

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



September

13th Floral Group - Just the two of us
 23rd Pop in Place Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

October

11th Floral Group - Nature's Autumn Palette

November

Pop in Place raising funds for Children in Need
 8th Floral Group - Traditional Christmas (TK village hall)

December

19th Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies, Drax Hall 10.00am - 12 noon

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To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

A LETTER FROM YOUR VICAR

Dear Friends,

I hope that by the time you read this, many of you will have had a wonderful Christmas. Certainly as I write, I am looking forward to a very special time in our villages and churches, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and for us all sharing lovely times with family and friends. We are also aware that this time of year can have its emotional challenges for people and it is my prayer and hope that those of you in this situation will have felt well supported by the love of other people. Now I wish you all a very happy New Year! Did you make any resolutions? Perhaps these thoughts might give you a little prompting!

As we begin our journey into 2016, on January 6th we come to the festival of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the child Jesus. This is very significant to those of us who are not Jews, as those 'Magi' represent the Gentile world, reminding us that although Jesus was the promised Messiah for Jews he is also the Saviour of the whole World. Myths have grown up around these

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men, such as there were three (three gifts but no knowledge of how many donors) and that they were Kings. We know they came 'from the East' but from which countries we have no idea though scholars have made intelligent guesses. They have even been given names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar but again on no historical evidence.

So let's consider what we do know about them. They are described as 'wise'. Now when we discover that they may have been travelling for months across desert wasteland, we may be forgiven for questioning their wisdom; in fact in human terms it makes them 'barking mad'. But what does make us wise? In the Bible, we can read in the books of Psalms (110) and Proverbs (Chapter 9) 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'. Wisdom is not about knowledge or erudition and can be gained by anyone of any age. Having a proper respect and commitment for God's ways – and for Christians a desire to follow the teaching of Jesus – will bring us the 'wise' approach of those men who travelled to visit the Christ child. During this coming year, are we willing to follow in the footsteps of these 'wise' men?

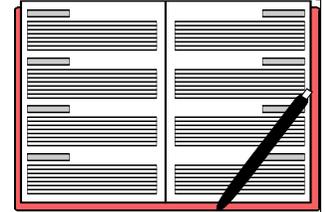
They also studied the stars – some translations describe them as astronomers. It was when they saw a remarkable star that their watching of nature filled them with awe and wonder. We are all so privileged to live on such an amazing planet



and it is good to give ourselves time to appreciate it and to stand and stare with awe and wonder. My new life as your Vicar (as compared with my former life in Oxfordshire) *should* give me more time to enjoy the world of nature, God's creation, and now in this beautiful county of Dorset, with many walks along the coast and elsewhere.

They brought their gifts – gold frankincense and myrrh. Whatever inspired them to bring these, when more 'practical' gifts might have been more welcome, they brought them as symbols of their love as we will all have been doing at Christmas towards our families and friends. These gifts have been seen as having significance – gold representing the kingship of Jesus, incense his divinity, myrrh the importance of his death and all spelt out in the carol 'We three Kings'. However, more importantly, before they gave their gifts, they fell down in worship. Can you imagine the joy in their hearts when, after their extremely long and probably hazardous journey, they had reached their goal? This special baby was

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January

- 12th Floral Group AGM and lunch
- 22nd Pop in Place Bring and Buy 10.00-12.00 noon
- 30th FOBRS 50/50 Baby and Toddler Sale

February

- 9th Floral Group - To the Manor Born

March

- 9th Floral Group - Shades of the Season
- 25th Pop in Place Easter Bonnets and Egg Raffle 10.00-12.00 noon

April

- 12th Floral Group - Fly me to the moon
- 22nd Pop in Place AGM 10.30am

May

- 1st FOBRS Garage Sale
- 5th FOBRS Recycling Event
- 10th Floral Group Diana Holman workshop with High Tea
- 16th Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 pm

June

- 10th FOBRS Ladies Indulgence Evening
- 14th Floral Group - Joy of Flowers
- 17th Pop in Performers Summer Show 7.00pm
- 18th Pop in Performers Summer Show 6.00pm

July

- 2nd FOBRS Summer Fayre
- 12th Floral Group - Destination Flowers

August

- 19th Pop in Place Children's Fun Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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the one they had been seeking. If only we could be moved with such joy – we can so easily join in worship without long journeys and it is my hope and prayer that in this coming year you may want to find such joy in worship – in our daily lives and in joining with others in the Church's services.

We shall be making a good emphasis on the Feast of the Epiphany this year. Traditionally as Twelfth Night, it is the time for taking down decorations (though in Church and, in our homes if we wish, the Christmas season goes on until February 2nd). We shall have a service on the day, 6th January at 7pm and the Junior Church/Family Service on 10th at 11am will be themed round the Wise Men, both at Bere Regis.....please join us!

As I wish you all a very happy New Year, I hope it will bring us many joys and we shall be praying for God's gift of peace for his world.

Your loving Vicar,

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

At St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On 22nd November 2015 – Ella Moorse

At St Laurence Affpuddle

On 1st November 2015 – Aleksander Hutchings



Funerals and Memorial Services

At St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On 16th November 2015 – Geoffrey Foulkes

On 26th November 2015 – Doreen Wall

On 5th December 2015 – Edward Kent

On 12th December 2015 – Kevin Collins

At St Laurence Affpuddle

On 19th November 2015 – Muriel Davies

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

Sunday 3rd January – Second Sunday of Christmas, Plough Sunday

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10am	Parish Eucharist/Plough Sunday Service	Bere Regis
11am	Maffins & Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Wednesday 6th January – The Epiphany

6pm	Epiphany Eucharist	Bere Regis
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Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	Affpuddle
11am	Family Service (Junior Church at 10am)	Bere Regis

Wednesday 13th January

11am	Midweek Communion	Bere Regis
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Sunday 17th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10am	Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism	Bere Regis
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 24th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	Affpuddle
11am	Maffins	Bere Regis

Sunday 31st January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10am	Benefice Eucharist	Bere Regis
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Sunday 7th February – Sunday Next Before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bere Regis
11am	Maffins & Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

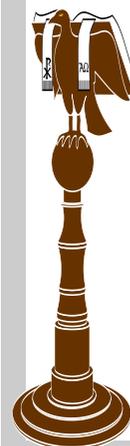
Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society	Secretary: Sue Gould (28 Sileham Bank, MSA DT11 0LE)	01258 837575	Lane End, Milborne St Andrew.	Msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk	A new allotment site adjacent to the Sports Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year.
Mothers' Union	Nancy Gibson	472105	15 White Lovington BH20 7NF	NancyEGibson@msn.com	Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.
Mobile Library	Dorset County Council	01305 224440		dorchestermobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk	Alternate fortnights Car park Mondays 9.20- 9.50 Fridays 10.50 - 12.15
Neighbour Car Scheme	Brenda House	01929 471255		stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com	Community run transport option
Pop in Place	Alison Bennett	472023	3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU	paul@bennett3518.freemove.co.uk	Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00
Purbeck District Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
Ragamuffins Pre - School	Manager - Mrs Ann-Marie Pitman	472125	c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7LP	ragamuffinspreschool@btinternet.com	Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 8 a.m. and after-school club until 5 p.m.
Rotary Club of Wareham	David King	01929 471087	Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7NT	david.king@gbpltd.co.uk www.warehamrotary.co.uk	
RBL Women's Section	Mrs Eileen Maidment	471616	9 Elder Road		Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
Salt and Pepper Lunch Club	Brenda House	471255		stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com	Monthly, Scout Hut, 3rd Thursday. 12.30p.m.
Table Tennis for Adults	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123			Mondays 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Twinning Association	Bob James	472113	5 Turberville Road	bjames52.freemove.co.uk	Meetings and events arranged as and when.
W.I. (Bere Regis)	Mrs Dian Pitts	471322		pitts.dian@gmail.com	Monthly Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm
Woodbury Hill Singers	Mrs Kath Jeeves	471175	10 Turberville Court		Weekly Turberville Court Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)	Simon Hart	01929 472274			Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
General or group enquiries	Chris Gall	01305 772634			
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Kate Willis	01929 472787			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit	Helen Unitt-Jones	01929 472273			Tuesdays 7.30 pm-9.30 pm. 14-18 years, male and female. Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scouts Scout Hut Hire	Andrea Marshall	472588 or 07884 226445	2 Old Barn Cottages West Street	andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com	Hire rates from £7.00 per hour
Briantspuddle Book Swap Club	Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot	471002 472483	6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall
Briantspuddle village scrap book	Jenny Silavs	471577			Scrap book for Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle
Chapel Toddlers Group	Mrs Janet Morris	471270	The Manse Flat, Butt Lane	Jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk	Tuesdays - 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane
Cyril Wood Court Monthly Coffee Stop					1st Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00
Drax Hall (hire)	Lyn Simmonds	471528			
Dorset County Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	
Kingsbere Quilters	Mrs Dianne Edmunds	472331	10 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Scout Hut 1st Wednesday 9.30 am - 12 noon

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Readers

Parish Communion

3rd Mr Booth/Mr Cox

17th Mr Booth/Mr Croom

31st Mr Booth/Mrs Newton

Sidesmen

3rd 10.00am Mr Bates/Mr House
Chalice Mr Lambert/Mr Cox

Intercessions Mrs Bayliss
6.00pm Mr Gibbs

6th 6.00pm Mr House/Mr Smith

10th 11.00am Junior Church

17th 10.00am Mr Wharf/Mr Croom
Chalice Mr Croom/Mr House

Intercessions Mr Wharf
6.00pm Mr Gibbs

24th 11.00pm TBA

31st 10.00am Mr Scott/Mr Smith
Chalice Mr Smith/Mr House
Intercessions Mrs Welton



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Dusting

2nd and 9th January 2016

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16th and 23rd January

Mrs Annie Nicholson and Mrs Diana Fairhurst

Miss Gertie Miller and Mrs Peggy Hodder

30th January and 6th February

Mrs Christine Tucker and Mrs Nancy Gibson

Mrs Annita Lemon

Sanctuary Flower Guild

2nd & 9th Mrs Gibbs Mrs Burden

16th & 23rd Bell Ringers

30th & 6th Mrs Leigh Miss Stone

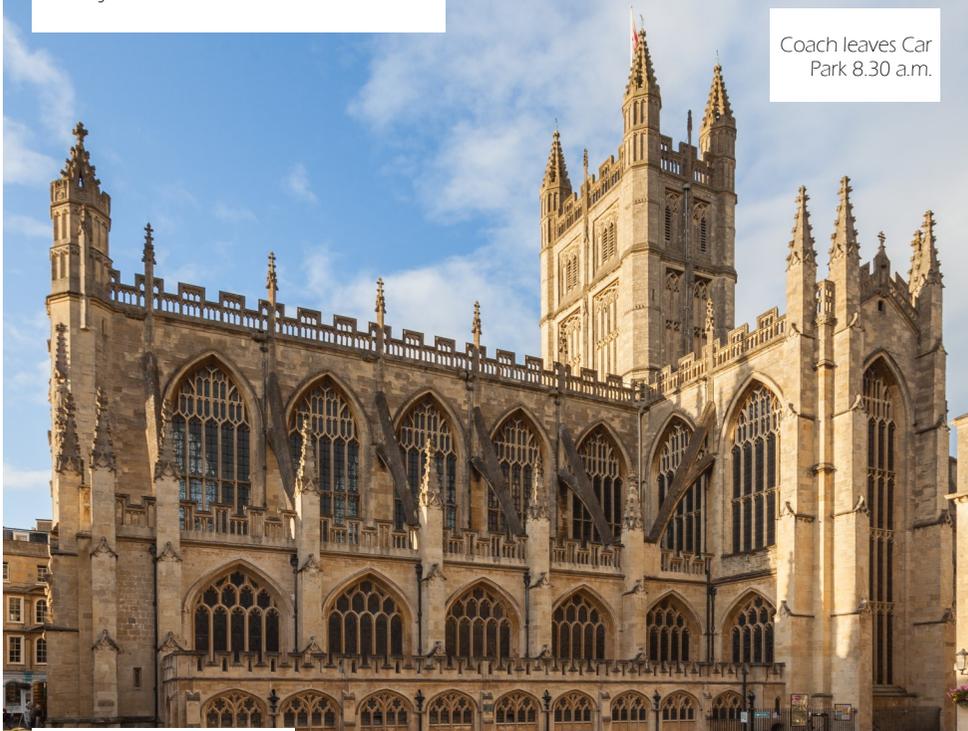


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Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@joneser.freereserve.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Margaret Dann Kath Jeeves	472734 471175	4 Bitchams Mead 10 Turberville Court		Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	John England Adrian Standfield Jenny Clifford	471469 471774	10, South Mead		Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Community School	Steven Battishill - Headteacher	471334	Rye Hill BH20 7LP	office@berereg.is.dorset.sch.uk	Primary School for pupils aged 4+ to 11 years
Bere Regis Floral Group	Diane Edmonds Diana Holman	472331 01305 848262			2nd Tuesday at Winterborne Kingston village hall
Bere Regis Gardening Club	Sue Stone	471627	2 The Manor House, Southbrook		Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Tuesday. 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Health Walks	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.crisford@btinternet.com	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Junior Church	Pat Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage, West Street	peterwharf@btinternet.com	Second Sunday of every month in Church 10.000-11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Parish Council	Ian Ventham Chairman	471480	Wateredge, Shitterton, BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Andy Kent Herbie Swann Luke White	471079 472812 472487	94 North Street	andy@contact.go-plus.net	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk	5.15 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Wildlife Group	Tony Bates Pat Chesney Sarah Welton	471563 471519 471562	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk	Meetings arranged as and when
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Anna Hawkes	01929 471009			Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5½ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

CHURCHWARDENS CHAT

Letter to the Three wise Men

Dear Sirs,

Having heard of your generous gifts to the Christ Child could I ask if your investments over the last 2000 years would stretch to a bit of help for our Church?

The people of Bere Regis are generous with love and care but we are a little short of some things.

I know frankincense and myrrh are really expensive and we wouldn't be rude and refuse, however, we would need rather a lot of myrrh resin to repair the roof, and Wikipedia was somewhat sketchy on how much frankincense oil could be used for organ maintenance before the perfume affected the organist and congregation.

The odd gold coin or two, preferably in a Gift Aid Envelope, to avoid Herod's taxes, would be most appreciated and could be used both for the church building and to help others.

Yours,

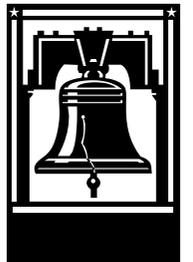
Judy Newton (Churchwarden)



BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Your ringing band sends you New Years Greetings. The restoration work has made our bells easier to handle although the stairs we need to climb are just as steep as ever.

We have been very pleased that, with only a little persuasion, Felicity Masheder has offered to join our band after some years of retirement. She has not forgotten her initial training and has been a great help already.



We can always do with a few more ringers and the new year is a good time to decide to take on a local activity which can also help you to keep fit. We start practices again at 6.30 to 7.30 on Wednesday evenings (13th January is the first of the New Year) and we are only too pleased to slowly teach you the basic rope handling necessary to safely handle a bell and then progress to ringing with the team.

Just come along and have a look to see what has been going on in this tower over a few hundred years. We have records of ringers with the age range from about 12 to over 90.

THE INNOMINATA CONSORT

In Act V of the rarely-performed play 'The Two Noble Kinsmen', possibly written by Shakespeare in collaboration with John Fletcher, there is a curious stage direction. As Emilia, the heroine, invokes the goddess Diana, her prayers are accompanied, we are told, by 'still music of records'. This is probably the earliest reference to the use of recorders on the stage, and it is interesting to notice that their music is quiet ('still') and ethereal, the association other-worldly. It must have been a very far cry indeed from the shrill and jarring sounds so often associated with recorders these days. Violins, oboes, trumpets and the like fare little better in beginners' hands, but to counterbalance this they are constantly heard being played with consummate skill by orchestras and professional musicians. Recorders do not have this advantage; they simply do not get the same exposure, and ironically, although the level of recorder playing today has reached a stratospheric level of virtuosity, great performances on the instrument simply do not reach the man in the street, or if they do, the instrument is not recognised as a recorder. Recorder players, generally speaking, face an uphill struggle. Despite this, there are probably more recorder players now than at any other time in history;

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Briantspuddle Amenity Complex

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

It is anticipated that the recommendations coming from the working group will be presented at the March Parish Council meeting.

Parish Speed watch

At the last meeting the Councillors were made aware that members of the public were interested in forming a Speed Watch group to prevent speeding in the parish, in particular in Affpuddle. In order to do this a co-ordinator and at least 4 volunteers are needed to come forward to enable the scheme to progress. Only one volunteer has come forward so far, if you are interested in joining this group please contact one of the councillors or the Parish Clerk.



recorder societies, groups and orchestras abound, and the production of fine hand-made recorders crafted to ever more exacting standards is a thriving global business. Easy access to a huge range of music which can be legitimately performed on the recorder - not to mention an equally huge range of much more questionable suitability - ensures a constant variety of pieces to please performers and, we hope, audiences alike.

The Innominata Consort combines the sound of recorders with that of a modern keyboard, giving the group great versatility. Ten different sizes of recorders and a huge range of keyboard options mean that they can tackle virtually any kind of music, and their concert pieces range from Renaissance dances to ragtime, from Baroque sonatas to opera. They still play 'still music', particularly on the bigger instruments, but are just as happy with a lively Debussy arrangement or a Venetian canzona. The players themselves are equally diverse in age, interests, temperament and backgrounds, but united in a love of all kinds of music and a desire to share their enjoyment of it. As well as being soloists in their own right, they have successfully combined in the past with singers, notably Yeovil Chamber Choir, and this has always been a rewarding experience.

The next performance by the Innominata Consort will be at the church of St John the Baptist, Bere Regis, on Sunday 24th January 2016.

The Innominata Consort

Nicola Davidson, Annita Lemon-van de Kooij, Robin Dibben, Malcolm McDonald (recorders), John Mingay (keyboard)

For further information please phone Malcolm on 01936 420145 or write to malcmcd@hotmail.com

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

"Why don't you come and join us at the Family Service on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00 am"

The deadline for Parish Magazine reports occurred before the December Junior Church Service, so this means that I am describing what should have happened in the service, as well as what did happen, as we made 150 mini Christmas cakes in the run up to the JC service. We started on the cakes in mid-November. Over fifty children and adults were involved in making,



Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children's activity morning will be about:

Epiphany

Sunday 10th
January 2016

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!

Monday 25th January 2016

Burns Night Supper – Doors open at 7pm for all to be seated by 7:30pm

Following tradition the haggis will be piped in, followed by grace, address to the haggis, stabbing of the haggis and a toast, all followed by a three course supper. Well known group, Rainbarrow will provide the piper and lead the reel and jigs.

Ticket are £15 and on sale from:

- ◆ Briantspuddle Village Shop,
- ◆ by emailing events@briantspuddle.info
- ◆ contact Sue Harris-Searle on 07747 816 137 or see Sue at the Community Group Coffee shop on Saturday mornings in the Diamond Jubilee Room

Haggis, neeps and tatties with a vegetarian haggis option will be on offer. Please let Sue know of any specific dietary requirements.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed filled shoe-boxes to Affpuddle St Laurence's Operation Christmas Child effort. They are now on their way to bring joy to a disadvantaged child in Africa or Eastern Europe.

Penny Haigh

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Road Closures

Proposed temporary closure of East Burton Level Crossing - Date: 15th & 16th Feb.

Proposed temporary road closure of B3390, Moreton Level Crossing – Date: 27th & 28th January

Proposed temporary road closures of B3070 at Holme Level Crossing – Date: 28th & 29th January and 13th & 14th February.

BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS



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.

Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for all their help, baking, donations, time, effort and huge amounts of support over the last year. Here's to another successful year of events and offerings over the coming months.

January 2016

Saturday 23rd January, doors open at 7pm

Tim Laycock presents 'The Year Clock'

A dramatic and musical celebration of the life and poetry of William Barnes from Dorset's own Tim Laycock.

Why did a highly educated 19th century teacher and parson choose to write poetry in a dialect few people could read? What does the erosion of dialect and accent tell us about ourselves? In this fully dramatised piece, with wonderful musical accompaniment from fiddle player, Colin Thompson, Tim brings his considerable acting skills to bear on a story which will both delight enthusiasts and introduce a new audience to the life and poetry of Barnes.

Tickets £8, under 18's £6, family ticket (2adults & 2 children) £25. Please email events@briantspuddle.info to reserve seats or tickets will be available in the Village Shop in January.

This is an Artsreach event.

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icing, decorating, wrapping or delivering cakes, with most of them involved in multiple sessions.

The actual Junior Church Service, with Christmas in mind, is to be full of carols. We also have planned a four part mini drama, which revolves around two shepherds, with their sheep, on a lonely hillside. One of the shepherds is very old and the other is a young lad, who is always moaning "Nothing ever happens around here" How wrong he was? At this cue the old shepherd describes how the shepherds visited the baby Jesus fifty years before. After another carol, the young lad shows interest and the old man describes how thirty years later, he saw some of the miracles of Jesus. Then another carol before the young shepherd asked to go and see for himself, but it is explained that this is no longer possible, describing the crucifixion and resurrection. The drama finishes by quoting the two most important commandments and describing more on the theme of "loving your neighbour". It is so easy in the busy time before Christmas to be preoccupied and not to notice the needs

of others. The children will act out a playground scene, where one very lonely child is very nearly completely ignored, just because of the others being too busy. In all four parts there are many children involved in acting out the story. Hopefully it will all go to plan. So far rehearsals are going well, but these have been with just a few children to work out how it should flow. It might be a whole different matter when about thirty children turn up on the day. Our policy is to involve every child who wants to be involved. It could be quite a challenge! To give you a flavour of our Christmas dramas, above is a photo of a previous one.



Besides the carols, drama and of course puppets in the service there will be an important moment when the children pick up their individual "Happy Birthday Jesus" cakes and parade around with the candles lit.

As the number of children in the Junior Church grows the number of mini Christmas cakes grows. We had seventeen children at the cake making session, so this year we made 150 cakes. Forty plus of



these will be given to the children, and the rest will be delivered, by families, to the older folk in the village. We started making cakes in November and every week we have completed another stage in the process. At the icing session there were twenty five of us, from grandchildren to grandparents. A week later was the decorating production line and then later we did the wrapping in cellophane adding the individual Christmas cards. At this session, besides many age groups being involved, a nineteen year old brought her boyfriend to help. I think that he was somewhat bemused by the whole process. We hope that all the people who

receive the cakes feel the love in the making.

In January the Junior Church Service will be on the 10th and we will be celebrating Epiphany (the Wise Men coming). Unusually the drama will not include the children, although there will be many other activities for them. We decided that as the Open the Book team are also doing, in that week, a drama about Epiphany, then it was a great opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of the church what we do at Open the Book. This multi church team go into Bere Regis School, fortnightly, to act out Bible stories. Do come along to the service on the 10th of January and see for yourself.



MESSAGE FROM MIKE MENZIES

Recycling your tree

You can recycle your real Christmas tree by cutting it up and putting it in your garden waste bin, if you have one, or taking it to a household recycling centre. Alternatively, remove all decorations and put your tree next to your rubbish bin on your first collection after 6th January to be taken for treatment or landfill.

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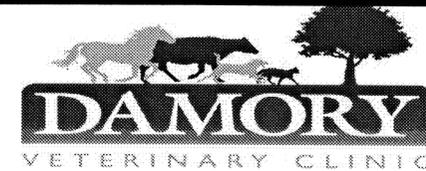
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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Lesson Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Lesson Readers	Readings
3 January	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
2nd		A Grindrod	R Prideaux	Eph 3: 1-12
Christmas		R Prideaux	A Grindrod	Matthew 2: 1-12
10 January	9.15am	E Moriarty	S Moriarty	Acts 8: 14-17
Baptism of Christ		S Moriarty	H Menzies	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
17 January	8am	S Sanderson	S Sanderson	BCP as set
2nd				
Epiphany				
24 January	9.15	R Killer	S Sanderson	1 Cor 12: 12-31a
3rd Epiphany		S Sanderson	R Killer	Luke 4: 14-21
31 January	10am	<i>Benefice Service at Bere Regis</i>		
4th				
Epiphany				
7 February	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
Next Before	11am	A Grindrod	A Grindrod	2 Cor 3:12-4:2
Lent		S Wood	S Wood	Luke 9: 28-36

Intercessions: 10th January E Arkell 24th January E Whatley
 Chalice: 10th January S Moriarty 24th January Allan Smith

BERE REGIS BOOK GROUP



Book Group

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Most of the Group read Jane Eyre at school, but coming back to it later found much had been forgotten and much had been missed on the first reading. On the whole it was felt the story was rather implausible but the writing superb. Also, this would have been a somewhat scandalous tale at the time it was written, and was published initially under a male nom de plume.

As a picture of the attitudes of the time it pulls no punches; if you were rich you had it all, and had no intention of letting someone else in on it. Children were on the whole rather a nuisance and needed to be dealt with as conveniently as possible. Jane worked all this out as she grew up in different situations of poverty and reliance on others goodwill, all the time feeling angry but determined not to be downtrodden.

She also tried to model her reactions and behaviour on the Christian values she had absorbed from her late parents and her very wide reading. Her problem with becoming besotted with Mr Rochester while on a very inferior social rung, and her shock at his duplicity, seemed both to magically disappear when she inherited money and found he was free and in need of help.

She was at last on par with him, and gave him a good life, but the point was the tables had been turned. We all enjoyed coming back to the book.

Janet Gilpin.

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It's a shocking statistic that according to research, one million older people go for a month without speaking to anyone. Age UK and John Lewis have recently launched The Man on the Moon advertising campaign, which they hope will raise awareness of the issue of loneliness and help drive support to Age UK.

Locally, Age UK Dorchester run a Reach Out scheme to provide volunteers for older people who have become isolated. Reach Out volunteers provide much needed support to older people living alone who either require help to get more or who would prefer someone to visit them at home for a cup of tea and a chat.

Lisa Holmes, Head of Care at Age UK Dorchester said, "Hopefully, The Man on the Moon advert will strike a chord with people and help to raise awareness of loneliness amongst older people. Loneliness can be devastating and we all have a role to play in our local community in helping to ensure that older people feel included. No one should feel lonely at Christmas time, or any other time of the year."

Lisa added, "The biggest challenge we face is to be able to provide enough volunteers to meet this growing need."

One Reach Out volunteer said, "If I can get someone out and about, it's noticeable straight away that this is really beneficial to the person."

The scheme has also recently been awarded a grant from the Dunhill Medical Trust to expand the service to the Bridport and Wareham areas and Age UK Dorchester would like to hear from potential volunteers in these areas. There are also volunteering opportunities in Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland. Potential volunteers should enjoy meeting people, be a good listener and have about an hour a week to spare.



If you would like more information about volunteering for the Reach Out scheme, contact Jules Walker on 01305 269 444 or email j.walker@ageukdorchester.org.uk

Flowers and Cleaning

Date:	Flowers:	Cleaning:
2 Jan. 2016	Sue Taylor	Sue Taylor
9 Jan.	Sue Gibbs	Sue Gibbs
16 Jan.	Nicky Killer	Elizabeth Whatley
23 Jan.	Erica Moriarty	Erica Moriarty
30 Jan.	Jean Clarke	Lindy Ventham
6 Feb.	Christine Ralls	Christine Ralls



Sue and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a peaceful New Year. Thank you very much for your work and support during 2015.

Regards Elizabeth Whatley

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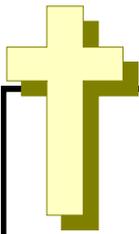
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Ed Kent (17.02.02 – 14.11.15)

Ed was born on February 17th, 2002, with his birthday being between that of his Granddad John (16th) and his Uncle Leon (18th). He was baptised by Rev Ian, in Bere Regis church, just over a year later, on the 9th March.

His pre-school years were spent with his wonderful child-minders: 'Aunty' Mary, Michelle and 'Aunty' Wendy. It was during this time that we realised he loved playing with a ball. Beginning with rolling, he quickly moved on to throwing, kicking and catching. He actually taught himself to bowl, by watching cricket on the television and copying. We once walked into the sitting room to find him 'running up' and bowling in time to Matthew Hoggard. No family walk along the beach or in the woods could be taken without a tennis ball being thrown between us, and no ornament was safe in the Kent household!

It wasn't all cricket though. His older sister, Becky, was doing well at trampolining and Ed, aged 3, wanted to follow in her footsteps. When it came to it, he needed a lot of encouragement, provided first by Ruth, at Purbeck and later by Tanya and Alice at The Blandford Gym Club, where he also followed Becky into gymnastics. He attended Bere Regis Junior church, enjoying the craft work and action songs. He was keen to ask and answer questions and asked for books of prayers for bedtimes at home.

As we were both working at Sandford Middle School at the time, Ed, like Becky, began his formal education at Sandford St Martin's First school, and always had very fond memories of Mrs Willis and Mrs Crook. It would seem that his love of the emergency services and his desire to become a police officer began at this time too, as the dinner ladies there at the time have recently recalled him running around at lunch time declaring all his friends to be 'under arrest!' While at First school, and while watching Andy play, his love of sport, especially cricket, developed. Ed also attended the Bere Regis Beavers section of the Scouts as a youngster and enjoyed the activities there.

When Ed was about 6, Mandy, one of our North Street neighbours, organised a Saturday morning junior football club and Ed was excited to join. It was soon evident that there were others with greater natural ability, but that never dampened his enthusiasm and he was thrilled to be 'substitute' in their first match! Ed continued to play at Bere Regis under the guidance of Mike Bosworth, Jon Mayo and then Paul Moss. Playing at left back, his style of defending was, shall we say, 'old school' and his first touch was often a hefty punt upfield to clear the lines. Few will ever forget the day when, at Lytchett



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BUS2GO

New Year Greetings!

Our Christmas festivities are over for another year, tinsle and hats put away. Our Christmas Party hosted by Lyrics and Laughter was even better than last year. One of the cast had recently joined them from CBeebies. This suited us perfectly, as we are all young at heart and enjoy a good laugh. We have booked again for 2016, a date for your diary, Sunday November 27th 2016.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch at Wyevale Garden Centre, Owermoigne. The staff ensured we were well and truly in the Christmas Spirit! Looking forward to our next visit in the Spring.



January can seem like a very long month and the weather too is very unpredictable. With this in mind we have chosen pub lunches, our first lunch is at a mystery destination (thankfully, the drivers and volunteers know where they are going). The cost of the January lunch is £10 for two courses.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2016 looking forward to welcoming you aboard very soon. www.Bus2Godorset.org, follow us on facebook bus2go and twitter @bus2gonow

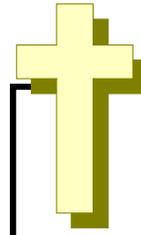


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Matravers, one such 'first touch' was hit with such force from his own half that a single bounce took it over a bemused goalkeeper's head for an equaliser in a thrilling match!

Having to play a year up was a bit too tough for him though, so he moved to Lytchett Red Triangle, where his coach, Jimmy Glass, recently summed Ed up beautifully, by saying that he was, "a natural until he had to think about it!" Dwelling on that, we would have to agree that Ed was spontaneous, rather than tactical in just about everything he did.

His transfer to Sandford Middle School was eagerly anticipated, as he couldn't wait to get into the Science labs to do 'real experiments' with Mr Linton, and onto the sports field with Mr Higgins. He loved enjoying the new experiences that Middle School gave him and his increasing confidence meant that he joined in with many extra-curricular activities. It was during this time that he also began his percussion lessons in school, and regular swimming sessions at the weekends.

Throughout his life, cricket was clearly his first love in sport and he played for village youth teams, school teams and at district level for South Dorset from the age of 10. As Bere Regis didn't have a youth team when Ed first started playing, his first club team was Lytchett Matravers. He also played a few games for Broadstone, before being re-united with his former Lytchett coach and teammates, all of whom had moved onto Wimborne. By this time, Bere Regis too had a youth team, so many summer evenings were spent enjoying his favourite sport.

Indeed, Ed was due to play in an indoor match, for Wimborne, the evening he died, so it turns out that his last game was on October 31st, when appropriately, he scored a career best of 43 not out and bowled two of his best ever overs. His last outdoor game turned out to be for Bere Regis Under 13's, against Dorchester, scoring 27 not out.

By the time he left Sandford Middle to join Lytchett in Year 7, Ed had really begun to find his feet, was starting to show good interest and success in Science and Maths and, according to his classmates, volunteering for just about every job going. He was proud to help at many school events and continued his drum lessons at Lytchett, being successful in the exams he took.

Giving confidence to other young people was one of Ed's skills which has come to light in the past few weeks – several parents have expressed to us, how their children were encouraged by him at school,



TRIBUTE

swimming, football and cricket, and how they then felt more comfortable and confident in themselves. What a wonderful gift he shared. His general politeness and generosity of spirit are other traits people have commented on, in the many lovely messages we have received recently.

The week before he died, Ed had brought home his latest school report and knew how proud we were of his achievements. He was keen to become a police officer, a chef or a cricketer and had already spoken about his Year 10 option choices for next September, including the possibility of him doing his work experience at Winfrith Police HQ.

Although we were obviously aware that Ed was asthmatic, it was never brought on by the many sports he enjoyed and, like his stammer, he never allowed it to hold him back. In choosing 'The World In Union' as one of the songs at both his cremation and memorial services, we were mindful that the lines,

'Searching for the best in me, I will find what I can be.'

'Just to be the best I can, sets the goal for every man.'

and

'If I win, lose or draw, there's a winner in us all.'

summed up Ed's approach to life.

We would like you to remember him as an endlessly enthusiastic and extremely forgiving young man, who was always smiling and who loved all the opportunities he had, regardless of his ability or levels of success. Polite and considerate in all he did, he loved to help and look after others and enjoyed a very full, happy and complete childhood. Now, safe in the arms of Jesus forever.

Finally, like his Dad and Granddad Peter before him, Ed was an avid Spurs fan who enjoyed the recent success of striker Harry Kane. It was touching for us, on cancellation of his junior membership of the club, to receive a personal letter of condolence from head coach, Mauricio Pochettino. Knowing this, many of you will understand therefore, that although he played sport for other villages as well, Ed lived in and loved Bere Regis from his first day to his last, so we can confidently say,

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We would be very interested to learn about what 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.

Souls Moor

The fence line at the south eastern edge of Souls Moor has now been moved to allow for the roadway route to the new school site. There will be no loss in the wildlife conservation value on the village nature reserve. Plans are now being made to introduce conservation grazing on the reserve which we hope to start in the spring.

BERE REGIS STROLLERS

Health Walks

Due to Health and Safety, Hi Viz jackets and risk assessments, more suitable for taking a group of three year olds for a walk, we have decided to withdraw from the national Walking for Health scheme.

The good news is we are continuing to walk as the Bere Regis Strollers. Walks will be the same as before –walk at your own pace and no steep hills or stiles. There will be a one hour walk and also a 30 minute walk for those who would prefer a shorter distance. There is always lots of chat and afterwards we go to the Drax Arms for coffee. No charge to walk.

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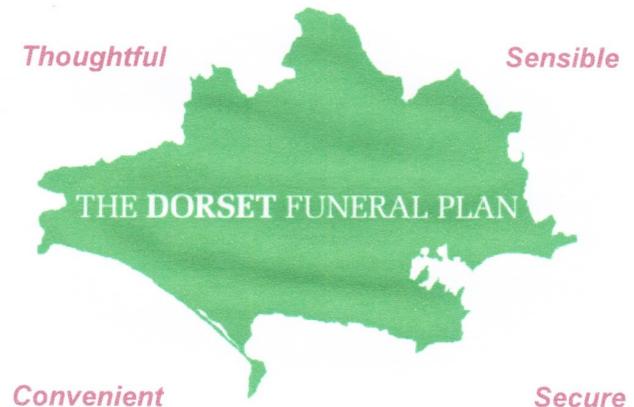
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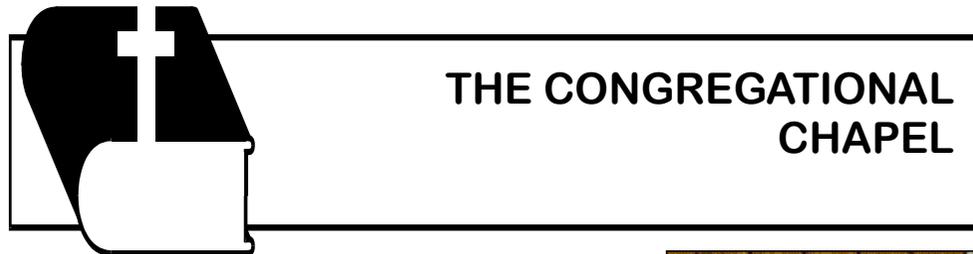
BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Our next service at the Chapel will be our Covenant Service on Sunday 3rdth January at 3.00pm. This will be led by Rev Stephanie Jenner.

The Buggies and Brunch for January is on Saturday 16th starting at 10.30.

If you would like any more information .Please contact one of the Stewards.

Karen Smith 471339, Margaret Whittingham 471782, Caroline Harrison 471378



Ring out the old, ring in the new!

Happy New Year, everyone! Here we are at the beginning of another twelve months – a brand new year and, for many, a brand new start! An opportunity to dream new dreams, fulfill personal targets and see new ambitions realised. For many others it's another twelve months of hanging on in there as life gets more and more hectic.

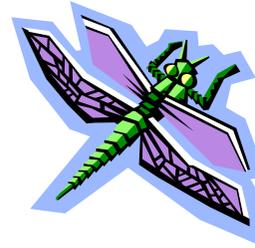
Around the world in the various time zones the most commonly sung song for English-speakers on New Year's eve is "Auld Lang Syne". It's an old Scottish song that was first published by the poet Robert Burns in the 1796 edition of the book, Scots Musical Museum. Burns transcribed it (and made some refinements to the lyrics) after he heard it sung by an old man from the Ayrshire area of Scotland, Burns' homeland.

It is often remarked that "Auld Lang Syne" is one of the most popular songs that nobody knows the lyrics to! "Auld Lang Syne" literally translates as "old long since" and means "times gone by." The song asks whether old friends and times will be forgotten and promises to remember people of the past with fondness, "For auld



BERE REGIS WILDLIFE GROUP

Conservation of the Bere Stream



After our soaking in November, we were fortunate to have some dry weather for the December conservation working party. We concentrated on some coppicing and hedge-laying alongside the boardwalk. This will

allow more light to reach the stream, encouraging weed growth in the stream, and providing a greater range of habitats for fish, invertebrates and other aquatic wildlife. It also had the benefit of opening up views of the stream and Souls Moor to those walking along the boardwalk. Do take a look and see what you think. Even better, come along to 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 9th January 2016

Saturday 6th February 2016

Saturday 5th March 2016.

Meet at the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am. We normally finish about 12.30. We always have a break, so bring a drink with you.



At the January working party we will be concentrating on clearing undergrowth in some areas between the stream and path. This will allow ground flora to flourish and create more diverse habitats suitable for a wider range of wildlife.

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

For more information please contact:

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For Christians, as we 'ring out the old and ring in the new" we have the opportunity to reflect and review the past and those events that have touched our lives and look forward with assurance and hope to the future knowing God holds each day of the coming year for us in His Hand.

It's not easy getting the balance right. For some starting a New Year can be exciting and exhilarating whilst for others it can be daunting and full of apprehension. Maybe things happened last year that have completely changed your outlook on the future. New things can also be a bit unnerving – moving into a new area, starting a new school or college, the first day in a new job. We don't always like too much change, preferring the comfort of situations and people we have known for years; doing things the way we've always done them! But as Bob Dylan famously sang, "the times they are a changing!" Indeed they are Mr Dylan – but sadly not always for the better!

What I do know is that in times of great change we all need an anchor – we need the stability of things that are unchanging. Without stable influences in our lives we would all be floating around doing our own thing and the world would be chaotic! For me that stability and balance comes out of a personal relationship with God through Jesus and a trust in the unfailing accuracy of His Word.

As I enter my 46th year of Christian pastoral ministry my own personal 'resolution' and hope for 2016 is that I may be more like Jesus in loving and caring for people in practical ways, and in doing so share the message of salvation. The Gospel has to be an holistic Gospel in the sense that it's not just about caring for others, but also telling people the facts about Jesus.. For me that means finding more opportunities to meet people in the village and chat to them. This is why I try to get along to regular gatherings such as the Pop In Place. It's also the reason you will find some of us from the Chapel knocking on doors and sharing the Christian Gospel. Caring actions and evangelism go hand in hand. So my prayer echoes that of St Paul when he wrote, "Oh that I may know Christ and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings...". (Philippians 3:10). I want to experience the power and the passion of my Lord - but most of all to know The Person who can keep me and use me through another year.

Who or what is the stable influence in your life? Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10: 10).

May God be with you this year

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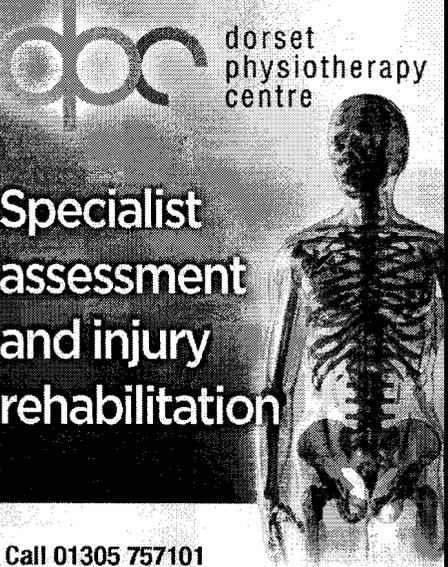
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

ENID'S ORANGE SOUR CREAM CAKE

- ♦ 200grms butter – creamed
- ♦ 200grms castor sugar
- ♦ 2 large eggs
- ♦ Zest of 2 oranges
- ♦ 200mls sour cream
- ♦ 300gm plain flour
- ♦ Glaze
- ♦ Juice of 1 orange
- ♦ 100gms marmalade with pieces of peel.



1. Line a cake tin with buttered greaseproof paper. Oven temperature 180C/gas mark 4.
2. Cream the butter and sugar and beat until it is smooth then add the eggs, one at a time with the zest, sour cream, flour and baking powder.
3. Bake for 40-50mins.
4. Boil the juice and marmalade together just before the cake is cooked. Let the cake cool for approx 5mins and leave in the tin then pour the glaze over making sure the marmalade pieces stay on the top of the cake.

Our regular Sunday Service is held at 10.00am and Junior Church or Creche facilities can be made available. The whole family is welcome.

Other News

The Rev Charles Masheder and I will be meeting together for fellowship and prayer on a monthly basis to discuss the best ways our fellowships can continue to serve our village community.

Search The Scriptures – our regular youth meeting continues on Mondays at 6.30pm to look at issues relating to Biblical truth . Open also to those young in heart!



Chapel Toddlers – recommences this month on Tuesday 12th January from 9.30-11.30am Thanks to all the mums who provided food for a wonderful spread at our Chapel Toddlers Christmas Party last month. A good time was had by all as you can see from the photos!

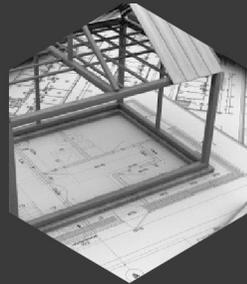




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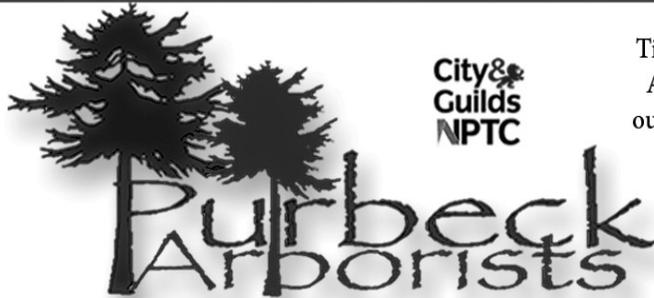
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26th February	Weymouth GC	GRS Trophy	
25th March	Rushmoor Park	Members' Cup	
29th April	Windwhistle GC	Whitbread Pairs	
27th May	Paultons Park	Ex-Landlord's Cup	
24th June	Wareham GC	Captain's Cup	
29th July	Honiton GC	Memorial Cup	
26th August	Cumberwell Park	Jim Corbin Cup	
30th September	Dudsbury	President's Cup	
28th October	Sherborne	Zoom Trophy	
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and 2 a remarkable performance well done Julian, the trophy will be good addition to the etch-a-sketch gift generously gifted by your captain which will doubtless keep you fully occupied during the new season.

I am also delighted to report that the staggering generosity of the ROGS and our guests, a sum of £845 was raised to my charity fund which this will go to Asthma UK, many thanks to you all.

We all look forward to the 2016 fixtures commencing with the GRS Trophy at Weymouth on February 26th.

Captain Peter

January 2016

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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 www.bereregis.org

The Parish Council met on Thursday 10th December 2015 at the Drax Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th January at the Drax Hall, starting at 7pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to raise any matters or concerns. There were 5 members of the public present.

Open Spaces Committee

A number of issues concerning our open spaces were discussed during the meeting.

The council heard from a group of teenagers who were keen to investigate the possibility of having a skate park installed within the village. A discussion took place about locations and costs and if we agreed we would look into funding possibilities and possible sites in the village and discuss further.

The possibility of installing outdoor exercise equipment in some of the open spaces has also been discussed and we are in the process of looking into the costs and logistics of this.

The council is also keen to resurrect the open spaces group, with both parish councillors and parishioners as members, to help move some of these plans forward, along with others involving the open areas of the village. If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please contact Councillor Pitcher.

Community Speed Watch

The council are keen to resume the community speed watch programme within the village, and could always benefit from extra volunteers from outside the

council to receive some training and help facilitate speed watch sessions. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the clerk.

Conservation work on The Bere Stream

There was a well attended conservation working party in December, which concentrated on hedge laying and coppicing alongside the boardwalk. Another working party is planned for the morning of Saturday 9th January. All are welcome - see the Wildlife Group article for more details.

Reporting Overgrown Footpaths and Bridleways

We are very lucky to have our lengthsman who maintains and clears a lot of the footpaths and bridleways around the parish, but if these are public rights of way then they can also be reported to Dorset County Council who will send someone to deal with it. This can be done very easily at <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/rightsofway/reportproblem/> where you can also pinpoint exactly where the problem is.

Egdon Close to Souls Bridge Path

The informal footpath from the West end of Egdon Close which runs down to Souls Bridge will shortly be impassable due to safety issues around the movement of plant and machinery during the construction of the new school building. We will publish a map showing this in due course to avoid any confusion. You will of course still be able to enter Souls Moor on the corner of Southbrook and Egdon Close and reach Souls Bridge that way, and if you are walking through the new wooded plantation you will need to exit through the gate near to Shitterton footbridge.

Village Forum

On the morning of Saturday 20th February 2016 we will be holding our next Village Forum. Items likely to be on the agenda include an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, an update on the Open Spaces work and information about the future use of the old school site. We would urge as many people to come along for some part of the morning so that we can hear the opinions of parishioners on these subjects, and discuss any other matters of concern. Precise timings will be announced closer to the event.

Bryan Benjafield



Christmas Cup of Good Cheer and Presentation 12 December 2015

The ROGS assembled at the DGCC for the annual Presidents v Captains event, followed by the dinner and presentation evening.

28 golfers played in high spirits with the weather thankfully mild and dry. 14 pairs of head to head match play saw the captains team run out winners by a healthy margin of 9 - 5.

Matches of note were Tony Mills, playing for the presidents' team, score an impressive 36 stableford points only to lose his match on the 18th green to an inspired performance from a rejuvenated Neil Middleditch, Ian Spalding, for the captains' team, played a see saw match with Graeme Price eventually Ian coasting home against a flagging Graeme.

An individual stableford event was also contested with Brett Standerwick winning for the second year running with an impressive 38 pts.

We also saw the introduction of the now very popular nearest the line rather than the longest drive, won by Vice Captain Mark Teed who somehow managed to land his ball on the line!

Mention must also go to Dean Merritt who forced to walk the course, recorded a very impressive 7.7 miles fortunately Dean was staying at the club and was able to snatch much needed sleep to enable full recovery.

The golf was followed by the dinner and presentation attended by 62 thirsty, hungry and well turned out individuals, and a veritable fashion show provided by the lovely ladies attending.



The Captain made a generous early Xmas gift to a number of ROGS featuring amongst these were ear defenders and boxing gloves for Alison and Martin Debenham, a gin container (3 pints) for Neil Middleditch, a nappy and baby talc for the sometimes incontinent Ian Spalding and most important of all a 2lb bag of flour for the society cake maker Christine Tucker.

Trophies were duly awarded to all of the 2015 winners all of which were much deserved. Special mention must be made to Julian Flower who won the consistency trophy with an average of 36 pts playing off a handicap between 4


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Minerals Consultation

You may be aware that over the year DCC has consulted on two emerging planning documents; the Draft Minerals Sites Plan, which includes preferred sites for mineral extraction; an area of search for sand and gravel, improved restoration and management in the Puddletown Road area and further guidance on mineral site safeguarding www.dorsetforyou.com/mineral-sites and secondly the Draft Waste Plan, which contains the spatial strategy, vision, objectives, policies and site specific options to address the key waste management needs that have been identified - www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan



Consultation on both Plans began on 15 July and ran until 23 September 2015. A series of exhibitions were held during the consultation. A range of methods were used to publicise the consultation and exhibitions including leaflets sent to stakeholders, posters in key locations, parish and town council newsletters/e-bulletins, press releases and social media.

The Minerals Sites Plan

1300 comments were received from 746 contributing consultees (individuals/organisations). Now that the consultation period is finished, officers are beginning to review these comments to provide further information where appropriate and to consider what changes to the Draft Mineral Sites Plan may be required in light of the comments made.

Some sites, or combination of sites, generated particularly high levels of interest, including the proposed extension to Swanworth Quarry in Purbeck and the extension to the existing Woodsford Quarry together with two new site proposals on the Moreton Estate.

Three petitions were received, one of 40 signatures from Knightsford Parish Council regarding the nominated Woodsford Quarry Extension, one of 210 signatures from Moreton Parish Council regarding the nominated Station Road and Hurst Farm sites and one of 457 signatures from the T.E.Lawrence Society. The petitions will be considered by DCC.

Officers have not yet had time to consider all the comments in detail, but it is already clear that further work will need to be undertaken including an assessment of cumulative impacts, particularly for traffic, in the Moreton/

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Wear warm clothes

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Help your neighbours in winter

Check on older neighbours or relatives to make sure they're safe and well. Make sure they're warm enough, especially at night, and have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather.

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Crossways area, focussing on the capacity of the B3390 to deal with the expected development proposed for the area. Closer working with Purbeck District Council and West Dorset District Council, considering the impacts of development proposed for the Moreton/Crossways area.

Some sites were nominated just before the consultation began, not giving any time to appraise and consider these. They will be appraised and considered for possible inclusion in the Plan. Other sites need to be reduced in size, or have various mitigating measures applied. Discussion/negotiation with site promoters and other interests/agencies (e.g. Natural England) will take place before coming to a final decision regarding inclusion in the Plan.

The Waste Plan

917 responses were received from 197 contributing consultees. Generally, consultees were supportive of the levels of waste growth forecasted in the Draft Waste Plan and the proposed policies/supporting text, subject to minor changes and updates. Some of the issues, raised during the consultation, will also need to be addressed prior to the next stage.

What happens next?

In order to keep all stakeholders up to date, it is proposed to prepare a detailed report of responses to both Plans including officer comments/recommendations. This will be sent to Dorset County Council Members early in the New Year, followed by publication on the DCC website around April 2106. All stakeholders on DCC's database will be notified when this report has been published. Further formal consultation will take place during summer 2016.

Wool Level Crossing Closure

There will be overnight closures of the level crossing on 25th and 26th January to allow Network Rail to complete safety work. This closure is likely to be inconvenient and you may be redirected around East Burton during the closure.

Driver Training for Older People

If you dislike driving on unfamiliar roads or driving in the dark, then it may be time for some driver refresher training. For just £5, drivers aged 70 and over can take part in a two-hour theory session to update their driving knowledge. The sessions are organised by Dorset County Council and are run by a road safety professional in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

Subjects such as staying fit to drive, new driving techniques, changes to the

Highway Code, negotiating roundabouts and junctions safely, and dual carriageway and motorway driving will be covered. There is also an option for a practical refresher drive at a later date. This 90-minute one-to-one practical driving session takes place on local roads and includes town and country driving. This aims to improve defensive driving techniques, hazard awareness and better road positioning, as well as providing tips that can help reduce fuel consumption and vehicle wear and tear. Bookings are being taken for courses across the county for the New Year.

For further information and to book a place on the theory discussion session please go to: www.dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety/gold or call the road safety team on 01305 221031

Mobile Library consultation

The consultation with communities and members of the public closed in early September. DCC had over 500 responses and have been analysing the responses to inform any changes to the proposed schedules. This work is close to being completed – we are currently at the stage of “roadtesting” the routes in a mobile library to ensure that the timings and routes can be done. DCC anticipate providing feedback to the public about the consultation and an update about any changes to the proposals in January.

The new mobile library schedules will not come into effect until spring 2016 and DCC will ensure that all users are given advance notification of the new timetables. Ahead of the new schedules being implemented, DCC will work with users at any of the stops being withdrawn to see how we can continue to offer access to library services.

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Keeping Warm in Winter

Cold homes have a significant impact on people's health. One of the best ways of keeping yourself well during winter is to stay warm.

Keeping warm over the winter months can help prevent colds, flu or more serious health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

The chances of these problems are higher if you're vulnerable to cold-related illnesses because of one or more of the following:

- ♦ you're over 65
- ♦ you're on a low income (so can't afford heating)
- ♦ you have a long-term health condition, such as heart, lung or kidney disease
- ♦ you are disabled

Keep your home warm

- ♦ If you have reduced mobility, are 65 or over, or have a health condition such as heart or lung disease, you should heat your home to at least 18C. It's a good idea to keep your bedroom at this temperature all night if you can. During the day you may prefer your living room to be slightly warmer. Make sure you wear enough clothes to stay warm.
- ♦ If you're under 65 and healthy and active, you can safely have your house cooler than 18C, if you're comfortable.
- ♦ You can also use a hot water bottle or electric blanket (but not both at the same time) to keep warm while you're in bed.

Eat well in winter

Food is a vital source of energy, which helps keep your body warm. Try to make sure that you have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day and keep active in the home if you can.

Stay active

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BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

Patient sharing system to go live in Purbeck in January. *(This includes Bere Regis Surgery)*
Reproduction of article which appeared in Bournemouth Evening Echo Sunday 6 December 2015

A NEW system enabling health professionals to share patient information is set to go live in Purbeck in the New Year.

Patients registered with a doctor in Purbeck can opt out of the Enhanced Data Sharing Model (EDSM) system, but local GPs argue allowing NHS professionals access to full medical record can only benefit patients.

Under the new system health professionals directly involved in an individual's care, such as a district nurse, another GP or physiotherapist, will be able to view specific information within their GP health record.

Dr David Haines, GP and locality lead for Purbeck with NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "The EDSM system offers real benefits for local people.

"For example if you are receiving treatment from three different services, they can now share information and make decisions based on what other treatment you are already receiving.

"In the past they would have treated a patient but would not have had access to their full medical record."

Patients who do not wish to share their information are being advised to speak to their local GP practice. If you have already opted out of sharing your record, this will still be the case.

Examples of who might be able to access information include accident and emergency services, GP practices, walk-in centres, minor injury units and district nursing teams.

Dr Haines explained: "Weymouth and Portland locality have already successfully implemented the Enhanced Data Sharing Model.

"Practices across Purbeck have been working closely for some time to be able to achieve this too and we are delighted that we can now offer local people improved care within the locality and across the country."

The EDSM system is set to go live on January 4, 2016.

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.

Peter Wharf, County Councillor

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

New Bere Regis School

Work on building the new school has now started and should proceed apace in 2016. If anyone has any questions about any issues please contact me. The Parish and I will be discussing with DCC in the New Year what their thoughts are for the use of the school site when it becomes available and I will outline their thoughts and options when I can.



Council Tax

Early indications are that the District will again restrict any rise in Council Tax to under 2%. I will report in more detail in a later report.

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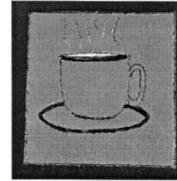
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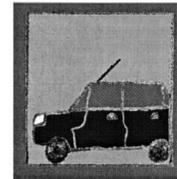
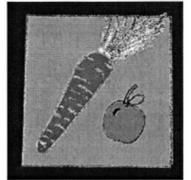
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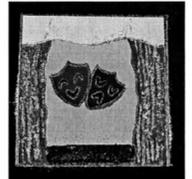
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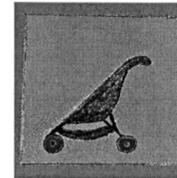
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Pop In Place Performers

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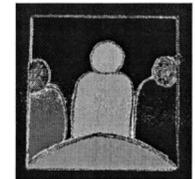


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shows are 17th 18th of June the group will go back on Thursday 21st January to start work on this exciting new project that reflects the highs and lows of the group over the last two decades in song and dance and dialogue. With guest appearances from some talented past members who have been invited to take part.

Please do Check out Pop In Place Website popinplace.org

COMING UP NEXT At The Pop In Place

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Friday 22nd January please do come in and support this bring some of your unwanted gifts along for us to Sale to raise some funds towards our rent.

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

Happy New Year

Alison Bennett Team Leader 01929 472023

BERE REGIS A STEP BACK IN TIME

Thank you so much to all who have purchased the book. Also thank you for your positive feedback I have had to do another print run and on typing there are ten books unsold I'm confident these will sell and this will make a total of 330 books sold.

There will be no more reprints now and by the next magazine I will be able to give you the exact accounts of this project and the total that has been given to the Alzheimer's Society. I will also make available a running total of the money that has been raised to date for the Pamela Hoare Tribute Fund.

Thank you once again.

Alison Bennett 01929 472023

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

Happy New Year! Along with many other people, we will be spending the first week of January taking down decorations, sorting out the recycling and writing thank you letters. I would also like to thank all of you – firstly for making me feel so welcome as your new MP and also for your letters and emails over the last few months.



As we start the New Year, I would like to briefly reflect on some of the highlights of 2015 for me. Winning the election was an enormous honour, and I have very much enjoyed representing the people of Mid Dorset and North Poole for the last 7 months. There have been challenges, including many matters of conscience to think about. Voting on such important issues as assisted dying, and of course the most difficult decision an MP ever has to take – whether to vote for sending British service personnel into conflict. Please be assured that in every case, I always consider each vote thoughtfully, and listen to the evidence presented before making my decision.

There have been many very enjoyable aspects too. Being able to meet so many different people across the constituency, and in particular visiting so many schools and meeting our young people has been a highlight. In addition, I have enjoyed welcoming both young people from our schools and a range of businesses and charities in Westminster.

One of the less public aspects of my job is assisting constituents with their concerns and problems. Working with local people to tackle and overcome problems is one of the most rewarding parts of my job. In many cases, our local councillors are able to help, but for those more complex and difficult cases, we do everything we can to assist people.

A final thank you to the many constituents who have contacted me over the last few months. I cannot do my job in representing you without you letting me know what you think about the considerable challenges facing us all. I try to reply to each and every personal email and letter – the challenge being that I receive many hundred most days! I very much look forward to meeting many of you in 2016 and working hard to make Dorset an even better place in which to live and work.

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

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Thank you to all who supported the Panto

We have raised a total of £1,000 to go to the Stars Appeal the amount taken at the shows was rounded up by a supporter and today I sent it to Salisbury Hospital. Thank you to all who supported the raffles at the Pantos we have sent £400 to Albert Marsh in Loving Memory of Ed Kent this will be added to the collection that is being given to Asthma UK and the three Ells bereavement charity.

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.

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Poppets Baby and Toddler Group meets on Thursday Mornings 9.30 until 11.30 all welcome

Pop In Performers Group

Thank you to Pastor Jim and Janet for all their hard work with the Christmas panto and well done to everyone who took part raising much needed funds for Salisbury hospital stars appeal.

Alison will now be back leading the group after time out to complete her book. The summer production is a celebration of the Pop In Place who will have its 20th birthday in Sept 2016 It is entitled "Pop In Place the story so far..."the date for the



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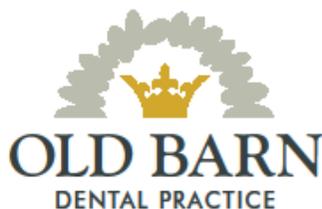
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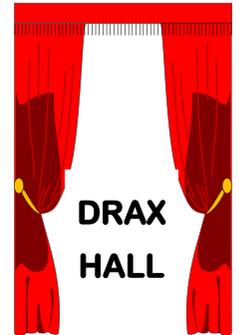
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DRAX HALL

Thank you to all who supported the Village Hall Christmas Prize Bingo and to all who donated prizes, we will hold another Bingo at Easter time.

Hall Hiring

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 plus we have supplemented this with some extra infrared heaters for the very cold weather, we also offer 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 Lyn Simmonds our Bookings Secretary on 01929 471528 to discuss your requirements.



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. We really would like to see some more at these classes, so please do come along and give it a go, we are very friendly and the teacher is very calm and reassuring.

Zumba

A Zumba class has started at the Hall on a Monday evening with Sarah Yates see posters in the village or Facebook for details.

Happy New Year

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BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP



GROUP NEWS

We are on the look-out for new helpers and Leaders so if you would like to volunteer and join this very vibrant group, whether you can only help one night a week, once a month, or on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year, we can find a job for you. Please give Neal, our Group Scout Leader, a call to discuss how you would like to be involved and if you do join us we are sure you will have lots of fun. Groups like ours can only run and continue to thrive with the work done by all of the volunteers – many thanks to all the Leaders who work tirelessly to support our young community.

EXPLORER NEWS

The Kingsbere Explorers spent most of December enjoying activities related to the festive season. An evening of 'Christmas crafts', joined by another Explorer Unit from the District, was a popular and very creative event. Making cute wooden reindeer (helped by Group Scout Leader, Neal), sewing tartan tree decorations (under the excellent guidance of Laura Maunder), decorating Santa hats and festive face painting were some of the activities performed.



'Festive food' was another themed night when the Explorers took up the challenge to make gingerbread of all shapes and sizes, along with some tasty peppermint creams and Xmas Punch! The end of term would not have been complete without the Explorer Xmas Party! The Explorers and Leader team look forward to welcoming five new members to the Unit in the New Year.



SCOUT NEWS

Scouts fund raising project has gone down well with the Scouts and they have fully engaged with raising monies for their chosen charities to earn themselves their Fund Raising badge.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

Members provided the entertainment for the December meeting with music, poems and community singing with Kath at the piano. One member had kindly made a lovely Christmas Cake which was raffled and then tea, sandwiches and cake followed.

The January meeting is on Wednesday 13th at 2.30 in the Village Hall when Alex Bett is to entertain us with his music. Would members please encourage your friends to come along as new members are always welcome. £1.00 is all we ask for the meeting including the entertainment and an afternoon tea.

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Bere Regis entered a team of 4 budding chefs in the Scout District Cooking competition. The theme this year was Best of British, Nat, Ed, Angus and Evan cooked a 3 course meal comprising fish cake starter, sausage casserole main course and chocolate chip sponge pudding for the dessert - they did a fantastic job, winning both the overall competition and the award for best dessert. Winning the competition has qualified them for the County cooking competition in February. Well done and the best of luck to George, Jake, Aiden and William, who will receive their Gold Award in the New Year and move on to Explorers Scouts.

CUB NEWS

Cubs have been working very hard to earn badges this term which included drawing up a fire escape plan for their own homes. The Christmas countdown began by making



snowmen decorations with sewn on buttons, and an evening of delicious sweet making which went into decorated bags and were given to the guests attending the community Christmas lunch event. Cubs ended the year with a Christmas Party where we enjoyed eating hot dogs and playing seasonal games.

BEAVER NEWS



We certainly have a few budding magicians in our midst and are still trying to work out how some of the tricks were done! Lots of work has gone into earning the My Skills challenge award including Christmas crafts of making silver baubles to decorate their Christmas trees at home. We all enjoyed playing games at the end of term Christmas Party.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser and well done to the winners who are:

December Draw – 1st Shawn Vester-Khan - 2nd Elaine Cavaliero - 3rd Maureen Selby

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

KINGSBERE EXPLORERS KENYA EXPEDITION 2017 – FUNDRAISING EVENTS

'BLINGO' NIGHT – Friday 22nd January 2016 – save the date!!

Tickets will be on sale at £3.50, which will include a glass to fizz to start the evening! Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Please contact Kate Critchell on 01929 472465 for more details and information.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Winterborne Kingston Kenya Explorers at their Table Top Sale on Saturday 28th November at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall. They raised money for their own travel to Kenya and made around £160 for the Moving Mountains charity that they will be working with in Kenya.

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 usually every other Friday at the Scout Hut, however January bingo night will be held on Friday 8th and Friday 29th. 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.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

We started our AGM in October with a fish and chip lunch, which was enjoyed by everyone. The AGM commenced with the Exhortation and a moment to remember all past members. The elections for 2016 took place and all Officers and Committee were voted back en bloc.

There were discussions and several ideas for the programme in the new year. Two months were not filled and the Secretary is open to ideas from members if they have something new. If nothing is forthcoming the Secretary will put her thinking cap on and come up with something to entertain the group.

In November we attended the Remembrance Parade. We also catered after the Service at the Scout hut with some much appreciated help from the Scouts and their Mums. A grateful thanks to them and to everyone for the donations of lovely food.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning which was held in aid of the Poppy Appeal and we raised £277.25.

We are also still collecting 5p's for our special effort and we will let you know how much we collected in the new year.

Two of us attended the County Conference. Our main speaker was the National Vice Chairman and we have a new County Chairman.

At this time we are looking forward to our carol service.

With seasons greetings and thank you for the support and assistance to the Royal British Legion which enables us to continue our support with serving and ex service men and women.

Flowers for the Cenotaph:

December was Miss K Pitfield

January Mrs Maidment

February Mrs B Owers and Mrs T Wilson

March Miss Hartley

of responsibilities for all aspects of the running of the school (as volunteers!), FOBRs for their amazing fundraising feats, the parents for their support in their children's learning and from the children with their hard work, determination and range of responsibilities in school.

It is also a real pleasure to see our children's involvement in the wide range of opportunities provided within the village. These include the numerous sports teams, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, the Churches and Pop-in-Performers – all run by local volunteers.

I would like to end by thanking everyone in the village that has been part of my life for the past 25 years. I have greatly valued your friendship, support and commitment on behalf of the children of the school.

I am sad not to be part of the move to a new school but am pleased to have been part of the process in obtaining the permissions and outline planning for a new school fit for the 21st Century. I am confident that under the Chairmanship of Vikki Mayo and leadership of Wayne Roberts the new school will be a resounding success. I wish everyone in the village the very best for the future.

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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.



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RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

1st Piddle Valley Rainbows

The Rainbows have been working hard to complete their autumn badge. We had great fun making sock turkeys to celebrate Thanksgiving, and enjoyed getting messy with Christmas crafts. We were really excited to be invited to join

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the Brownies at their Disney party. We had lots of fun getting dressed up joining in with all the party games.

1st Bere Regis Brownies

The Brownies have had a fun filled month spent completing their autumn challenge badge. We learnt about autumn festivals, including thanksgiving, and have made lots of crafts and cooked Christmas cakes. We all had fun at the Disney party that the Guides threw for us and are looking forward to our 'Santa's Workshop' Christmas Sleepover.



1st Bere Regis Guides

The Guides have had a busy month. We have welcomed a new member to the unit and have completed our chocolate badge

by making chocolate models. We have also been working towards our party planner badge. We organised a Disney themed party for the Brownies and Rainbows, and took charge of all the games and decorations. We really enjoyed undertaking both these badges. We are excited that 2 of the Brownies are coming up to Guides in January, and look forward to a fun packed next term.

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Dear All

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The School has been in my life for over 26 years now and I have such wonderful memories of the people and an incredible variety of events in the village that have shaped the lives of our children.

In the summer of 1989 I was seconded from my school in Weymouth to Bere Regis, to support Claire Truswell who was acting Head Teacher at the time. Unfortunately she was unwell very early in the term and so I acted as Head Teacher for the majority of the summer. It was a glorious time which culminated in the wonderful Bere Regis Carnival, a stunning village event which sadly (due to modern Health and Safety rules) no longer takes place.

When the post of Head Teacher became vacant in the summer of 1990 I had no hesitation in applying and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

I have been incredibly proud to be a member of a profession that has long been characterised by undeterred resilience and optimism. Over my twenty-five years at the school the breadth and depth of educational change required of the teaching profession has been steadfastly met by the staff's professional readiness to take on any challenge in support of our children's learning and a characteristic resolute attitude of "we are going to make this work!"

All of our most successful teachers have, quite correctly, refused to follow the wind of fashion and commit themselves to any one method of teaching, e.g. to teach reading they use a mixture of phonics, look and say and sentence methods, focusing on what is best for each individual. Quite often the differences between children in a cohort are too great for them to be tidily assigned to groups. Children are unequal in their endowment and their rate of progress. Their achievements are the results of the interaction of nature and nurture. At this school we have always striven to give our children the best possible experience to enhance the basic skills taught and foster a love of learning.

I have had the great privilege to work with many outstanding people who always have the best interests of our children at heart. We all have the aim of enabling our children to leave Bere Regis School well prepared for their next stage of development. There is a real partnership between all adults in the school. From all the dedicated staff in their various roles, the Governors with their huge range