DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017

13th Autumn Leaves, Christmas Afternoon 2.30pm
15th Pop in Performers Christmas Show 7.00pm
16th Pop in Performers Christmas Show 2.00pm
18th Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies 10.00am - 12 noon
19th WI, Christmas Festivities 7.30pm

ADVERTISING RATES for the year 2017

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A LETTER FROM YOUR VICAR

My dear Friends,

As we travel around the country, I am sure that we all notice that so many villages as well as towns and cities have a Parish Church. It almost makes the village seem quintessentially English. In the smaller places, the School may have been disbanded, the Shop and Post Office closed through lack of trade and the Pub has been turned into private a house or the landlord is struggling to make ends meet.

In our two parishes, that is the case in the Affpuddle parish, though we are fortunate in having a thriving and beautiful Village Hall in Briantspuddle and it is always great to hear of – and sometimes to participate in - all that goes on there. In Bere Regis, being somewhat larger in population, we are lucky to have various facilities by way of a beautiful new School, two Pubs, a well-stocked Shop, a Post Office, Sports Club, a Hair-dressing Salon and various meeting venues, including

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

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

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

Reverend Canon Charles Masheder
The Vicarage, West Street, Bere Regis,
BH20 7HQ
01929 472883

both the Drax (Village) Hall and the Scout Hut. We also have two other places of Christian worship (apart from the Parish Church) in the Congregational Chapel in Butt Lane and the Methodist Church in Bere Heath. We need to support all of these places, as well as all the various local clubs for people of a great range of ages. It would be foolish of me to name just a few of these!

In both parishes we are also fortunate in having two very beautiful old churches. Both are included in a highly-acclaimed book by Simon Jenkins ‘England’s Thousand Best Churches’. I wonder how many people living here still have not visited them. They are quite different from each other, as are the parishes, but each has something wonderful to see.

Why do we have these churches and what are they for? Why do we keep them in as good repair as we can? Why do we have them open each day? Well, they are certainly there for visitors to come and admire but that is surely not all. Our churches are primarily here for you. They are here for you for those special occasions of christenings, weddings and funerals. They are here for you visit, and perhaps admire at what has lasted in such beauty for so many centuries, or simply to sit still in quiet prayer or thought. They are here too for you to join in any of the great range of services on offer. I can only encourage you to find the great joy in worshipping our God who has created us and loves us so wonderfully.....hey! Give it a try!

We also, of course, have responsibilities in keeping our churches in good order and recently our concern – as so many of you know – as been replacing the lead on our roof in Bere Regis church. The work will begin in mid-October with the erection of the scaffolding. The work will take several months. During this time we will be holding service in the beautiful new School Hall, but more details about that and other matters in the October Magazine.

All residents of Bere Regis Parish will be receiving a letter from me very soon and a leaflet about our ‘final push’ for the £15,000 still required. You will notice at the end that it is my hope and prayer that you will find the church as a place of worship, to be your special place too!

May God truly bless all we undertake.

Your loving Priest and Friend,
### CHURCH AND VILLAGE

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<td>01305 224440</td>
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<td>01929 471255</td>
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<td>3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU</td>
<td><a href="mailto:popinplace@gmail.com">popinplace@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com">peterwharf@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>471334</td>
<td>Southbrook Bere Regis BH20 7DB</td>
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<td>Mrs Dian Pitts</td>
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<td>Woodbury Hill Singers</td>
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<td>471175</td>
<td>10 Turberville Court</td>
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#### BERE REGIS

#### CHURCH ROTAS

**Sidesmen**
- 3rd 10.00am Mr Bates/Mr House
- 17th Mr Booth/Mrs Scott
- 17th 10.00am Mr Smith/Mr Wharf

**Cleaning**
- 4 & 11 September Mrs Nancy Gibson
- 18 & 25 September Mrs Rosemary Cleave
- 2 & 9 October Mrs Bernie Lightfoot

**Dusting**
- 4 & 11 September Mrs Cecilia Clarke
- 18 & 25 September Mrs Paula Kent
- 2 & 9 October Mrs Tina Walker

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- 2nd Mrs Gibbs/Burden
- 9th G/B
- 16th Miss Stone
- 23rd Miss Stone
- 30th Harvest Festival
**CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday 3rd September – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

**Sunday 10th September – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Eucharist Affpuddle
11am Family Service (Junior Church at 10am) Bere Regis

**Sunday 17th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
10am Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

**Sunday 24th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Eucharist Affpuddle
11am Mattins Bere Regis

**Wednesday 27th September**
11am Midweek Holy Communion, followed by a simple lunch Bere Regis

**Sunday 1st October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

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<td>Chris Gall</td>
<td>01305 772634</td>
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<td>Kate Willis</td>
<td>01929 472787</td>
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<td>Helen Unitt-Jones</td>
<td>01929 472273</td>
<td>2 Old Barn Cottages West Street</td>
<td>andrealynnmar <a href="mailto:shall@hotmail.com">shall@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Tuesdays 7.30 pm-9.30 pm, 14-18 years, male and female, Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Andrea Marshall</td>
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<td>jimjan.mans19 <a href="mailto:2@yahoo.co.uk">2@yahoo.co.uk</a></td>
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<td>Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society</td>
<td>Secretary; Sue Gould (28 Stileham Bank, MSA DT11 8LE)</td>
<td>01258 837575</td>
<td>Lane End, Milborne St Andrew</td>
<td><a href="mailto:msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk">msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk</a></td>
<td>A new allotment site adjacent to the Sports Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year</td>
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September 2017
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices will be as usual on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. We have been very pleased to have had interest from potential new and/or former ringers visiting our tower.

We have been asked to help celebrate by ringing for three weddings in September – Saturdays 2nd, 9th and 23rd.

COULD THIS BE SPEAKING TO YOU?

One final time: Could this be speaking to you?

I am intending to start the Confirmation Course (also available for those who were confirmed a while ago) in late September. We have 5 people already interested.

I am also starting an ‘Emmaus’ course in October/November but this will run on into 2018. This could be helpful to those who have been church members for years or for those who do not know anything about Christianity but would like to. We have 8 people already interested. We will adapt timings to suit the people who involved.

Well, are you interested in either of these possibilities? then let me know!

Charles
Almost a year ago, the 4th October 2016 to be precise, I needed surgery to sort a problem with an enlarged prostate gland. During the pre-op scans and tests, another more serious problem emerged. “This isn’t what you wanted to hear” said my surgeon, “but you have a malignant tumour on your prostate” Some words stay with you as clearly and vividly as if they were spoken yesterday. The operation on my prostate was a success and I was subsequently referred to University College Hospital in London, for radiotherapy treatment which would hopefully rid me of the tumour. 8 weeks of treatment. Every day. It began in April of this year and finished in mid June. I have just had my first session with the Doctors since the treatment finished. They’re happy about me, I’m feeling good, and most importantly, all my blood test results are looking fine and the numbers are just what they should be.

It’s been quite a journey, still is, and will be for a time yet, and I wanted to write about for a variety of reasons. First of all because Charles suggested that I may like to. Then to feel that my experience may offer encouragement to those who perhaps are in a similar position. Thirdly to flag up signs of hope and positivity in a world which so often seems to be an ongoing saga of doom and gloom. Fourthly to praise the work of the much maligned NHS and the people who work within it, and finally to emphasise yet again the healing power of this wonderful and faithful God of ours, and how we, his children, can be powerful disciples of Christ to those in need, when we really take our Christian faith seriously.

I’ve learned so much on this journey. At the very beginning, if I’d have been given the choice to travel or not to travel, then the answer is blindingly obvious. “I’ll pass on that one thank you very much.” And yet, looking back, I’m grateful for the experience, and feel very privileged and humbled by the encounters I’ve had along the way. That word “cancer” is the most horrible of words. In fact it took me a good while before I could actually say the “C” word, preferring less blunt and challenging words such as “tumour” or “a bit of a problem down there” The “C” word itself produced instant emotions of fear, vulnerability and a sense of stunned disbelief—“this can’t be happening to me”. But it was, and it took a while before my sense of balance was restored.
On the 10th August Briantspuddle Village Hall hosted a birthday party for our oldest resident, Kath Wharton, to celebrate her reaching her 100th year. Members of the village community who had a special link with Kath, along with her son Roger, joined her in the Jubilee Room for the celebration. A festive tea and birthday cake was provided by the Briantspuddle Community Group, and was enjoyed by all. The party was followed by a further celebration on Sunday following the morning service, when Kath and the congregation shared a memorable birthday cake with their coffee.

Thank you

Kath's 100th Birthday

Kath Wharton wishes to thank all those kind people who were responsible for producing such a wonderful celebration on her very special Birthday.

Thank you very much

The balance was restored by the love and support of family and friends, and by my doing what always do in times of trouble, I flee to God. And God, family, friends, and the wonderfully capable and caring medical staff in whose hands I was placed, between them, they all gave me the hope and confidence that in time we would nail this cancer.

The first time I sat in the UCLH MacMillan Centre, I just couldn’t get over how many people were in there alongside and around me. All being treated for various types and degrees of cancer. And in a strange way it was very comforting. It wasn’t just me and I wasn’t on my own here. And as my daily treatment was given, I became part of a band of brothers, all in the same boat, all developing a black humour about the situation we found ourselves in, but all cheerfully facing the future as best we could, knowing that we were in the best possible place and hands, and all determined to win. It was quite inspiring.

My first consultation set the positive scene. My consultant — with surely the most unfortunate name for a doctor, Professor Payne — was warm, friendly, re-assuring and positive. “We’ll be with you every step of the way”; “This is treatable”; “Just ask if there’s anything at all, we’re here for you”. And throughout the whole time of my contact with those within the NHS, those who have cared for me, those who have had any sort of responsibility for me, I have been impressed, touched and reassured by professionals who are skilled at their jobs, love their jobs, and bring compassion, understanding and a desire to treat those in their care with dignity. The NHS is much criticised and consistently on the receiving end of cheap shots. Sometimes I’m sure there are justifications for this.

What I want to say is that those working within it, those working for me and my health, whether doctors, nurses or radiographers, were skilled and dedicated people, working within the constraints which we all know so well, but never shirking from going the extra mile for me. And this in turn, has moved me to look at myself, and to think again about how I relate and respond to the people I meet in my life. The great commandment to love God and love my neighbour, a commandment which I’ve always tried to obey, however imperfectly at times, has taken on a whole new significant meaning for me. We followers of Jesus could perhaps all do well to look at ourselves in the light of his commandment, a little more often than we do, and act upon what we find in that looking.

You would expect a Priest to talk about the presence and influence of faith in God as he experienced what he did. And talk about him I will. I just cannot begin to realise how people with no faith and belief, no spirituality about their lives, begin to get their heads around a diagnosis such as the one that was given to me. A
loving wife and family were there for me instantly and I badly needed them. Most of all I needed the hands of my Heavenly Father, my loving and caring God, firmly clasped around me. And that, I believe, is what I have had. The combination of God’s healing power and love, allied to wonderful medical treatment, has brought me to where I am today. And I thank my God for that. At the centre of “the God thing” have been the prayers of so many people. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the messages of support and the knowledge that so many people have been regularly praying for me. And that has been part and parcel of my treatment, and I’m glad to say, still is. A priest friend of mine, now long gone, once said to me “If you trust all that you are and all that you have to God, he will never, ever let you down”. I say a joyful “Amen” to that and recommend his words to you.

You wouldn’t think it sometimes, judging by the nature of the news we are subjected to every day, but we live in a wonderful world, and the world is full of wonderful people. This last year has powerfully reminded me of that, and has renewed my faith in God, in goodness, and in the really important things of life. Many of us keep a sheet of paper close by to our phones with emergency numbers on it. GP, electricity faults, you know the sort of thing. I’ve never seen God’s name on such a list!! And yet he is so often called upon in emergencies only.

I’ve learned that it’s often a dangerous practice to give advice and as far as possible I shy away from doing it. Having said that I immediately offer you a piece……..

“Please don’t keep Jesus’ phone number under “Emergencies Only”!

Practice involving him in everything you do. Try this prayer, “Lord, please walk with me today. May your presence within me touch the hearts of those I meet today, either through the words I say, the prayers I pray, the life I live, or the very person that I am.” Learn to walk with God at the centre of all you do. Imagine him entering every door just ahead of you. Don’t wait for the storm to call for help. I’d rather be guided by a lighthouse than saved by a lifeboat!

Revd. Bob Naylor

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday the 5th August was a fine summer day and the date of the annual Bladen Horticultural Show.

Lots of hustle and bustle was apparent in the village hall during the early part of the morning as exhibitors set out their vegetable, home produce and handicrafts in anticipation of the forthcoming judging. Many then retired to the Saturday coffee shop in the Jubilee room to relax with a well-earned bacon butty, coffee, tea and the usual fab homemade cakes.

Later in the afternoon the trophies were awarded to the lucky winners as follows:

- The Bladen Social Club Cup (vegetables and fruit) – Bert Jeanes
- The Norman Reed Rose Bowl (cut flowers) – Pat Hall
- The Kayll Cup (flower arrangement) – Lorna Titley
- The Martin Debenham Cup (jams, preserves, cakes and handicrafts) – Jenny Lightfoot
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- The Ron Jones Cup (best photographic exhibit) – Christine Hewitt
- The Marjorie Fuller Cup (best children’s exhibit) – Maeve Roth
- The Joan Herridge Cup (best junior floral exhibit) – Maeve Roth
- The Bladen Social Club Rose Bowl (best ladies exhibit) – Christine Hewitt
- The Jubilee Cup (best exhibit in the show) – Selwyn McGrorty
- Floral Art Trophy (best flower arrangement in the show) – Tasie Russell
- The Lady Debenham Cup (garden with most votes at the Open Gardens event) – Anne and David Buck

For your diary forthcoming events at the Bladen Social Club are; Saturday 23rd September Charity Coffee Morning and on a Saturday evening in October (please check the parish website and notice boards in September for the actual date) “Cider without Rosé” cider and a ploughman’s supper plus a themed quiz.

Peter Talbot, Secretary
**HAPPY HOUNDS**

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(happy_hounds@btinternet.com)

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**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Baptism**

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On 6th August – Olivia Rose Bennett

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**Wedding**

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On 29th July – Nicola Phillips and Ryan Gibson

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**Vera House**

Those who remember Vera House - a loyal member of our congregation for 40 years.

He she is celebrating her 96th birthday.
Bere Regis Junior Church

Moses

and the ten commandments

Sunday
10th
September
2017

Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

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

And why not join us for the Family Service with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

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a request to enter the competition from the organiser. Last year the village was placed third when the results were announced.

This year’s competition is now over, with the presentation to those awarded prizes due to take place in September. In previous years the village has been placed 1st and 2nd, with these certificates framed and on display in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.

The Parish Council hopes that another village organisation will come forward to take on the entry to this competition next year. The winner is usually awarded £200, so there is an added incentive to enter for the benefit of your organisation.

The Parish Grounds Person

The Parish Council use the services of a Grounds Person to ensure that Parish needs are dealt with in a timely and cost-effective way. Over the last few months the Parish Council have revised the maintenance schedule and reviewed the arrangements in place. As a result, the Parish Council invited bids for the role of Grounds Person and appointed Adam Wills at the August meeting. Adam will be routinely carrying out the grass cutting and tidying and we welcome him to the Parish.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Andrea and Allan would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped to make their Golden Wedding party such a success, to all those who attended, and especially to those who helped with the organisation. We are also very grateful for the generous contributions that were made towards the funding of education for children from the home in Nepal which we support.

Allan and Andrea Smith
S137/133 Awards
In accordance with the Local Government Act of 1972 section 133 and 137, the Parish Council is permitted to award grants to local organisations who apply for funds relating to projects which will benefit residents within the Parish.

For the coming financial year, the Parish Council received two grant applications, one from the PCC of Affpuddle and one from Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee.

At its August meeting Councillors considered the applications and approved grants as follows:

PCC of Affpuddle – Purchase of materials and equipment to maintain a large churchyard. Maintenance and repair of churchyard mowers and purchase of a new mower to replace worn out machine. The award approved was for the sum of £250.

Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee – To help fund improvements to the kitchen in the Village Hall, including better cooking and washing up facilities. The award approved was for the sum of £750.

Dorset Best Village Competition
Over the last few years the Parish Council has entered Briantspuddle into Dorset Best Village Competition. This came about because the Parish Council received...

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on the role of Pharaoh and explained about how he was feeling as King of Egypt, but he was interrupted when somebody’s mobile phone went off. Don’t you just hate it when that happens? Well, in this instance the call was for Pharaoh. It was Moses himself, asking Pharaoh to let his people go; followed swiftly by a text message from God asking exactly the same thing. It is easy for us to stand in judgement of Pharaoh. But how many of us have heard someone asking us to do something for them and steadfastly refused to help?

We would like to say a big thank you to Pat and her team for organising the service and activities today and we would also like to thank the wonderful children and members of the congregation. They took part with great enthusiasm and joy!

Felicity Masheder

AFFPUDDLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

There will be a Harvest Festival Service on
Sunday 6th October
at
St Laurence’s Church, Affpuddle
at 9.15AM
Followed by a Harvest Lunch from 12.30PM
at Briantspuddle Village Hall

Everybody very welcome!

No charge, donations only (suggested amount £5)

Please tell Penny Haigh (01929 471768), Doreen Sanderson (01305 848812) or Fiona Hogger (01929 471491) if you would like to come to the lunch!

the revised Conservation Area will be made available by 1st September and it will be posted onto the noticeboard and to the community website.

If any Parishioner wishes to make representations to Purbeck District Council, as part of the original consultation process, there are still two opportunities to do so. The first when the document is presented to the Policy Group on Wednesday 20th September and again on Tuesday 10th October at the Full Council meeting.

Future use of Telephone Kiosks

The Parish Council has received ideas it would like to develop for the Briantspuddle and Affpuddle Telephone Kiosks it has adopted. A subcommittee for each is being set up as follows;

Briantspuddle - Sarah Lowman will explore ideas and suggestions to turn the Briantspuddle Kiosk into a mini tourist information centre.

Affpuddle - Nick Gore will develop a plan to install a defibrillator in the Affpuddle Kiosk.

When ideas and plans are more advanced the Parish Council will seek grants to support these projects.

Fingerpost Project

A plan to repair and replace fingerposts and footpath signs has been drafted. The total cost of this work is estimated to be £15,000. Two sources of grant funding have so far been approached, without success. Additional funding opportunities are being actively sought.

War Memorial Cleaning

The Parish Council has now been granted permission to clean the War Memorial situated at the end of Bladen Valley. This will allow a full grant application to be prepared for the War Memorial Trust. A pre application has already been completed and the Council has received a positive indication that a full application will be successful. However, any grant offered will only cover 75% of the total cost of the works, the Parish Council will need to fund the balance of the cost.
whether people would attend this type of thing on a regular basis in order to assess if there would be adequate demand for this service to make it a viable proposition.

Village Hall Cooker
We have identified the model and make of cooker that will fit the available space and would also ideally like to install a double sink to improve facilities in the kitchen. We are currently awaiting the outcome of our application to the Parish Council for a £137 grant for this project. It is hoped to have the works done as soon as possible as the old cooker is failing fast!!

100+ Club
With the new format there is only one winner per month, but that winner gets a £30.00 prize. The winner for July was ticket no.67.

Finally
On 12th August members of the committee did a good old ‘deep clean’ of the hall. We have a splendid cleaner who comes at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning but there are a few things that need doing only now and then; windows, cobwebs, store rooms, garden etc etc. So our small band donned their pinnies, grabbed their dusters and secatours and ran amok!!

AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Piddle Valley Conservation Area Review
The Parish Council has been informed that draft revisions to the document are being suggested by officers, following the Consultation process undertaken by Purbeck District Council.

Officers of the Council, Richard Wilson and Benjamin Webb, will attend the Parish Council’s September meeting in order to present the revised plan to residents. This meeting will be held in the main village hall on Wednesday 13th September at 7pm.

The presentation is not part of any further consultation process, but it is an opportunity to understand the revised document and ask questions. A map of

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Village Lunch

As mentioned there was a prior engagement of the hall on the day that would have been the August lunch. There was the small matter of a residents’ 100th birthday tea. The tea party was of course for Kath our oldest resident and a delightful member of our small community. It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon and a lovely time was had by all who attended. Congratulations once again Kath on achieving your century.

We have now missed several Village Lunches for various reasons but will try again on Thursday 14th September, when we will have chicken and summer veg soup on the menu followed by lemon meringue pie. As usual put your name down in the shop or get in touch with me (Jenny Lightfoot) on 01929471498 to reserve a place.

The Village lunch is held in the Jubilee Room where some people find it hard to hear as there is a problem with sound reverberation. We are currently exploring ways to mitigate this problem in order to make it a more user friendly for those with hearing problems.

Events

There was a list in last months’ mag of upcoming events. I omitted to mention the Christmas Wreath making workshop which will be run by Diana Holman and will take place on the 2nd of December.

Maggie Hoyle is also exploring the possibility of hosting screenings from the Village Hall Cinema Experience. The Promoter will be meeting with members of the committee to discuss the set up and to demonstrate his state of the art equipment. We would really appreciate as a ‘market research’ exercise some feedback from residents. It would be essential to know
We have quite a lot happening in September, including two services during the month as well as our annual Harvest auction evening.

Sunday September 3rd is our usual monthly Service. We warmly welcome Rev Peter Clark.

On Saturday 23rd September we will be decorating the Chapel with your produce. All your gifts will be gratefully received. We will be having a special Buggies and Brunch on this morning, all on a Harvest theme. Please feel free to pop in and have a coffee.

Sunday the 24th will be our Harvest service led by the Rev Steph Jenner. This starts at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

On Monday 25th we have our auction of produce. This will start at 6.45pm with a short act of worship. This is a fun evening for all the family.

At our recent Vintage Tea and craft afternoon we raised £268. This will go towards the upkeep of the Chapel. We had a lovely afternoon and a huge thank you to everyone who made it such a successful event.

If you would like any information on Services or events please feel free to contact Karen on 01929 471339, one of the Stewards.

**BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL**

Suddenly we are at the official end of summer, and now autumn has commenced. The school holidays are over and the children return to their normal routine. How quickly the months go by. Here at the Congregational Chapel we too are returning to all our normal activities.

- **Sundays 10.30am** Morning Service taken each week by visiting preachers.
- **Mondays at 7pm** STS (Search the Scriptures) Youth meeting
- **Tuesdays at 9.15am (during term time)** Chapel Toddlers Group
- **Tuesday at 7.30pm** Bible Study and Prayer

On 17th September we welcome Steve Penny from SASRA (Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Scripture Readers Association) to our morning service. Over the years we have had a number of young men from Bovington Army Camp join us on Sundays.
some of whom have expressed their gratitude for the work of SASRA in their Christian lives. We look forward to hearing what Steve has to say.

On 24th September we shall be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving. Gifts of tinned foods and produce will be passed on to the Winton Salvation Army to help with their work among needy families.

Through the eyes of an eight year old.

This was written by 8-year-old Danny Dutton of Chuka Vista, California. It was his homework assignment entitled ‘Explain God’.

“One of God’s jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to look after things on earth. He doesn’t make grown ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn’t have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, because some people, like preachers and things, pray at times other than bedtime. God doesn’t have the time to listen to radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you don’t go wasting His time by going over your mum and dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have. Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in our town. At least there aren’t any who come to our church.

Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of His preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His Dad God appreciated everything He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could
A new volunteers perspective

After many years I had reluctantly left work as a Teaching Assistant in a Special Needs School. I was beginning to feel that my life was missing a very important part and I needed to feel that I was making a positive difference to someone’s life again, but I had no idea what to do or where to look. Little did I know that a chance meeting at a local concert would lead to an exciting new door opening for me.

I took my Mother to see Anita Harris in concert at The Exchange, Sturminster, back in February. We joined a table and were instantly welcomed by some very friendly ladies. We were asked if we would like to order a cup of tea for the interval and soon got chatting. Margo, the founder, began to tell me all about the Charity Bus2go. I could not contain my excitement as it sounded perfect for me, days out and brightening up people’s lives, what could be better! She told me that they were looking for volunteers and invited me along to their next meeting. I was made very welcome and was booked into my first trip along with another volunteer, who oversees the training. I had such a lovely time meeting all the happy passengers that I also went home smiling from ear to ear.

I have now completed my training, which consisted of 3 outings with support from another volunteer, and have now gone solo with my own bus and passengers. It is such an enjoyable and rewarding way to spend a day out. The passengers are akin to excited children, chatting and laughing the journey away, saving seats for their friends who live in different villages and I believe throughout the five years that Bus2Go has been active, there has been many a reunion. The journey is as important a part of the day out as the destination, giving the passengers time to catch up, natter and laugh whilst enjoying the scenery of our beautiful stay in heaven. So He did, and now He helps His Dad out by listening to our prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and They are sure to help you because They got it worked out so One of Them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy and if there’s anybody you want to make happy it’s God. Don’t skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong, and besides the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don’t believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can’t go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It’s good to know He’s around you when you’re scared in the dark or when you can’t swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn’t just think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He wants. And that’s why I believe in God.”

I expect that the spelling has been corrected, but I wonder how many of us could do as well. The last comment is very telling. God wants us to commit our lives to Him, not just pray to Him at difficult times. When we do that not only is God with us, He actually comes to live inside of us giving us new life in Him. We find that we no longer just know about God, we know Him for ourselves.

Joyce Healey

When you respond to advertisers, do please tell them you saw their advert in this magazine - it helps them monitor the effectiveness of their advert and helps us generate more advertising revenue!!
Of course, you can do a DIY bat walk – a good location to see plenty of bats on a still warm evening is the wooden ‘middle’ bridge over the stream at dusk and by the entrances to the culverts under the By-Pass slip roads.

If you would like to find out more about bats, join the Dorset Bat Group – phone 01305 264620 or go to www.dorsetbatgroup.co.uk

Join Us on our Conservation Working Parties

It will soon be time for our autumn and winter working parties to commence. The first Conservation Working Party of the Autumn season will be held on the morning of Saturday 7th October and thereafter generally on the first Saturday of each month. We will meet at the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am. We normally finish about 12.30. Our first task will be to put up bird boxes kindly made for us by the village Cub pack. We will then be concentrating on work in and along the banks of the Bere Stream and to the new pond on Souls Moor. With support and guidance from Dorset Wildlife Trust’s rivers and streams expert, our work will help to conserve the best of what is already there and make the stream even more wildlife friendly. Our work over past years has certainly enhanced the riverside area for plants, birds and animals.

Please do come and join us. 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!

Contact Us

If you would like to know more about the work of the Wildlife Group or to be included on our mailing list, please contact:

Tony Bates at tonybates19@gmail.com / 01929 471563 or
Mike Gee at mike.gee@tesco.net / 0775 988 4942.
Autumn Fruitfulness

The above words are from the first lines of John Keates poem ‘To Autumn’. These words were penned by the romantic poet in 1819, towards the end of his short 26 year life and after a walk near Winchester. Although the strength of the sun is fading at this time of year its past energy is evident in the bountiful fruits to be seen in the hedgerows.

No doubt many of us will have gathered blackberries at some time. There are plenty of other fruits, seeds and nuts to be found in the area, sustaining wildlife and some for our enjoyment – hazel nuts (although you’ll be lucky to beat mice and squirrels to ones ripe to eat); elderberries for wine, jam and syrup; and sloes for gin (but don’t pick them until after the first frost). And, of course, our gardens may be bearing fruit – apples, pears and perhaps a few ‘exotics’ like grapes and figs.

Seeds are less obvious but equally important for wildlife – for example, finches and other birds love thistle seed. You may not have thistles in your garden but you can still do your bit to attract birds. Help birds survive the coming colder months by not pruning flower heads back until the Spring or put out feed – finches love nyjer seed (why – because it is thistle seed!).

Upcoming Event

Do join us on the last of our series of summer events:

A guided walk across the Dorset Wildlife Trust Higher Hyde nature reserve, led by Tony Bates on Saturday 2nd September.

Tony, through his involvement with DWT, has detailed knowledge of the fascinating wildlife on this reserve within our Parish. The reserve is situated on the edge of Bere Regis Parish. It was acquired by Dorset Wildlife Trust in 1994 after gravel extraction ceased. Small ponds left after the digging stopped add to the variety of wildlife habitats which also include heathland and wet woodland. For those who don’t want to walk too far, there is interest close to the car park.

We will meet at 2.00pm at the reserve entrance which is immediately before the road turning to the Golf Club, or if you would like a lift (or can offer a lift) meet on Elder Road near to the Scout Hut at 1.40pm.

Bat Walk

The event in early August proved to be well-attended, with about thirty people of all ages treated to an entertaining and informative illustrated talk by Nick Tomlinson from the Dorset Bat Group. This was followed by a walk along the stream and the nearby meadows. We saw and heard Piperstrels and Daubentins. The Daubentins skimming low over the surface of the stream in their quest for midges.
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To Autumn – John Keates

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss’d cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
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Flu Clinic Dates 2017
Saturday September 23rd from 8.30 am onwards
Thursday October 26th from 2.00 pm onwards
Thursday November 11th from 8.30 am onwards

All flu clinics will take place at the Scout Hut, Bere Regis.

On-line bookings for the flu clinics are available. If you don’t already have on-line access, please call in at the Surgery to arrange. Please bring along some formal identification with you, e.g. a current driving licence or passport.

Otherwise appointments will be made in the same way.

Shingles Vaccinations
Please note that shingles vaccinations will not be available this year during the flu clinic sessions. All eligible patients will be contacted over the coming weeks.

GP in Training
The Surgery welcomes Dr Gaby Gavins who will be with us for the next four months. She will be mentored by Dr Jackson.
We also say farewell to Dr Michael Eddie, and thank him for his work, and wish him well for the future.

Staff Training
The Surgery will be closed for Staff Training on Tuesday 12th September from 3.30-6.30pm.
If you require urgent medical attention whilst the Surgery is closed please call 111 or in an emergency call 999.
design concept for the proposed new Community Hall to be sited on the South-East corner of Souls’ Moor. The Council agreed unanimously to approve the concept and the location. This will enable the necessary permissions to be sought. If we get a green light, the next vital step will be public consultation with residents in the Autumn when everyone will have an opportunity to give feedback on the project. You can see above, an artist’s impression of the concept of the hall and its location.

Benches in May’s Plantation
The Parish Council would like to thank Tilhill for their recent installation of a number of benches around Dr Brian May’s plantation for the benefit of the numerous walkers in the area. We hope everybody enjoys the view!

New Skate Park
Just a reminder, there will be a meeting at 7pm on the 11th September in the Drax Arms Skittle Alley with a view to forming a new working party to move the

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**TOFFEE APPLE CAKE**

- 150ml/ ¼ pt veg oil,
- 6oz dark brown soft sugar,
- 2 large eggs,
- 9oz coarsely grated peeled apple,
- 7oz Self-Raising Flour,
- 2tsp ground cinnamon,
- 1tsp bicarb soda,
- 1tsp ground ginger,
- 1oz rolled oats,
- 2oz ground almonds,
- 4oz sultanas,
- Zest of 1 lemon.

Heat oven to 180°C/gas 4
Line 2 spring form cake tins and brush with oil.
Whisk the eggs and sugar together in a large bowl until glossy and pale. Keep the beaters running while pouring in the oil.
Fold in all the dry ingredients with the grated apple.
Divide between the 2 tins and bake for 30mins or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Syrup mixture – 2 ½ oz of dark brown sugar, Juice of 1 lemon, 1 tablespoon brandy. Mix together to make a syrup.
When the cakes are cooked leave in tins and prick holes in the surface. Drizzle over the syrup mixture. When quite cold sandwich the cakes together and ice as you desire.
Suggestions for icing any cream cheese based icing especially with the addition of a little lemon, but as you are using sugar in the cake mixture and the syrup be wary of any icing that may be too sweet.
scam mail so that law enforcement can utilise the mail collected to target their future enforcement work and potentially use it as evidence. Victims of scam mail may even be asked to be witnesses if they would like to help more, but that is not obligatory.

Becoming a Mail Marshal can be very rewarding and fulfilling. You will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement, agreeing to collect the mail. You will then be asked either to record all details of the mail received, and then place it all into pre-paid addressed envelopes which will be provided, and send it to the National Trading Standards Scams Team or, if there is too much to record, you can simply just send it to them as it is. Mail Marshals will be issued with a certificate detailing their role.

If you would like more information about the Mail Marshal scheme, if you respond to scam mail, or if you would like to help someone who does, please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 who will take this seriously.

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Proposed Dorset National Park

The Council has given its provisional support to consider and evaluate the potential for a new national park. The purpose would be to conserve and enhance the natural wildlife and cultural heritage of the area and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities provided by this designated park.

This will definitely take a number of years if it were to happen and would first require the approval of Natural England who will consider and report back on the idea starting sometime next year at the earliest.

Friends of Wareham Hospital Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Wareham Hospital are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 18th September in the hospital at 7pm. If you are a user or supporter of the hospital, please go along and find out how you can help, and hear an update on the hospital from Dr Alistair Ward.

Hyde Nature Reserve Talk

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The monthly work parties to tidy up the area alongside the stream will resume in the Autumn, with volunteers always needed for help, dates will be publicised nearer the time.

Bryan Benjafield
Surgery

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Peter Wharf - District Councillor

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Local Government reorganisation – Unitary

There is still no announcement from the new Secretary of State and one does not look likely now until October. Christchurch Borough Council whilst remaining opposed to the idea have finally agreed to join both Purbeck District Council and East Dorset District Council (who remain opposed to the proposals) to work with the other “Councils on the new unitary proposals whilst not committing themselves.

August break

As you know Parliament does not sit in August and it used to be that local government was so dependent upon London for decisions that local government also shut down all but its essential functions. Whilst all services that we are responsible for continue during this month it remains the fact that the vast majority of employees take most of their holidays during this time. As a result there is not much to report!

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If you, or someone you know, gets lots of these letters you could become a Mail Marshal for the National Trading Standards Scams Team. A Mail Marshal can be anyone who is in receipt of scam mail. They can be based anywhere across the country. Mail Marshals are responsible for collecting
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall: Anne Bronte.

This month the book group revisited an English classic, The Tenant of Wildfell Hall, the second and final novel by Anne Brontë. It was first published in 1848 under the pseudonym Acton Bell. The novel was an instant success and unlike other Bronte novels deals with real world issues, namely the rights, or lack of rights, of women in abusive and loveless relationships. After Anne’s death Charlotte refused to allow it to be republished as she felt it was so shocking.

The novel opens with Helen Huntingdon arriving at the empty and derelict Wildfell Hall with her young son and servant. She lives there in strict seclusion under the assumed name Helen Graham and becomes the victim of local slander. Gilbert Markham, a young farmer, refuses to believe anything scandalous about her and eventually discovers through reading Helen’s diary, the extent of her husband’s debauchery and cruelty from which she has fled. In doing so she has also disgraced herself according to the social and legal rights of women at the time. Her diary recounts how, when Helen challenged her husband, he explained in detail why she had no right to leave him, take their child away or divorce him. This provides a clear picture of the legal enslavement of women in 19th-century England. One of the most shocking events in the book is Helen’s description of how she ‘slammed the bedroom door to her husband’, an act which shocked Victorian society and was illegal under English law. Needless to say, there is (nearly) a happy ending to the tale.

Worth a read? – definitely.

Background

This book is counted as one of the first feminist novels and may have been influenced by Anne reading ‘A Vindication of the Rights of Woman’ by Mary Wollstonecraft. The property rights of women during most of the nineteenth century were dependent upon their marital status. Once women married, their property rights were governed by English common law, which required that the
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During late July and August Parliament has its summer recess, when Members of Parliament are able to spend more time in their constituencies. At the start of the summer I was delighted to be able to host a group of work experience students in my constituency office. They spent several days doing a variety of activities including administrative tasks and research. They assisted with the mailing of a survey to local residents, and drafted a press release. After extensive research and discussion, they held a formal political debate, presenting their arguments to my staff and me.

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children are aiming to complete the free library summer reading challenge “Animal Agents” to get a certificate and medal at the end of the summer. For more details please visit the website www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk or your local library.

Recess has also given me the opportunity to do lots of reading and research – not to get a certificate, but to ensure that I am up to date with a variety of topics, including international affairs for my new role in the Department for International Development.

I spent a week volunteering as a leader on an annual Christian youth camp, which always provides the chance to hone my skills of persuasion trying to convince teenagers to go to sleep! I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and that you are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of the new season.

I continue to hold regular surgeries for constituents. If you have an issue that you need help with, please do get in touch; email me on michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk or contact my office on 01202 624216. You can also follow what I’ve been doing on Twitter @Michael4MDNP or Facebook www.facebook.com/michael4MDNP.
28th July - Cams Hall Estate Golf Club – Memorial Trophy

Cams Hall Estate golf club is set amidst the backdrop of the original Cams Hall in Fareham, Hampshire. The golf course is surrounded by water on three sides and offers stunning views over the marina and Portsmouth harbour. The weather wasn’t particularly kind to us on this occasion and the exposed location coupled together with strong wind coming off the Solent made it a testing 18 holes for the 23 brave hardy ROGS who took on the challenge.

The results:
1st – Charlie Way - 41pts
2nd – Mark Clapcott – 38 Points
3rd – Brian Ferry (AKA Paul Ebsworth) – 36 Points

Nearest the pin on the 4th – Roger Johns
Nearest the pin on the 7th – Julian Flower
Nearest the pin in 2 on the 18th – Douglas Marsh
Longest Drive on the 10th – Julian Flower

The Captain claimed the only 2 of the day and walked off with the 2’s money.

The next event will be the Whitbread Pairs at Moors Valley Golf Club on the 25th August

Captain
and Leaders we were invited to the homestead of Charles, one of the Kenyan Scout Leaders, where a goat was killed in their honour to celebrate the work done at the school and with the Kenyan Scouts during the camp.

After an early start on Kenyan Election Day (8th August) and a 12 hour overland truck journey, the Explorers reached the next phase of the expedition. At Tigithi Secondary School, in Naro Moru, which is on the slopes of Mount Kenya, the Explorers repainted and decorated a couple of class rooms. This school has been entirely built by Moving Mountains over the last few years. Previously, the local children had to walk over an hour to the nearest secondary school.

On 11th August, the Explorers visited the town of Nyeri to see the grave of Baden Powell and his wife Olave and to visit their final home in the grounds of The Outspan Hotel, now converted to a museum of Scouting. Some of the newest members of the Unit were invested there and the whole team reaffirmed their Scout promise in front of the Baden Powell museum. Their Kenyan adventure continues and there will be more stories of the Kingsbere Explorers climb up Mount Kenya and the last section of the expedition to follow in next month’s article…..

EVENTS – Black Hill Run

This annual event is a huge fund raiser for the Group and will take place on Sunday 24th September. If the trend from previous years continues we will have a large number of visitors to the village for a few hours. If you would like to support this event but not as a runner maybe you could volunteer to be a marshal or bake a cake or a few buns for us – runners like cake!

This is a friendly and fun event offering championship routes to both serious club runners and jovial joggers. The routes are fully way-marked and patrolled

THE WEATHERBURY SINGERS

Love to sing festive songs and carols?

The Weatherbury Singers will be welcoming anyone who enjoys singing at the first rehearsal after the summer break and open evening on 19th September from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in St Mary’s Church Room, Puddletown. Come along and try us out. There is no scary audition and you don’t have to be able to read music. For more details and to register your interest, please contact Brenda on 01305 261499 or Judy on 01305 260284 or email: weatherburysingers@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

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by marshals. There is also a Junior 3km race for ages 9-14 which starts at 10.20am. So if you want to take up the challenge of either the 10km, 5km or junior 3km routes then head to the website for all you need to know and of course how to enter.  http://blackhillrun.wix.com/blackhillrun

PRIZE BINGO NIGHTS AT THE SCOUT HUT

Prize Bingo is every other Friday at the Scout Hut. In September the bingo night will be held on Friday 1st, 15th and 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.

For more information, please contact Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 or 0788 422 6445, andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com

CONTACT US

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

General enquiries and offers of help/assistance: Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.
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and Saturday 16th December at 2pm there will be an opportunity to buy a ticket for the final dress rehearsal on Wednesday 13th December.

The show is a window on the strength of our community here in Bere Regis and it adopts the message of the late Jo Cox MP “There is far more that unites us than divides us”. It features many beautiful and emotive songs and is linked together with inspiration words, there are some amazing dance routines and we have a dance choreographed by a young member of the group, another youngster playing the piano and singing Ed Sheeran’s “Happier” there are solos and duets by the youngsters and a wonderful finale choir song that will I’m sure be incredibly moving.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Macmillan coffee morning Friday 22nd September 10am until 12noon**

Please see poster in this magazine. This event will be in the Lower Hall there will be home-made cakes and a raffle a bring and buy stall and a book stall.

Please support this worthy cause donations for the above would be greatly appreciated

**An evening with popular local band “Rapport”** On Saturday 14th October tickets available at £5 per person bring your own drinks. The Pop In Place Awards will also be presented at this event. Tickets available from Alison Bennett 472023 Gill Hart 472494

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I would like to send heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all of your kind words, hugs, cards and gifts on my leaving Bere Regis school. My 14 years at the school have been the happiest years of an almost 30-year teaching career, and I have so many happy memories to take away with me.

No doubt we'll meet again, perhaps at the school’s summer fair – hopefully with Charlie’s tractor next year!

With many thanks and lots of love,

Debbie Tibbey
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. If you live within the Parish and would you like transport to the Pop In Place please Telephone Sarah our coordinator 01929 472811 who will arrange it for you.

Age UK Toe nail cutting Service

We have a new toe nail cutting lady her name is Amy Crocker so if you are struggling to cut your own toenails and need help please do contact her on 07973654511

The next visit is planned for Monday 18th September

WANTED Wool donations double knit, to make into blankets for the Rivers of Living Water project

Get involved this year with helping to knit the squares, cast on 24 stitches and do 48 rows in double knit wool on size 4mm needle. Bring them to us and Liz Gale will sew them up.

WANTED Good Quality items for our sales table

Thank you to the all the people who have been donating items we are always very pleased with your kind donations of small items such as ornaments vases etc. and also books for our bric a brac stall and clothing for our sale rail. All this will help to raise funds to pay the rental for the use of the room. Any donations must be good quality and can be brought in on Monday or Friday Morning.

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

At the Lower Drax Hall during Term Time.

We are also able to offer breastfeeding advice by a trained member of our staff and a relaxed informal meeting place. There is often a clothing exchange of children’s clothes, do come along and try us out new members are most welcome, Sarah and Jackie offer a warm welcome to all Parents Carers Grandparent with babies or toddlers.

Pop In Performers Group

The group will start back on Thursday 7th September at 6pm when we will start work on our new production “Where is the Love “ the proceeds of the shows will be given to help the victims of the Grenfell Tower Fire and sent to a community project within the direct location. Shows will be On Friday 15th December at 7pm

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

In August, Ann Hunter kept our rather reduced number of members., due to the weather and illness, entertained not only with her artistic flower arranging, but with her stories of her family’s camping and caravanning experiences.

Our September meeting at 2.30pm in the Scout Hut on Wednesday 13th September will not only celebrate 46 years of the club when a Birthday Tea will be offered, but as well Andrea and Allan Smith are to tell us about their experiences in “Far Away Places’ including their many years in Nepal.

The competition is for “A Holiday Postcard’.

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We will request a minimum donation of £5 per person or £10 per family to take part; this will be collected at the start when you sign in. Please meet by the kicking wall in Elder Road.

We will finish at the Village Hall where there will be a raffle refreshment coffee tea, soft drinks homemade cakes in a café type setting in the upper Hall and entertainment from a Retro artist who will perform some of the old songs.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day. All monies raised will be given to the Alzheimer’s Society and help with the fight against dementia.

You can register on our website popinplace.org click the link for the walk and fill in your name.

Also see me at the Pop In Place and add your name to the list of walkers.

We need homemade cakes and Raffle prizes for this event.

Please do come along we need your support to make this event really special.

PLEASE HELP! URGENTLY NEEDED VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE CLIENTS

We are urgently seeking new volunteers to drive people to the café and to collect them and take them home this can be done on a rota basis; you do not have to stay at the café. Please volunteer to help with this as the Community cafes are a life line to so many living alone. The clients will live in the Parish and mainly within the village this could take ten minutes of your day.

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Pop In Team plus others in the village totaling 32 people have attended a training course on how the device works and the WI are going to run their own training session in their April Meeting. It is very straightforward and you are talked through the process as you go.

There is a short film clip on YouTube by the British Heart Foundation that shows exactly how to do it DON’T BE AFRAID anyone can do it, and remember the worst thing you can do when someone’s heart stops is nothing!

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Alison Bennett Hall Chairperson

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The next meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday September 12th at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The demonstrator will be Carol Norman, and her title is Two of a Kind.

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