community events planned at no cost to yourselves and for all different age groups to celebrate.

We will be holding a Family Disco for the younger members of the Pop In Place and their families ,the date of this is yet to be fixed.

On Sunday the 24th July at 2pm we are holding a Celebratory Cream tea and the Dunnovaria silver band has been booked to come and play for you ,this event is geared towards the over 50’s and Lyn Simmonds is taking the booking telephone 01929 471528 places are limited to 60 people book early to avoid disappointment.

On Saturday the 10th September we have our Presentation Evening and a performance by Rapport this will be an invitation only event as we will try to acknowledge all the people who have been instrumental or supportive of Pop In Place over its twenty successful years, please if you have any suggestions of who needs to be invited to this do give Lyn a ring 01929 471528

Community Café

There is a warm welcome for all at the Pop In Place Community Café we operate the café’s on Monday and Friday mornings 10am until 12 noon. On the Friday we have Bere Regis Watercress at 50p a bunch when in season and the Fruit and Veg and eggs on the stall in the Foyer run by Tony Shave.

Appeal for Good Quality items for our sales table

We would welcome your kind donations of small items such as ornaments vases etc. and also books for our bric a brac stall and clothing for our sale rail. All this will help to raise funds to pay the rental for the use of the room. Any donations must be good quality and can be brought in on Monday or Friday Morning.
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As I shall be retiring in April, I just wanted to say a big thank you to all my customers in Bere Regis, Briantspuddle and Afppuddle during the past eighteen years. Your loyalty and support has been much appreciated.

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Beginners Ballroom Dance Class at Bere Regis Village Hall
A beginners dance class with Eileen Spracklen on Friday nights at 8pm at the Village Hall the fees are £4 per person.

Zumba
A Zumba class at the Hall on a Monday evening with Sarah Yates Zumba starts at 7pm the fee is £3.50 (over 14 years of age) experience is not necessary just a willingness to move, shimmy, shake and have fun. For more details contact Sarah 07859888424

The hall is buzzing with many community groups why not come along?
Thank you to all our regular hall users who have paid up for your yearly rental fee so promptly any group that still has not paid please do so.

We have lots of groups meeting at the Bere Regis Village Hall, in North Street you may want to become involved with them.

The details of the organizers’ can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The Pop In Place community café meets twice weekly and has various events through the year also a Mother and Toddler group on Thursday am and a Performing Arts group on Thursday nights. The Parish Council meet every second Thursday at 7pm. As mentioned above there are Dance classes and Zumba available and sometimes during the year a Pilates class runs. There is WI Gardening Club, and the Autumn Leaves over 50’s new member will be welcome at all of these community groups.

So why not make 2016 the year that you do something new and come and join in with these village groups and organizations.

Private Children’s Parties
The hall is regularly booked for children’s parties. It has two options a large upper Hall or a smaller carpeted ground floor room that has a small playhouse and children’s area that can also be used during hire. There is heating that has now been added to with infra-red heaters and there is air con when it’s hot. Clean and modern toilet facilities are something that we pride ourselves with at the Village Hall. Come and take a look we will be happy to show you around.

Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023

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