DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

2019

12th FG: Mr Nicky Heal, Christmas at Home
13th AL: Glo Curtis, Advice for All Citizens
15th PiP: Children in Need, Lower Hall 10.00-12.00
20th WI: Christmas Craft

December

3rd GC: Charles Darwin and his famous plants, Caradoc Doy 7.30pm
FG: Christmas Lunch
11th AL: Christmas Afternoon Entertainment and Singing
12th Pop in Performers Christmas Show
13th Pop in Performers Christmas Show
14th Pop in Performers Christmas Show
16th Pop in Place Community Christmas Party 12.00-4.00
19th WI: Christmas Festivities

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE
with TURNERSPUDDLE

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

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.

A LETTER FROM YOUR VICAR

The Birth of the Benefice of West Purbeck

It was a privilege for me to write the article for this magazine last month to introduce myself to you and to set out some of our hopes and dreams for the benefice going forward. As I write this month, some of that to which I previously referred has now come into existence. At a very joyful service in Wool on the evening of Wednesday 13th March at which many representatives of our local communities were present, The Bishop of Sherborne, Bishop Karen, inaugurated the Benefice of West Purbeck. Bishop Karen licensed Rev. Jenny Aldina as an Associate Priest, me as the Rector of the Benefice and she called forward the whole wider ministry team to dedicate them for ministry in our localities. In the sermon, Bishop Karen talked about to the gospel reading of

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the day from John 15 in which Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches. The purpose of the branches is to bear fruit, fruit that will last. Bishop Karen reminded us this requires that we always abide in Jesus and that where and when necessary, we prune the branches in order that new life may sprout and flourish. In other words, the work, first and foremost grounded in prayer, now begins in earnest! With this in mind, we are underway from the outset. The two year Thrive Course, which looks to shape us for the future and in which 9 members of the benefice will take part, begins next week.

As a former teacher, I admit that I had a bit of a soft spot for those who tested the boundaries and often smiled (to myself) at some of the mistakes that students made. I remember well, for example, the time I marked an exam paper where students were asked to describe a funeral service. One student was doing extremely well with the details until it came to the words of committal where instead of ‘ashes to ashes, dust to dust’ I read ‘as the coffin is lowered the vicar says these very important words: an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth’; such things always brightened the day. I’m quite encouraged that although, of course, we should make less mistakes with experience, such things can still happen. You might therefore imagine my delight when a recent edition of the Church Times (1st March 2019) had an article entitled “‘Lord, graciously heat us,’ and other service-sheet blunders.” The article listed the top-ten list of mistakes on service sheets and booklets. Of these, my personal favourite was the church who decided to shred 400 copies of their Easter Day service leaflet when it was realised that the printed words of a well known hymn invited the congregation to sing ‘I know that my Redeemer lies.’ Such things still brighten my day! However, to return to less frivolous but perhaps related things, joys and sorrows…

Those of us who have had the experience of birthing new life know well the excitement and sheer joy that this can bring. When things go well and people do well, often more than we might ever have hoped or imagined, we congratulate and celebrate with them. Honesty, though, also leads us to admit that even with previous experience, birthing can be hard work. No two births are exactly the same and things do not always go according to plan. Additionally, there is always so much for us to learn and together with all that will go very well, there will also be teething problems and we will make mistakes because we are fallible human beings. This is as true of setting up a new benefice as it is of entering into a new phase of family and that’s because it is, of course, entering into a new phase of family life; in our case the family of God in this place. At the time of a new birth we also experience change and we have to get used to the fact that somethings will be different, sometimes radically so. Some people embrace change and thrive on it, other do not; either way it is something we do all have to face at times in our lives as painful as it may be. At such times we’re called to support each other.

I guess when something changes and we don’t like the change or, alternatively as above, when someone makes a mistake, the temptation could be to complain...
and perhaps to have a go at someone about it. Churchwardens in particular, I feel, are often given a very hard time but others are too. The thing is, though, that we are Christians we try not to do this; as forgiven people we try always to love and forgive others ourselves, as indeed the Lord’s Prayer we say week by week, perhaps day by day, encourages us to do. In good times and in challenging times there should be something qualitatively identifiable in the way that we deal with other. We see this clearly in scripture where Jesus commanded us to ‘Love one another’ (15:12) and when he said to his followers of those not yet believers ‘they’ll know you are my disciples if you love one another’ (John 13:35). How we deal with each other really matters and scripture tells us how our dealings with each other (and others) should be shown. As St. Paul teaches in the famous letter to the Corinthians: ‘Love is patient and kind.. it does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.. it bears all things.. endures all things. Love never ends’ (extracted from 1 Cor.4:13).

Easter is the season of new life; now and in the life to come. We are, as the theologian Christopher Evans puts it, ‘people of the resurrection above all others’ and, perhaps put even better, as St Augustine famously said ‘we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!’ God has wonderful things planned for us; joyful times of blessing and no doubt challenging times too. With expectant anticipation we face all this together with God’s help.

Rev Carol

Our joint parishes working together - the ‘Open the Book’ team
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Readers
7th
Gospel: Mr Smith
Epistle: Mrs Ward

21st
Gospel: Mr Croom
Epistle: Mrs Cox

28th
1st Reading: Mrs Welton
2nd Reading: Mrs Gibson

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning
25th March & 1st April
Bernie Lightfoot and Vikki Mayo

8th & 15th April
Nancy Gibson and Sue Steggals

22nd & 29th April
Heather and Len Day

Dusting
Sylvia Bayliss and Phil Robbins
Cecilia Clarke and Dave Clarke
Eileen Salisbury

Sanctuary Flower Guild

7th
Lent - no flowers

14th
Palm Sunday - no flowers

21st
Easter Sunday - white and yellow

28th
Decorators tidy own arrangement

Sidesmen
7th
10.00am
Chalice
Mr Bates/Mr House
Intercessions
Mr House/Mr Ward
6.00pm
Mr Croom
Mr Gibbs

14th
11.00am
Junior Church

21st
10.00am
Chalice
Mr Smith/Mr Croom
Intercessions
Mr Croom/Mrs Cox
Mr Cox

28th
11.00am
Chalice
Mr Scott
Mr Wharf

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

Key: FG-Floral Group, AL-Autumn Leaves, TA-Twinning, WI-Women’s Institute, PiP-Pop in Place, GC-Gardening Club

April

9th
FG: Martina Coleman, Anything Goes

10th
AL: Richard Horton, Who looks after the health of plants and animals? Come and find out?

17th
WI: AGM

19th
PiP: Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Hot Cross Buns, Upper Hall 10.00-12.00

27th
Bere Regis Village Forum, School Hall 10.00-2.00

May

3rd
PiP: AGM, Lower Hall 10.30

7th
GC: Ultimate Garden Plants, Andrew Humphries 7.30

8th
AL: Howard Nichols, A Life on Rails

14th
FG: Julia Harrison, Melange

15th
WI: Burlesque

21st
PiP: Village Quiz, Upper Hall 7.30
# CHURCH AND VILLAGE

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<td>Mothers' Union</td>
<td>Nancy Gibson</td>
<td>472105</td>
<td>15 White Lovington, BH20 7NE</td>
<td><a href="mailto:NancyGibson@mmsn.com">NancyGibson@mmsn.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly, Turberville Court, 1st Wednesday @ 2.00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Dorset County Council</td>
<td>01305 224440</td>
<td>dorchestermobili <a href="mailto:library@dorsetcc.gov.uk">library@dorsetcc.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Alternate car park, Turberville Court, Mondays 9.20-9.50, Fridays 10.50-12.15</td>
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<td>Brenda House</td>
<td>01929 471255</td>
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<td>Pop in Place</td>
<td>Alison Bennett</td>
<td>472023</td>
<td>3 Rye Hill Close, BH20 7LU</td>
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<td>Weekly, Drax Hall, Turberville Court, Monday &amp; Friday mornings, 10.00-12.00</td>
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<td>Purbeck District Councillor</td>
<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
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<td>Monthly surgery, Turberville Court, Communal Lounge, 1st Saturday @ 9.30-10.00</td>
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<td>471334</td>
<td>Southbrook, Bere Regis, BH20 7DB</td>
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<td>Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 7.45 a.m. and after-school club until 5.00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Rotary Club of Wareham</td>
<td>David King</td>
<td>01929 471087</td>
<td>Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7NB</td>
<td><a href="mailto:david.king@gbpltd.co.uk">david.king@gbpltd.co.uk</a>, <a href="http://www.warehamrotary.co.uk">www.warehamrotary.co.uk</a></td>
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<td>Monthly, Scout Hut, 3rd Thursday, 12.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Table Tennis for Adults</td>
<td>Pauline Pitfield</td>
<td>01258 839123</td>
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<td>Mondays, 7.00 to 9.00 pm</td>
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<td>Twinning Association</td>
<td>Jackie Ahern</td>
<td>07976 777012</td>
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<td>W.I. (Bere Regis)</td>
<td>Mrs Dian Pitts</td>
<td>471322</td>
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<td>Woodbury Hill Singers</td>
<td>Mrs Kath Jeeves</td>
<td>471175</td>
<td>10 Turberville Court</td>
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## CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

### Benefice of West Purbeck

#### Services at Bere Regis and Affpuddle

**Wednesday 3rd April**
- **12 Noon** Holy Communion, followed by a Lent Lunch (Bere Regis)
- **2pm** Mothers’ Union Communion, (Turberville Court) (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 7th April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- **10am** Parish Eucharist (Bere Regis)
- **11am** Matins & Communion (Affpuddle)
- **6pm** Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Wednesday 10th April**
- **12 Noon** Holy Communion, followed by a Lent Lunch (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday**
- **9.15am** Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- **11am** Family Service, following Junior Church at 10am (Bere Regis)
- **3pm** A concert of sacred music for Holy Week (Bere Regis)

**Maundy Thursday 18th April**
- **7pm** Benefice Eucharist for Maundy Thursday (Bere Regis)

**Friday 19th April - Good Friday**
- **10.45am** Walk of Witness to Black Hill (Affpuddle)
- Meets for a prayer at Bere Regis at 10.30am
- Meet with Affpuddle folk at the top of Black Hill at approx. 11.30am.
- **2.30pm** ‘The Last Hour at the Foot of the Cross’ (Affpuddle)
CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

Saturday 20th April - Easter Eve
7pm  ‘Sing the Majesty’ - a Service of Meditation with words and music  Bere Regis

Sunday 21st April - Easter Day
8am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9:30am  Parish Eucharist for Easter Day  Affpuddle
11am  Easter Family Service and Communion  Bere Regis

Wednesday 24th April
11am  Midweek Holy Communion, followed by soup lunch  Bere Regis

Sunday 28th April – The Second Sunday of Easter
9:15am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
11am  Family Communion  Bere Regis

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<td>Neal Unitt-Jones</td>
<td>01929 472273</td>
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<td>Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10/11 to 14 years</td>
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<td>General or group enquiries</td>
<td>Chris Gall</td>
<td>01305 776234</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)</td>
<td>Kate Wills</td>
<td>01929 472787</td>
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<td>Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8/10/11 11 years</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scouts Scout Hut Hire</td>
<td>Andrea Marshall</td>
<td>472588 or 07884 226445</td>
<td>2 Old Barn Cottages West Street</td>
<td>andraelynnmar <a href="mailto:shall@hotmail.com">shall@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Hire rates from £7.00 per hour</td>
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<td>Briantspuddle Book Swap Club</td>
<td>Jenny Beedle</td>
<td>471002 472483</td>
<td>6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley</td>
<td><a href="mailto:angie@ptalbot.plus.com">angie@ptalbot.plus.com</a></td>
<td>2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall</td>
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<td>Chapel Toddlers Group</td>
<td>Suzie Gee</td>
<td>472484</td>
<td>Rose Cottage, Butt Lane</td>
<td><a href="mailto:susiegtitus3v4@talktalk.net">susiegtitus3v4@talktalk.net</a></td>
<td>Tuesdays 9.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane</td>
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<td>Cyril Wood Court Monthly Coffee Stop</td>
<td>Lyn Simmonds</td>
<td>471528</td>
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<td>1st Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00</td>
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<td>Kingsbere Quilters</td>
<td>Mrs Diane Edmonds</td>
<td>472331</td>
<td>10 Boswell’s Close BH20 7JE</td>
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<td>Monthly 1st Wednesday 9.30 am - 12.30pm</td>
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<td>Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society</td>
<td>Secretary, Sue Gould (28 Stileham Bank, MSA DT11 0LE)</td>
<td>01258 837575</td>
<td>Lane End, Milborne St Andrew</td>
<td>Msa <a href="mailto:allotments@yahoo.co.uk">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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<td>Andrew Jones</td>
<td>472697</td>
<td>19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT</td>
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<td>Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm</td>
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<td>Autumn Leaves</td>
<td>Sylvia Boyles</td>
<td>472697</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:bayles1941@hotmail.com">bayles1941@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly - Scout Hut 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Bell Ringers</td>
<td>Adrian Standfield Jenny Clifford</td>
<td>471774</td>
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<td>Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Book Group</td>
<td>Janet Gilpin</td>
<td>01929 471829</td>
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<td>First Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m. - Various Locations</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Primary School and Pre-School</td>
<td>Wayne Roberts - Headteacher</td>
<td>471334</td>
<td>Southbrook Bere Regis BH20 7DB</td>
<td><a href="mailto:office@bereegis.dorset.sch.uk">office@bereegis.dorset.sch.uk</a></td>
<td>Pre-school and Primary School for pupils aged 2+ to 11 years</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Floral Group</td>
<td>Sue Stone</td>
<td>472083</td>
<td>97 North Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD</td>
<td><a href="mailto:susan97stone@gmail.com">susan97stone@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>2nd Tuesday at Winterborne Kingston village hall</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Gardening Club</td>
<td>Sue Stone</td>
<td>472083</td>
<td>97 North Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD</td>
<td><a href="mailto:susan97stone@gmail.com">susan97stone@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Monthly, Drax Hall 1st Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Strollers</td>
<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:michael.crisford@btinternet.com">michael.crisford@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Junior Church</td>
<td>Pat Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage, West Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peterwharf@btinternet.com">peterwharf@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>Second Sunday of every month in Church 10.000-11.00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Parish Council</td>
<td>Ian Ventham</td>
<td>471480</td>
<td>Wateredge, 5A Shitterton, BH20 7HU</td>
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<td>Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football</td>
<td>Andy Kent</td>
<td>471079</td>
<td>94 North Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andy@contact.go-plus.net">andy@contact.go-plus.net</a></td>
<td>Village football and cricket teams for all ages</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming Club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305 848262</td>
<td>Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bobdiholman@btinternet.com">bobdiholman@btinternet.com</a></td>
<td>5.15 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Wildlife Group</td>
<td>Tony Bates, Mike Gee</td>
<td>471563</td>
<td>The Beeches, Barrow Hill</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tonybates1948@gmail.com">tonybates1948@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:mike.n.gill@btinternet.com">mike.n.gill@btinternet.com</a></td>
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)</td>
<td>Liz Teather</td>
<td>01929 471216</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:lizteather@hotmail.com">lizteather@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5% - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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**Bere Regis Parish Church**

**SPRING FAYRE and COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 27th April**

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

At the **SCOUT HUT**

**Cakes**

**Plants**

**Books**

**Raffle**

All Welcome

Please join us!

Donations for the cake, gift and produce stalls and for the raffle would be very much appreciated.
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Our annual Palm Sunday Concert
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Sunday 14 April 2019
Parish Church of St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis
BH20 7HQ
3pm

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Drax Hall
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Contact Hall Secretary - Lyn Simmonds
01929 471528

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St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis

Annual Parish Meeting and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting for the election of Churchwardens will be held in the Parish Church on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7:00 pm.

It will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the election of members of the laity to the Parochial Church Council and as Deanery Synod representatives.

There will also be a financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2018 and reports on the proceedings of the PCC, the fabric of the church and other matters of general church interest.

All other matters and questions to be in raised under AOB and sent in advance, via email to the Secretary.

David Gray (Secretary to the PCC)
email PCC@skippers.f9.co.uk
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism
Lily Amelia Smith

Funerals
Estella Bailey
Raymond Seymour
Douglas Keogan

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

There will be visiting ringers on Sunday 28th April from 5pm to 6pm. Please be aware that this does not signal a church service as there is no evensong planned for that day.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

As stated in last month’s magazine this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Bladen Social Club Horticultural Show. That important milestone is being reflected in some of the show categories.

The final details of some sections are as yet unavailable but below are the entry topics for the Photography section, The Lady Debenham Cup and the Novelty Cup, so that entrants can start working on their entries.

Photography – Two classes, (i) Photographs of a Briantspuddle Sunset Scene, (ii) Photographs of a Celebration

Lady Debenham Cup – Will be awarded to the Most Colourful garden seen from the Road/Highway.

Novelty Cup – Any Handicraft that was made between 1969 and 2018. There will be no entry fee for this class so you can enter as many items as you wish and the show organisers are hoping that you will look in your cupboards, loft or shed for your current and past handicrafts and that there will thereby be a wide range of items on display covering the period over which the show has been taking place.

On a more current topic, last month’s Quiz night was a great success and really taxed those little grey cells. There will undoubtedly be another Quiz before the summer so why not come along and enjoy a fun evening with a group of friends (four to a team), or if you don’t have that many friends we can always team you up with someone in a like situation.

Details of future events will be found in this magazine and on Parish notice boards as soon as details are finalised.

Peter Talbot, Secretary

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 theme of last month’s Junior Church Service was trusting God. There were lots of activities for the children in the “hour before” including trust games and making models / pictures, which the children showed off in the actual service.

All the children, except the very little ones, were also involved in a drama telling the story of two very different people, who trusted that Jesus could heal them. One was an important official whose 12 year old daughter was seriously ill and the other was an insignificant old lady, who had been an outcast because of her illness, which she had endured for 12 years. The old lady felt that she was so insignificant that she would just try and touch the hem of Jesus’ cloak, being...
BRIANTSPuddle VILLAGE HALL - EVENING LECTURE SERIES

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An illustrated talk delivered by Kirstin Duffield

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**Wednesday 17th April 2019**

Starting at 7:30 pm  
Admission £3 - includes tea coffee biscuits.  
(A glass of wine will be available at cost)

Email: michael.menzies@talk21.com or text: 07 419 312 517 to find out more.

Bring your parents.

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**Bere Regis Junior Church**

Palm Sunday

The next children's activity morning will be about

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convinced that this would make her well. Jesus felt the healing power go out of him. He stopped and praised her for her trust, saying this had made her well. In the meantime the important official was worrying whether the delay would mean they were too late to save his daughter, but Jesus considered both to be important and was able to bring both back to health.

The drama involved lots of characters and was acted out in three different settings, so the action took place over the full length of the church. There were a dozen adults and six children involved. One child acted the part of the sick daughter, by lying on a bed in front of the font. She finished the drama by waking up after Jesus healed her with the words “I’m hungry”.

Also on the last day in March the Junior Church will be in action with their own brand of worship for Mothering Sunday. At the time of writing that has not happened yet, but the theme will be based on how the Mother of Moses saved him from the wrath of Pharaoh. Then two weeks after that the Junior Church will be back in their normal slot of the second Sunday in the month for Palm Sunday (a week before Easter).

I expect that you have read in other parts of this magazine that our parish, with Affpuddle, has joined with Wool to become the benefice of “West Purbeck”. Between us there will be children’s work on most weekends. As a general rule it will be as follows:-

| First W/K | Saturday | PM | Wool | Messy Church |
| Second W/K | Sunday | AM | Bere Regis | Junior Church |
| Third W/K | Sunday | AM | Wool | Family Service |

(There is also a lively “Buggies & Brunch” at the Methodist chapel monthly, but not on a set W/K. It happens on a Saturday morning. This month it was on the 16th, but the telephone number below will have the details) If you would like any more information about children’s services do phone Pat on 472246. And please note these services are not meant just for children and families. Many others find them a good way of worshipping as well.

Pat Wharf

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sites contributes as these days we keep our buildings tidy and in a better state of repair than we have before. There are fewer insects around for swifts to feed on which may be another factor. Scarily, gone are the days when we had to scrape insects from the car windscreen after a long journey.

Swifts like to nest in colonies and the centre of our small population is around the middle of the village, although historically there was a thriving colony in Bladen Valley. At the moment “our” swift numbers seem to be steady but their success each year is very weather dependent. Ideally I would very much like to see the numbers increasing. There are now five nest boxes at the village hall and we are hoping for a “full house” this year.

This is where you all come in. Now is a good time to put up swift boxes and swifts are excellent neighbours – they use the absolute minimum of nesting material, they don’t pooh down the house walls and, excluding the screaming parties, are quiet neighbours. They will also entertain you on summer evenings with their amazing flying displays and screaming parties. But they do go to bed at sunset! Perfect neighbours.

There are various different designs of nest boxes for swifts – something to suit everyone’s pocket. The box needs sitting quite high on a wall, 4.5m if possible, and swifts need a clear flight path as they come in FAST! Avoid a site with trees or bushes nearby. A north facing wall is ideal, if the wall is facing east or west the box must have some shade from eaves or an overhang. Avoid a south facing wall. Make sure that predators – cats, crows, magpies, squirrels and rats do not have easy access. See www.swift-conservation.org for loads of useful information especially on nest boxes. The boxes do not need cleaning out each year unless the house sparrows have used the box and filled it (literally) with the sparrow’s idea of cosy bedding!

Please be patient if you do put up boxes as it may take a while for the swifts to move in. If you have sparrows in the vicinity you may want to block the entrance hole with a rag when the swifts are not here. Please take great care if using a ladder or ask a friend or neighbour for help and stay safe.

Angie Talbot
Eve has also sought to participate in the regular Open Gardens fund raising event held by Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee. This event also plays a major role in providing the funds necessary to sustain another essential parish amenity, Cruck Cottage has been judged by visitors as ‘Best Garden’ many times and this accolade bears testament to the talented gardener Eve is. As I have a captive audience tonight I thought I would be cheeky and advertise the next Briantspuddle Open Gardens which is taking place on Sunday 2nd June. For those of you who haven’t seen Eve’s garden, it will be on show, in all its glory again.

On behalf of our entire Parish I congratulate you on receiving this award and I would also like to thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community.”

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### BRIANTSPUDDLE SWIFTS

It will not be long now before the swifts will be arriving back in Briantspuddle after their long journey from Africa, usually arriving around the end of April. They have spent the winter in southern Africa and recent research shows that they do not stay in one place but visit several countries. One bird covered 5000 km in only 5 days on its return trip in the spring! The fastest recorded speed for a swift in horizontal flight is 111.6 km/h.

The British swift population has declined by a half in the last 15 to 20 years, however the reasons for this are unclear but it is possible a lack of suitable nest...
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Celebrant

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Chalice

S Sanderson

S Moriarty

E Whatley

Allan Smith

S Sanderson

E Moriarty

St Martin’s Day Service

7th April

14th April

21st April

28th April

5th May

May Day Service

“We are here tonight to celebrate the very significant contribution that Eve Badcock has made over the course of the last year, and indeed over decades, to community life in our small rural parish.

Eve (known locally as “Chips”) and her late husband Captain Paul Badcock RN, played leading roles in the establishment of the Briantspuddle Post Office and Village Shop as a community run enterprise. This was undertaken in 2002 following a number of unsuccessful attempts to hold onto the local facility run on a commercial basis. Shortly after, and following appropriate training, Eve stepped into the role of Postmistress, a position which comes with considerable financial responsibility, and a role she has held successfully for the last 16 years, recruiting, training and managing a succession of willing volunteers as counter staff. This was recognised in 2012 by Post Office Services with a Community Service Award to mark “10 years of excellent service”.

Last year Eve successfully applied for a grant under a Community Fund operated by the Post Office. This substantial award was used to meet most of the cost of a major programme of refurbishment for both the post office and shop facilities. The result of this effort has transformed a very small space into a modern amenity with a firm eye on its future sustainability for the benefit of the whole parish. Without Eve’s energy and perseverance this initiative would not have got off the ground, but not content with leaving it there she also acted as joint project manager for the planning and completion of the work.

Eve has been a valuable member of the Management Committee of ‘The Friends of Briantspuddle Post Office and Village Shop Association Ltd’ since its incorporation in 2002. She is personally to be found behind the post office counter at least two days a week and it is not unknown for her to run between this and the shop counter when there is an occasional shortage of volunteers, to say nothing about turning out at all hours if the alarm goes off.

In addition to this contribution to the community each summer, for many years now, Eve has thrown her beautiful garden at Cruck Cottage open to the entire community as a venue for the annual church fete. As if this were not enough, she has also allowed her kitchen to be used for all the work involved in serving afternoon teas to the many visitors attending the fete, not to mention all the washing up afterwards. In so doing Chips has put up cheerfully with scores of people from near and far swarming through and around her garden, invading her privacy and generally shattering the peace and tranquillity of her home. Furthermore, she has coped uncomplainingly with all the feverish activity for days before setting up tents, stalls, tables and chairs, not to mention a bandstand, and then all the clearing up for several days afterwards. The fete is the church’s major fund-raising event in the year and the garden at has provided a wonderful setting that has been thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone and has also given an invaluable boost to the success of the day. Through all of this Eve’s generosity has invariably been warm, charming and absolutely selfless, and we all owe her an enormous debt of gratitude.
benefit being large lorries will have more room to negotiate the corner saving further erosion of the verge. The scaffolding company will be asked to move their equipment right back.

It was agreed the verges will need rebuilding and money will be set aside to complete this work.

Cones have been placed in front of the finger post to protect it.

The emergency number to call if there is a technical failure with the lights is 07971 087167.

Parish Council Precept

For budgeting purposes, the Parish Council set an initial increase in the Precept for 2019/20 of 7.5% at its January meeting. This was reduced to 5% at its February meeting. Unfortunately, the wrong figure was applied by Purbeck in approving the Precept. The Parish Council asked for the correct figure to be applied, but this is not possible. The solution is to hold back the uplifted payment that will be received to deduct from the Parish Council’s Precept request for the year 2020/2021.

Telephone Kiosk – Information Centre

The work to complete the transformation of the Telephone Kiosk is nearing completion. A gathering is planned as an official opening of the new Parish Amenity and all are welcome to attend. Please look out on Noticeboards and on the Community Website for more information.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle Parish – Volunteer of the Year Award

This year the Parish Council voted unanimously to nominate Eve Badcock as Volunteer of the Year in the Purbeck District Council Annual Parish Awards. The evening Ceremony took place on Tuesday 12th March. This is always a very enjoyable event during which Sue Jones gave the following citation.

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OTHER CHURCHES NEWS

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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
Tuesdays at 7.30pm  Bible Study and Prayer

Easter Services
April 19th  Good Friday  10.30am
April 21st  Easter Day  10.30am
Everyone is very welcome to these special services

As Easter approaches we are reminded again of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The following story is told by Tim Miller.
He writes: “My nine-year-old daughter Jennifer was looking forward to our family holiday, but she became ill, and a long anticipated day at Sea World was replaced by a day spent at the hospital for a series of CT scans, x-rays and blood tests. At the end of the day the doctor told my exhausted little girl that she would need to have one more test, a lumbar puncture. The procedure would be painful, they said. (Evidently done before sedation became routine) The doctor then asked me if I wanted to stay in the room. I nodded, knowing that I couldn’t leave Jennifer alone during the ordeal. The doctor gently asked Jennifer to remove all her clothing. She looked at me with child-like modesty as if to ask if that was alright. They had her curl up into a tiny ball. I buried my face in hers and hugged her. When the needle went in she cried. As the searing pain increased, she sobbed repeatedly, “Daddy, Daddy, Daddy” her voice becoming more earnest with each word. It was as if she was saying “O Daddy, please can’t you do something?” My tears mingled with hers. My heart was broken, I felt nauseated. Because I loved her I was allowing her to go through the most agonising experience of her life. In the middle of the procedure my thoughts went to the Cross. What unspeakable pain both the Son and the Father went through – for our sakes.

But because of the Cross of Christ we can become a new person. “Christ’s love

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS Affpuddle

Councillor Charles Barter has met with an Officer from DCC to discuss the issues that have resulted from the siting of the temporary traffic lights.

Councillors had suggested a diversion route to ease traffic congestion, but regulations mean that this is not possible.

However, other measures have been agreed and they are as follows;

The lights approaching from the north will be moved further north around the next corner where there is a longer straight section of road and more signage will be added to warn of the approaching hazard. The anticipated benefits should be less noise from revving engines, radios and tyres for most residents. At the same time motorists will no longer be able to see oncoming traffic and this should reduce the danger posed by drivers jumping the lights.

On reviewing the scaffolding at Peony Cottage, it was felt the guard rails could be moved closer to the structure that holds the ballast, gaining up to a metre, the

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Open Gardens

Thanks to those of you who have come forward to offer gardens, offers are still dribbling in, however we shall need to finalise soon for the brochure. Briantspuddle Open Gardens is, once again advertised on the National Open Gardens website. It is a marvellous site and if you’re looking for somewhere to visit it has nationwide coverage, do have a look.

Finally

The Committee has received repeated correspondence worrying about our ability to recognise a conflicted interest. To make it quite clear to everyone; the current Briantspuddle Village Hall Trustees take their duty to the charity very seriously and take every care that in all situations the benefit of the charity is their paramount consideration. I’m also quite sure the same is true of the many who have preceded us as trustees.

AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Litter Pick – Weekend of 6th & 7th April

There will be a Parish litter pick over the weekend of 6th and 7th April. This is now an annual event in response to the increase in litter throughout the parish, particularly along verges adjacent to our roads. All volunteers are welcome, even if you can only spare half an hour this will share out the load between us. The Parish Council has purchased its own litter picking kit comprising gripper, gloves, high viz jackets and sturdy bin bags. Please come to the village hall on either the Saturday or Sunday between 9am and 12noon to select your route and to pick up your equipment, every contribution is very much appreciated.

Whist this litter pick is a major push and will make a big difference throughout the parish in advance of Open Gardens and the Best Village Competition, Councillors are also very conscious that parishioners do make a huge contribution to keeping the Parish tidy on a daily basis when out walking and picking up litter at the same time. Thank you for all your efforts.

It is of course possible that the weather will be against us on 6th and 7th April. With this in mind the weekend of 13th and 14th April has been pencilled in as a contingency. Please look out for notices on Parish noticeboards and information on the Community Website www.briantspuddle.info

God bless you this Easter time, may it be a time of new beginnings with Him, for you.

Just a smile

During the school holidays I took my six year old grandson into town on the bus, which he thought was a great treat, as he usually goes by car. He was very interested in my travel pass and commented that it was a good photo. I thought it was awful, so I was pleased with his remark until he added: “you can’t see all the lines…”

In a crowded bus the voice of a six year old rang out loud and clear. “Is our cat a daddy cat or a mummy cat?” “He’s a daddy cat” his mother replied. “How do you know he’s a daddy cat?” the boy asked. An expectant hush fell over the passengers as they strained to hear her reply. Ready for the challenge she said, “He’s got whiskers, hasn’t he?”

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Our next Service at the Chapel is on April 7th and will be led by Rev Sally Spencer.

The next Buggies and Brunch is on April 13th.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact the stewards: Karen Smith (01929 471339), Caroline Harrison (01929 471378).
fullness of time taken over by another volunteer.

If you feel interested phone Jenny Beedle on 01929 471002

Tables
As mentioned previously we are exploring the purchase of new trestle tables to replace the rather heavy and unwieldy wooden trestles currently used for events, hirings, celebrations, meals etc. Suitable replacements (which can be moved and stored on trolleys) have been identified, and we are considering payment options. We have also agreed to try and sell the old (not used) stacking chairs currently stored in the boiler room. If you are interested in buying any of these defunct items in the future, please look out for notices.

There is limited storage space at the hall and trustees really need to rationalize the storerooms to maximize the usable space left for the storage of useful items. We must also be aware that many of the hall users are NOT young and therefore do not need to wrestle with difficult, inaccessible, sometimes dangerous and often outdated equipment.

Piano
Most people should know that there is a piano in the hall, used by the Briantspuddle Singers as well as others from time to time. It had been noted that the old and rather shabby piano cover did nothing to enhance the appearance of the main hall when in use for formal events. The Community Group took this on board and decided to provide and pay for a new (much smarter) cover. I wonder if anyone has noticed?

Thanks to the Community Group for the improvement.

100+Club
The lucky winner for February was number 141.
Pilates

We are pleased to welcome a new instructor to the hall; Kathy Ashdown has decided that there are enough people attending for a viable class on a Tuesday morning at 9.30am. The class is a mixed ability session and payment options are: pay on the day or an ‘early bird’ choice at a discount price when you book a block of 6 sessions in advance. Thus far reports of the class are very good, so if you’re interested, come along and give it a try. The Hall Trustees have to thank Jenny Beedle for quickly locating a new instructor to replace Claire.

Artsreach

The recent performance by Kokoro, an ensemble of musicians from the BSO was interesting to say the least. Thought provoking, vibrant and visceral were three descriptions, it challenged many of the audience to think of music in a different way, and it was in the end, above all, enjoyable!! Well done once again Artsreach.

For three seasons now Jenny Beedle has taken on the responsibility of Artsreach Promoter for Briantspuddle. The way it works is that you attend a ‘Promoters Day’ (held this year on May 8th) where some choices of performers are shown and you receive a brochure detailing all the available performances. Then you go away and make your choices based on criteria such as price, available times, the size of your venue etc then you submit choices and wait to see your allocations... and this is just the beginning!

Jenny will be unable to attend the promoters evening this year, and we are hoping to find a few volunteers to go along. She is also looking for an ‘understudy’ so that some of the decisions and organisation can be passed on and in the
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BERE REGIS WI

This March, the weather was much kinder to us than last year for our traditional Pancake Day Races. Despite a weather forecast to the contrary, the sun shone and it didn’t rain! For the event, we were joined by 19 Year 3 and 4 pupils from Bere Regis School, their teacher and the Head Teacher, Mr Wayne Roberts, for a morning of enthusiastic racing. The race organisers were interviewed by the pupils for write ups to be completed back at school and Sally Cheeseeman, one of our oldest members recalled for them her earliest memories of the races when it was possible to close the road and run them up and down North Street.

For the second time this year, our last Stitch and Twitch meeting was held in the Sports and Social Club. With the extra room and facilities available, we were able to make a good start on some craft items for the inaugural Bere Fest in June 2019 (and reward ourselves with plenty of tea and cakes!). To accommodate the larger numbers now attending these sessions, we hope to hold all future Stitch and Twitch meetings here.

At time of writing, we’re looking forward to our March meeting when Mr Carlton and his associate will be giving members and guests from three other local WIs a tongue in cheek, informative talk on the history of the well known store, Selfridges. The main business at this month’s meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 but we are also pleased to be welcoming Linda Lamon who will be sharing her beautiful pictures and experiences of May’s Wood since it was planted to the present day.

Visitors are always welcome; if you’d like to find out about future meetings, or would just like more information about the WI, please contact Di Pitts on 01929 471322. You can see more about our past meetings and activities on our Facebook page @BereRegisWI

Dark Lane Footpath

We are still looking for evidence of use of the footpath that runs up to Black Hill from Shitterton (alongside Dark Lane) as it is not formally recorded as a right of way on the definitive map of rights of way in Dorset which can be found at https://explorer.geowessex.com. To make it a right of way, and to ensure the right to use it is not lost we need to gather evidence that it has been used without any hindrance from 1949 up to today. If you have regularly used this path in the last 20 years, we would urge you to complete an evidence form which can be obtained from Amanda our clerk then returned to her. If we don’t complete this registration before 2026, the right to use this path will be lost for ever.

Open Spaces

The storms in mid March have blown over several large trees which required urgent action to clear the streamside footpath and avoid damage to the overhead electricity cables in places. We are very lucky to have our Lengthsman scheme in place to ensure that any fallen or dangerous trees can be swiftly dealt with, and the last few weeks have certainly kept him busy.

The wildlife group have completed their winter clearing work along the streamside walk as the bird nesting season is now upon us. Inevitably this is a continuous requirement to keep open areas for the more interesting plants to flower. The group work together with our Lengthsman, who removes the arisings. On Souls Moor, the ponies should be back again in May to do their job of eating back the grass and undergrowth.

Community MiniBus

As previously mentioned, we have now been fortunate enough to secure a minibus through funding and help from Dorset County Council and this will be run alongside the NeighbourCar scheme by Brenda House. The idea of the minibus is to provide affordable, group transport to local shopping facilities, areas of interest involved. Come along to showcase your organisation, recruit more members, to raise money, or to provide some entertainment. If you would like more information or to register an interest in helping, please contact Ian Vertham on any of the details above.
and for use by other community groups. If you would be interested in hiring the bus for a trip, or suggesting a place that you’d like to see the bus visit, please contact Brenda on stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com or 01929 417255.

New Councillor Needed

♦ Would you like to influence how our community is run for the benefit of residents, young and old?
♦ Do you think you could act as a ‘voice’ for your fellow residents?
♦ Are you keen to make a difference?

There is a vacancy for a new parish councillor. To qualify you must be over 18 years and live or work in the parish.

Being a councillor is not just about attending tedious meetings once a month, (there is a bit of that, but we try to keep meetings short and lively). Each councillor has a particular responsibility, so you might be keeping an eye on the playpark, getting involved in the new community hall project, scrutinising planning applications or liaising with other organisations.

The time needed is geared to what you can give.

We would love to make our council more representative by encouraging women and younger people to put themselves forward.

If you are interested, please contact Ian Ventham, or Bryan Benjafield for a chat.

Bryan Benjafield

DEDICATED PURBECK VOLUNTEERS HONOURED

Volunteers from across the District of Purbeck have received thanks and recognition for their hard work at a ceremony hosted by District Council Chairman, Bill Trite.

Seventeen Purbeck towns and villages nominated volunteers who have made an invaluable contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

The individuals were awarded with certificates at the annual event in Wareham. Since 2009, the event has celebrated the determination displayed by the many people who work tirelessly and selflessly to make our towns and villages better

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

Pineapple Fruit Cake

This is a quick and easy alternative to the Easter Simnel cake and you can still decorate with marzipan if wished.

♦ 12oz mixed fruit
♦ 4oz glace cherries halved
♦ 4oz butter
♦ 6oz soft brown sugar
♦ 227gram tin crushed pineapple drained
♦ 2 large eggs beaten
♦ 8oz self raising flour

Method

Heat oven to 180 degrees

Heat fruit, cherries, butter, sugar and pineapple in a pan until butter has melted, do not boil.

Allow to cool enough so the eggs can be added and the flour stirred in.

When all mixed place into a lined 2lb loaf tin and bake on the middle shelf for approx 1 hour.

(if you can’t get crushed pineapple use rings and cut into small pieces.)
Carers Plus Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9th at the Scout Hut, Bere Regis from 2-4pm. Please come along or ask Mechelle or Jo at the Surgery for further information.

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Purbeck District Council
Volunteers of the Year Awards Ceremony
12th March 2019

places in which to live.

The ceremony, held on 12 March 2019, was the 11th Purbeck District Volunteers of the Year ceremony; the outstanding achievements of over 150 individuals and groups have been recognised by the District Council during that time.

Councillor Trite, and over 50 guests, heard of the energy, enthusiasm and commitment displayed by the volunteers.

After presenting each volunteer with a scroll to mark his or her achievement, Councillor Trite told them: "Sure enough, it’s been another year during which volunteering has become yet more important for keeping the fabric of our society together, for helping those in greatest need, and for maintaining the quality of local life. It’s my privilege to thank you for what you do in Purbeck, and through you to thank all Purbeck volunteers whom you are, in effect, representing. You’re the deserving tip of what is - thankfully - a proverbial iceberg. Thank you for the difference you make."

"Estimates I’ve found for the total value of volunteering in England vary between £23bn and £46bn. That’s a big variance, but even if the lowest estimate were the reality, it’s still a huge figure which wouldn’t be made up by any other means. And the highest rate of volunteering in England is to be found in the south-west."

Councillor Trite continued: "Volunteers are critical to filling the gap between individual and community resources on the one hand, and those provided by the State (central and local government) on the other. Demands on the State are open-ended and governments have traditionally been reluctant to let taxation rip in order to meet it all. Volunteers are therefore essential."

"In just over two weeks we shall see the end of Purbeck District Council. I and my
colleagues have put down the marker that we want to see this recognition of volunteers continued next year and thereafter, even if Westport House ceases to be used for local government purposes. I promise you that the new Dorset Council will be made to see the value of what has been done here in Purbeck, because it should rightly be extended to other areas rather than be allowed to lapse.”

Councillor Trite concluded: “Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves. The ultimate test of character is what you are willing to do for those who can never be of any possible use to you.”

Seventeen parishes and towns across the District nominated Volunteers of the Year for 2018.

The Volunteers of the Year:
Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle – Eve Badcock
Arne – Mr John Burgess
Bere Regis - Pat Wharf
Chaldon Herring – Jeremy Selfe
East Lulworth – Jenny Manuel
East Stoke and East Holme (joint nomination) – Jon Moulton, Joy Allen and Rachel Gamble
Langton Matravers - Marjorie Glassock
Lytchett Matravers – Linda Perry
Lytchett Minster and Upton – June Richards
Morden – Sarah Bowerman
Studland – Stephen Yeoman
Swanage – Alan Dominy
Wareham – Sue Dean
Wareham St Martin – Paul Eyles
Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton – Pat Yonwin
Wool – Alan Osgood

BERE REGIS
SURGERY NEWS

Women’s Institute Centenary Year

We would like to thank the W.I very much for donating a blossom tree in celebration of their anniversary. This has now been planted in the bed in front of the Surgery.

Sharon McDonagh

Sadly, we have said farewell to Sharon who has been a valued member of the Reception Team for seventeen years. She will be missed very much by both staff and patients and we thank her for all she has done. We will especially miss her cheerful and friendly disposition. We all wish her well for the future.

Bank Holiday Opening Hours

The Surgery will be closed on the following days:
Friday 19 April 2019
Monday 22 April 2019
Monday 6 May 2019
Monday 27 May 2019

If you require urgent medical attention whilst we are closed telephone 111.
In an emergency call 999.
Please ensure you order and collect your repeat medication in plenty of time.

GP APPOINTMENTS AFTER EASTER AND MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

There will be no bookable GP appointments in the morning after a Bank Holiday weekend.

Instead there will be an Open Surgery running on the Tuesday morning from 8.30am to 10.00am approx. If you need to be seen by a GP urgently come to the Surgery between these times and book in at Reception. You will be seen in order of arrival. Please be aware that there may be a wait.
Pat joined the Junior Church in Bere Regis and started to shape it into its current form in 2005. As numbers had dwindled, Pat started to think about how she could attract more children and engage them in meaningful activities whilst enjoying themselves. To that end, she introduced short plays in 2005, action songs in 2007 and, finally, large puppets in 2008.

The puppets have proved remarkably popular and have gone from strength to strength. The puppeteers perform to recorded music and songs in modern idiom. There are now over 20 puppets, at times being operated by up to 10 children. This may sound simple, but it is quite skillful, and children have to learn to work together in a combined performance, and it takes much rehearsing to get it right.

Junior Church now attracts up to 20 or 25 children monthly and their parents and grandparents. The children enjoy some craft activities, a Bible story and rehearsing for the puppet performances and dance and drama routines for the subsequent church service. The younger children take part in these activities too and are given hand puppets to operate.

In 2012, the Junior Church started to make Christmas cakes, firstly for the children to take home, then to hand out to the elderly members of the church congregation and, for the last five years, over 100 a year are made by the children and are given personally to many Seniors in the village as a Christmas present and as a form of outreach to the wider community. This is incredibly popular with both the children and the adults!

In 2015 Pat started the ‘Open the Book’ scheme in Bere Regis where adults go into schools and act out Christian stories which demonstrate values and behaviours which transcend the Church. This was first held at Bere Regis primary school but now there are regular performances in Wool and Bovington schools as well and Pat has a team of over 20 people who reach out to over 500 children a year.

In 2015 Pat started Puppet Praise where the children go to outside organisations to show off their skills, often to older people or other children’s groups. These have taken place in Bere Regis, Bovington, Wool, Milborne St Andrew, Affpuddle and Moreton.

Pat is also a volunteer unpaid maths teacher, originally at Bere Regis and now Wool, where she is also a school governor.
EXPLAINING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PART 5

The Vote is on Thursday 2nd May

Our Neighbourhood Plan has passed the Examiner’s scrutiny. He has declared it safe in law. He did recommend some minor changes to improve it which we were pleased to accept. The updated plan is now on our website to view at https://www.bereeregisparchishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan-complete/

The next stage is that the plan will be put to all Bere Regis residents who are registered to vote, in a simple referendum, asking if you accept it or don’t accept it, on Thursday 2nd May.

The Parish Council, having spent 6 years drafting this plan and consulting many times with residents, and knowing how much the provisions of the plan will affect us all, would urge everyone to attend the polling station at the Drax Hall to vote.

To remind you, the main provisions are:

- 105 houses, 40% of which must be ‘affordable’, to be built on 5 sites, all adjoining the village
- Creation of an enlarged employment area near the Shell garage
- The creation of an accessible green space for walking between the village and the by-pass
- Protection to areas of green space within the village
- Protection to community services and facilities
- Acquisition of land to enable new facilities to be provided in due course

Why should you vote to accept it?

Passing the referendum means our plan will form part of the Purbeck Local Plan, so it will have considerable weight in law, and developers will be obliged to consider it and take it into account when drawing up their planning applications. In general development will only be permitted on the agreed sites, and to the numbers agreed. We will gain access to considerable areas of green space and land will become available to enable more young peoples’ facilities to be

MILBORNE MOVIES

Friday April 12th.

Doors and Bar open 7.00; film starts 7.30

‘Bohemian Rhapsody’, says the film review site, Rotten Tomatoes, is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implotion as Mercury’s lifestyle spirals out of control, and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid, where Mercury, facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music... cementing the legacy of a band that were always more like a family, and who continue to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day.

Come and see it with us - or see it again, if you have already enjoyed it!

Did you Know?

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CASTLE PLAYERS - LYTCHETT MATRAVERS

From the author of An Inspector Calls comes a production of another timeless Priestley mystery.

All seems well at the Caplan’s independent publishing house until a can of worms is unceremoniously ripped open at Robert and Freda Caplan’s dinner party. A chance remark plunges the guests into a re-examination of the mysterious events surrounding the recent death of young Martin Caplan and skeletons come crashing out of the closet in more ways than one. Life will never be the same again… or will it? Find out in our production of a J.B. Priestley timeless classic.

Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th May at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall.

Tickets are just £10 and are available on our website www.castleplayers.com or by calling 01202 912351 or from the Rose and Crown, High Street, Lytchett Matravers; where you can also take advantage of their fantastic pre-theatre meal deal!

As a special offer for readers of the Parish Magazine, you can get a 10% discount by simply quoting the code BRPM10 online or over the phone (discount not available at the Rose and Crown)

Castle Players are always looking to welcome new members whether you’re harbouring a secret desire to get on stage or you’d like to help behind the scenes, painting, sewing, making tea, construction, lighting, sound… we’d love to meet you. It’s a great way to meet new friends and our rehearsals invariably end up with a pint at the Rose and Crown.

What happens if the majority vote is against the plan?

If the vote is against, the plan no longer exists. In those circumstances landowners and developers will be free to bring forward whatever applications they wish on any land near the village and those applications will be considered by the planning authority with no particular concern for the views of Bere Regis. The land that we hope to acquire for future facilities and to enable a new community hall will not be available.

Please come and join us at the Village Forum on Saturday 27th April, at the School, to have a last look at the final plan and to ask any questions you may still have, and, above all, please turn out to vote YES on Thursday 2nd May.

Ian Ventham

PS We promise there will be no backstop and the vote will truly be meaningful!

COTTAGE FOR SALE

This delightful, three bedroom property in West Street will be going on the market this month. Guide price - £325,000

- Fully re-decorated throughout
- Immaculate kitchen and bathroom
- Sun-trap easy care garden
- Adjacent garage and parking
- Vacant possession - no forward chain

For further information and viewing contact Alison Debenham
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DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Purbeck District Council

This will cease to exist from the end of March - whilst the new Dorset Council authority will start its existence from April 1st there will not be any elections until May 2nd. However, if we apply to remain in the EU for longer than a few weeks then there will be European elections for a new selection of MEP’s on May 23rd and the local elections will be delayed until then. At the time of writing this report it was not clear what was the likely outcome so please look out for any announcements. Our last Purbeck District Council meeting will have been on Tuesday March 19th where we will be winding up the books and closing off a number of processes to hand over to the new authority.

Mini Bus for Bere Regis

One of my final acts with DCC was to arrange for Bere Regis Parish Council to purchase a mini bus that had reached the end of its public life but is still in perfectly good condition.

Dorset Council Appointments process

We have now completed appointing the Chief Executive and most of his direct reports. At the next level down there are 23 people and 9 positions to be filled. We are working hard to minimise the number of redundancies but this is an inevitable conclusion of the decision to abolish a complete tier of government in the form of 5 District Councils. As the Workforce portfolio holder, I have the responsibility for ensuring our policy is both effective and fair, and this is currently occupying a great deal of my time.

Verge Management

In a recent nationwide competition Dorset County Council came top out of eight shortlisted authorities for its innovative ecological approach to highway verge management by reducing soil fertility through the collection of grass cuttings. They have also introduced species of flowering plants that restrict grass growth whilst ensuring low nutrient soils are used in road construction. The result is slow growing, beautiful wildflower verges that attract and sustain pollinating insects. It is also saving money as the verges require less cutting.

BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY

We had our February meeting at The Village Hall on Wednesday the 20th (having skipped January due to coughs and colds). We began by re-capping the aims of the society, especially to find the earliest origins of Bere Regis, and we compared our village with activities in both Wiltshire and Ancient Egypt.

Surprisingly, Bere Regis has put up a good show as far as antiquities are concerned. This was followed by the showing of an Egyptian carving (2,800 BC) and a small Mummy-model (about 1,500 BC) both on loan to the Society. Des then gave a short talk on metal detecting, using his own detector to demonstrate technique and special searching modes obtainable. Then we had a talk on the Second World War weapons, the V-1 and V-2, and the attacks on Southern England in 1944 and 1945. A surprising number of members had memories, or recalled their parents’ memories of those attacks in the last 10 months of the war. A piece of shrapnel from both weapons was shown. We then had refreshments while a number of new exhibits were viewed, including newspaper cuttings from Victorian times about the village.

The next meeting will be on the 20th March, and new members are welcome.

John Pitfield, Project Secretary

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She covers her major assignments in some detail, from the shocking, inexplicable civil wars in the former Yugoslavia to the bizarre surrealism of Gaddafi’s Libya. Along the way she provides invaluable tips for the aspiring war correspondent, such as always to carry a toothbrush and bottle of Scotch for emergency tooth cleaning, and never to wear nail polish in a Warrior armed personnel carrier! She is also scathing about her disagreements with the BBC hierarchy over kowtowing to the Saudi, Chinese and other obnoxious regimes, political pressures in general and the descent into ‘cuddly’ consumer-based news reporting. Always a rebel, when told she had to sign the Official Secrets Act she said if forced to do so she would burn it in public.

The assignment which appears to have affected her most deeply was the Tiananmen massacre of 1989 in Beijing – a misnomer, as she points out, since the great majority of victims were shot dead in cold blood by the army in their own homes, away from Tiananmen Square. Like some furious Viking warrior she (literally) fought three policemen to prevent her film report being confiscated. That tear-fuelled rage has never left her since. Quoting at length from a bland Chinese propaganda publication on the ‘Turmoil’ in Beijing, she restricts her comment to a single word: ‘Liars!’ To which she adds, ‘That’s why it’s worth being a reporter.’

An entertaining, gripping and at times moving account. Highly recommended.

Toll Increases for the Studland Ferry

One of the final acts of Purbeck District Council was to ensure that the price increases proposed for the Studland ferry were reduced to a more affordable level.

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. If you cannot make one of these please email me and I will arrange to come around to see you. 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 cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, County Councillor

DORSET COUNCIL GOES LIVE

On 1 April, Dorset Council will replace the existing district and borough councils (East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland) and Dorset County Council, all of which will cease to exist.

This reorganisation will bring together almost 5000 employees plus colleagues in education, making over 8000 in total, who will serve the 375,000 residents in the Dorset Council area.

A huge amount of work has happened behind the scenes to bring about this reorganisation of local government. This includes:

- a boundary review for Dorset with new ward boundaries in place for elections on 2 May - moving from 206 councillors to 82 for the Dorset Council area
- transferring Christchurch-based services to the new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council, including social care, libraries, community safety, leisure, housing and registration services
- moving to a single financial system for the new council, including payments - so it’s easier for customers to pay council tax, business rates, parking fines,
Dorset Council’s Chief Executive (Designate), Matt Prosser said:

“It’s been a challenge to disband six councils and create one unitary authority in the short amount of time available, but I’m delighted with our progress and want to thank all colleagues and elected councillors for their hard work and commitment. This is the right move for Dorset, enabling us to protect frontline services for residents by reducing back office duplication and management overheads. Like many councils across the country, all Dorset councils have faced significant budget pressures over recent years. By moving from six councils to one we can ensure our resources are used where they are needed most, to provide the day-to-day services Dorset residents rely on.

“It has not been an easy process and we’re having to make some difficult decisions, but everyone has really pulled together to make this happen. We hope that residents will see little or no change to services on day one. Bin days will be the same, we’ll continue to maintain roads, our libraries and parks will be open as usual and we’ll still be caring for our most vulnerable people.”

The council’s first budget – for financial year 2019-20 – ensures all existing council services continue unchanged and provides an increase in funding to a number of priority areas. Matt continued:

“Our first budget protects and invests in frontline services such as education, social care, waste collection and tackling homelessness. This wouldn’t have been possible without the reorganisation of our councils. We know that some residents are concerned that moving to a single unitary council might mean their local community receives less attention and representation. I’d like to reassure people that we’re aware of their concerns and addressing this will be a top priority for the new councillors. We’re really excited for day one and the opportunities the new council will bring for Dorset.”

After 1 April, Dorset Council will prepare for the local elections on 2 May when residents will be able to vote for the 82 councillors who will represent the new council area.

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- harmonised fees and charges across the county for planning, building control and regulatory services
- a new constitution for Dorset Council, approved by shadow councillors
- a new domain for the website: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and emails (@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)
- new social media handles for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@dorsetcounciluk)

The Kindness of Strangers - Kate Adie

March found the Reading Group united in praise for, Kate Adie’s fascinating 2002 memoir of her career with the BBC. In this she comes across, as she does on screen, as a strong, forthright woman with deeply held convictions. She clearly has no truck with political correctness, occasionally indeed straying in the view of some of the group across the boundaries of good taste in this respect. She describes for instance the underprivileged and uneducated GIs recruited en masse for the Gulf War as ‘20% women, 70% black and 100% dim’. The acronym ‘MRE’ used by the American military (pre-packaged ‘Meals Ready to Eat’) she says was ‘rightly’ taken with black humour to mean ‘Meals Rejected by Ethiopians’. Her description of the Northern Irish underclass’s outward appearance was also felt to be less than charitable. (Incidentally, Northern Ireland was, she says, the only place she ever saw men frothing at the mouth.)

Skating over her early years and private life in general (a subject she is known to be notoriously defensive about), she tells us how she was rejected initially by the BBC for being ‘wrong sex, wrong brix’ (i.e. with a redbrick university education), before eventually finding an opening with local radio, defying the prejudice and discrimination endemic not just to the BBC to work her way up through the ranks of that august institution. Despite this, it is clear that she has never had a chip on her shoulder. Early assignments found her as a square peg in a round hole as Court Correspondent and agricultural reporter (when as a townee ignorant of such matters, she claims to have acquired as a reference work the I-Spy Book of Cows and Sheep!), before she eventually found her feet as the go-to reporter to send to conflict zones.

Kate Adie

Kate Adie was extremely progressive for her time. Her description of a (fictional) nude painting of Cleopatra is remarkable not just for its forthright aesthetic judgement (‘an enormous piece of claptrap’), but for lambasting the double standards of the day which permitted Victorian gentlemen to ogle such works lasciviously under the pretext of appreciating ‘high art’, while respectable ladies were expected to hurry past with eyes averted. Even the linguistic peculiarities mentioned above can be seen as foreshadowing the later word-games of modernist writers such as Joyce, Pound and Nabokov. And Brontë concludes her novel by offering the reader two alternative endings to choose from – another decidedly modernist twist.
measured by the lateness of one’s arrival, obliging the local lord and lady of the manor to make their appearance just minutes before ‘carriages’, permit Gaskell to deploy her satirical talents to the full. Similar precisely measured judgements seem characteristic of attitudes in the small Midlands town where the story is set. Thus the depth of mourning for his late wife of one of the characters is criticised by local ladies on the grounds that the black crape band worn on his hat is less than the regulation three inches wide. Added to a well-constructed and on the whole believable plot (which did, it is true, drag somewhat towards the end), all this made for an enjoyable read and was accordingly given a universal ‘thumbs up’ by the Group.

Villette - Charlotte Bronte

In February we were back in stormier waters with Charlotte Brontë’s last novel, Villette (1853). George Orwell controversially said good prose should be like a pane of clear glass: transparent and invisible. If Elizabeth Gaskell passes Orwell’s test, on the same analogy reading Brontë is more like peering through a stained-glass window designed by one of the pre-Raphaelites. Like the members of that brotherhood, Brontë is devoted to the arcane, the archaic, the medieval. Why describe something as repugnant, when the word ‘oppugnant’ can be taken down from the shelf where it has lain unnoticed for centuries, dusted off and then returned to obscurity? ‘My impressions of it’ becomes ‘my impressions thereanent’, ‘at a stately pace’ ‘incedingly’; an ink-stained, dusty jacket is said to be ‘be-inked’ and ‘adust’; ‘old age’ or ‘antiquity’ is ‘eld’. She is particularly fond of strange outdated constructions ending in ‘-less’: ‘tameless’, ‘resistless’, ‘quenchless’, even ‘wretchless’ (=’reckless’). Conversely, Brontë disinters the dead root-word ‘ruth’ (=’kindness’, ‘mercy’), of which ‘ruthless’ is the only living survivor. Brontë’s sentence construction too is often deliberately ornate and opaque, so slowing the pace of reading that some of us, this reviewer included, struggled to finish the book on time.

Even so, it would be churlish to deny the book’s many positive qualities, which have led some critics to prefer it to Jane Eyre. Semi-autobiographical in nature, it presents us with a gripping psychological study of the central character, Lucy Snowe, a lonely young woman in search of love and happiness. The other characters are convincingly drawn. The enigmatic professor Paul Emanuel, an

**NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER**

When was it that Edmund Burke told the voters of Bristol that a Member of Parliament “owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion”? You will have to read on to find out, but the quote is as relevant today as it was back then, not least in relation to Brexit. I am sometimes criticised for not mentioning Brexit in these regular columns. But events in Westminster are extremely fast moving that anything I write is likely to be out of date before it is published. At the time of writing, we have not yet had the vote on the Prime Minister’s proposed deal, and we are waiting to hear if there have been any changes to the proposed Backstop.

Over the last two years and more since the referendum, a very large number of residents have contacted me about their views on Brexit. As expected, these are wide-ranging and cover the whole spectrum of views. Some people want us to ignore the result of the referendum, and stay in the European Union. Some people think we should have left straight after the vote, and see no point in trying to do a deal with the EU. I have received hundreds of emails from people telling me how to vote: vote for a deal, against a deal, to stay in the EU, to leave without a deal, to extend article 50, to have another referendum. There are those who want a closer union with Europe, and for us to start using the Euro, others feel that the European Union is a failed project, and the sooner we leave the better.

And this takes me back to Edmund Burke. The quote may be nearly 250 years old (the answer is 1774), but I think it is still vitally important in the social media age. Nearly all the letters and emails from constituents exhort me to “represent their views”. But as so many are conflicting, I clearly cannot vote exactly as everyone says that they would like! I have to vote based on my opinion of the question in front of me.
In 2017 I stood for election on a mandate that the UK would be leaving the European Union, as voted for by the people in the referendum. I still believe that this is the right thing to do, and I will continue to vote in Parliament accordingly.

For those of you who are pleased that this column is not usually about Brexit, I hope to resume normal service next time!

As ever, 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

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BERE REGIS BOOK GROUP

Our last three titles have all been by female writers, a fair reflection perhaps of the Reading Group’s gender balance (eight women, two men).

The Goldfinch - Donna Tartt

In December we met to pass judgement on Donna Tartt’s The Goldfinch (2002). Moving between the murky intertwined worlds of drug dealing and the antique art trade in New York, Las Vegas and Amsterdam, this is a fascinating coming-of-age novel in which a thirteen-year-old boy, Theo Decker, survives a horrific terrorist bomb attack on a New York art gallery, ‘rescuing’ in the process a priceless painting of a goldfinch by the seventeenth-century Dutch artist Carel Fabritius, to which over the following years Theo becomes obsessively and perilously attached.

There are distinct echoes of Dostoevsky in the novel (and not just in its length – over 650 pages). Dostoevsky’s The Idiot is specifically referred to or discussed more than once, and even has a whole chapter named after it. Yet this is no pale melodramatic imitation of the great Russian writer, rather a searching dialogue with him. Thus Tartt takes one of the central themes of The Idiot – the way in which good acts can unintentionally result in evil consequences – and turns it on its head, having one of her characters ask whether conversely evil can lead to good. She then proceeds to answer this potentially explosive question by showing through the events of a totally convincing plot how that could indeed be the case. The Goldfinch met with a divided response from the Group. Those of us who liked it felt that Tartt has produced a modern masterpiece to rival Fabritius’s’s exquisite painting; others were not so convinced.

Wives and Daughters - Elizabeth Gaskell

In January we moved from the darker depths of The Goldfinch to the sunny uplands of Elizabeth Gaskell’s Wives and Daughters (1861). Lucid, elegant prose, infused with gentle irony; rounded, likeable characters; mockery of the English caste system; exposure of provincial convention and hypocrisy; what was not to like? Delightful set scenes such as the Easter Ball, where one’s social status is
AUTUMN LEAVES
OVER 50’S CLUB

We were pleased to see several visitors to Autumn Leaves at our March meeting and hope that they will join us again in the future. Everyone enjoyed seeing John Pitfield’s photographic slides taken in the village in the scorching hot summer of 1976.

We saw the dried up bed of the Bere Stream, and parched lawns and fields. It was interesting to see the village before Elder Road, Manor Farm Road and the houses around them were constructed. We also saw the cutting being made for the bypass, and John told us about the discovery of a Roman Villa and associated artefacts in the village. All in all it was a fascinating afternoon.

Next month the speaker will be a member of the Veterinary team from DEFRA who works locally.

If you would like to come and join us on Wednesday 10th April you will be sure of a warm welcome and an excellent afternoon tea.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Explorers

The Shrove Tuesday activity had to be pancakes! Aidan and Rowan organised a creative cooking challenge night with the aim for the various teams to produce not only some yummy tasting pancakes, but they needed to be visually appealing too, with colours and shapes using various fruits and sauces.

The Explorers experienced a water activities day at Buddens Scout Activity Centre on a cold Saturday at the beginning of March. The morning session included kayaking, followed by an afternoon of canoeing and bell boating. Although the weather and temperature of the water in Buddens lake was freezing, the group thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn some new skills.

Other evening activities have included some wide games over Black Hill and a session of bike maintenance in preparation for this year’s summer camp. The Explorers summer plan is to revisit the French and Belgium WW1 battlefield sites on bicycle and to find out more about the men who lost their lives during the war, and to research into the lives of those who returned home too.

Scouts

Scouts might have been fooled for a while when the frying pans and pancake ingredients came out, but they had to wait to eat them until after the map reading competition. After each perfectly a large pancake they had to use the maps to find symbols at the given grid references and then make those symbols out of a pancake. We had a phone box, a church, a tree and a trig point to...
judge and then the usual lemon, sugar and syrup was handed out and the pancakes disappeared.

Another map reading challenge ahead of the District Night Hike with a quiz and chocolates for prizes, more food as they made a hill from bread to show they understood contours. We don’t wait for the summer to camp, we go once a month from now until October. We have lots of fun including helping the church with the annual orange hurtle by collecting the oranges out of the stream that start at Shitterton Bridge and finish by the Scout Hut.

Cubs

Following the scrapheap challenge evening last month, two of our Cubs joined forces with another two from Wool & Bovington to compete in the District Scrapheap Competition.....and they won! So now they go forward to represent the District in the County competition.

Cubs love cooking (and eating the results), so one evening, among other things, they made under-the-armpit-fudge! It might sound dreadful, but it’s great; put the ingredients in a sealable food bag, squish it about to mix, under the arm pit for a few minutes, scoop out and eat – delicious!

More recently the Cubs spent a weekend at the PGL Activity Centre at Osmington where they enjoyed tunnelling, zip-wire, giant swing, buggy-building (and riding) plus loads of other fun activities to build confidence and teamwork. A fantastic time had by all. All very tired and rumour has it that several were in bed by 5 o’clock after they got home on the Sunday!
The next meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday, 9th April at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The demonstrator will be Martina Coleman and her title is Anything Goes.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to come along, and your first visit is free of charge.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Presented the 2nd & 3rd place prizes to 4 different people. OOPS!!! It has been noted and I’m currently attending a course in how to hold cards.

Finally, a big thank you to all ROGS for contributing to the four ball prize draw, which raised a very good sum for my charity. Even though early in the season, we have raised almost £1,000 already. Thanks again.

See you all at the next venue, which again will be the 1st in ROGS history, Boundary Lakes (Ageas Bowl) Friday 29th March 1st tee time 11.30am

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Coming up in the programme, Cubs will cook for the parents when mums and dads get to eat the culinary delights at the end of the meeting. On another evening the Cubs will celebrate the International Day of Happiness.

Beavers

Wow! The second half of the spring term has been a rollercoaster for Beavers! The highlight of March being the fantastic Sleepover at the Shire Hall Museum in Dorchester - we are the first group to sleep over there so it is exciting for all of us. The plan is a torch lit tour and activities followed by the Night in the Museum movie!

As well as this we have been cooking and racing pancakes, doing more amazing experiments with the Young Leaders, researching Space, learning about disabilities and dementia, gardening and hiking! A completely mixed programme of indoor/outdoor, messy stuff/smart stuff and learning by experiencing lots of different activities and having fun.

We have had 3 new Beavers start at half term, due to be invested in early April. We will be losing 5 of our senior Beavers to Cubs at Easter - all with their Bronze awards and a whole armful of Activity badges, and all of whom have taken on leadership roles and supported new Beavers and been a huge asset to the colony. Well done - and good luck in the next step of your scouting journey!

If you are interested in joining in the fun and are aged between 5 years 9 months to 8 years old, please get in touch with us. We have a shorter waiting list now and you may be lucky!

Turtle - Liz Teather 01929 471216

BORNEO 2021 EXPEDITION

Every four years the Explorer Unit undertakes an ambitious expedition. Following Nepal 2013, Kenya 2017, we will be travelling to Borneo in 2021. Twenty-one Explorers and four adult leaders will go around the world to work on conservation projects and experience jungle living. Expect many excellent fundraising activities as we plan for this exciting venture.

BORNEO BREAKFAST

Many thanks to all who supported the Borneo Breakfast in March – please come for another “Full English” (or just a slice of toast and a cup of tea) at the Scout Hut
Contacting the Group
Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273 or Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL - FOBRS

The last few months have been very busy for FOBRS. It was so lovely to see so many people at our Christmas Fayre at the school. Thank you so much for supporting this event.

Other recent fundraising events have included an after-school film night, village quiz, school cake sales and of course the fantastic photographic exhibition that was organised and put together by Alison, Mark and Paul Bennett. This exhibition showed some wonderful images of the village from years gone by and gives the village fantastic archives for future generations to witness and enjoy. We are also very much looking forward to supporting the village Bere Fest event in June.

You may have noticed a new addition to the school playground. Our new clothing bank is very hungry! Please do feel free to feed it clothes, paired shoes, towels, bedding, curtains, blankets and soft toys. Please do bag the items before you deposit them. All items collected will directly benefit the school and everyone can get involved and help us to raise money for the children of our village. Please pop up to feed it breakfast or lunch. It is located in the school playground and is therefore only fed during school hours!

The money that you help us to raise is being spent directly on our children. Over the past few months, we have funded the Science Dome, an inflatable planetarium that visited the school and delighted all the children. We have also purchased new academic board games for Year 5 and 6 and funded a whole year of Forest school. The Shakespeare

The Members Challenge 2019

32 ROGS and one guest enjoyed the rolling fairways of Ferndown Golf Club. This event made history with the famous ROGS, as it was the 1st visit and hopefully not the last (if they allow us back again). It was indeed the 1st time played at Ferndown for a lot of our members and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. What a great turn out!

The day was sponsored by Graeme Price and I thank him very much for his generosity. Although, he could not enjoy the day as much as the rest of us, as he had to cut his round short after 3 holes due to a combination of footballing injuries and old age.

We had balmy temperatures of 12 degrees, some tricky greens, some patchy fairways but this did not deter us from providing some interesting scores. Coming out on top was Neil Middle ditch with 37 points.

There were four people on 34 points and the trusty computer calculated that Matt Hector was 2nd and Captain was 3rd. ** NB – See below….

NP on the 2nd Simon Brouard
NP on the 14th was Phil Allen
NP in 2 on the 8th was Jerry Cocking (New member)
LD on the 6th was Phil Allen
There were three “2”s Simon, Rob and Jim.

Where Pricey failed on the golf course he excelled with the prizes. He surprised all, including me, by having a prize for every member of the ROGS. The prizes were interesting to say the least, as they ranged from Paw Patrol pyjama’s to coconuts from a whole cooked chicken to ladies earrings. A lot of thought went into this, and each member received the appropriate prize...

The awards ceremony went well, even though the Captain dropped the score cards and as they were mixed up
company also visited us last month, engaging the children in the works of Macbeth. The production put on by the children was thoroughly enjoyed by parents and grandparents.

As always, we cannot do this without you. If you would like to join our friendly committee we would love to hear from you. If you would like to support us, but cannot spare the time, then please do feed our clothing bank and support our events. If you would like to run your own event and kindly donate the proceeds to the school, we would be delighted to hear from you too.

With very many thanks,

Rosie and Cathryne
FOBRS Chair and Vice Chair

BERE REGIS STROLLERS

We are still strolling every Tuesday, luckily this winter we haven’t had to cancel many walks due to bad weather. We are now looking forward to the Spring days with the new leaves appearing on the trees, wild flowers and of course the highlight of April – the Bluebells.

We would like to have a few more walkers; maybe you have recently moved to the village or not walked with us for a while. At present we have twelve walkers.

There is a one hour walk usually by the stream, Shitterton and around Mays Wood. If you would prefer a shorter walk there is also one which last 30 – 40 minutes by the stream and Souls Moor. Walk at your own pace. No steep hills or stiles. After the walk we go to the Drax Arms for tea/coffee.

So instead of sitting indoors, why not come and join us – there is no charge to walk. We meet every Tuesday at 1030 in the village car park.

More details – Lynda 471180.
**DRAX HALL**

**The Village Hall AGM will be on Friday 26th April at 7pm at the Lower Hall**

There is a Public Access Defibrillator outside the Village Hall.

It is very straightforward to use 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!

**Village Hall Hiring**

The village hall has two options for hire the large upper Hall at £8 per hour and the Lower room at £7 per hour please telephone Lyn Simmonds on 01929 471528 to discuss your requirements and view the facilities available.

Alison Bennett 01929 472023

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**Spring Migrations**

It’s the season for migration with lots of birds either leaving our shores to breed in the Artic (eg Brent Geese – they love our warm winters!) or arriving for the summer having spent the winter months in Africa (eg Swallows – they hate our cold winters!). The first Swallow to arrive in the UK this year was seen at Portland in February. A more typical time for their arrival is early April. Do look out for the first Swallow (although one Swallow doesn’t make a summer!) along with other migrants – such as Swifts, House Martins, Cuckoo and Chiffchaff. Let us know about your local wildlife sightings so we can get a better idea of what’s around in our area.

**Summer Events**

We are planning a series of events over the coming summer months, so watch this space for further news of these.

**Contact Us**

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palustris. The ‘Caltha’ part of the name is derived from the Greek for ‘goblet’, and ‘palustris’ means of the marsh. This is very apt as Marsh Marigolds favour damp spots, such as pond margins, damp meadows, marshes, ditches and wet woodlands – so our riverside area provides a perfect habitat, provided it doesn’t become too overgrown.

If Wikipedia is to be believed, Marsh Marigolds are also known by many other local names around the country – such as brave bassinets, crazy Beth, horse blob, May blob, mare blob, boots, water boots, meadow-bright, bullflower, meadow buttercup, water buttercup, soldier’s buttons, meadow cowslip, water cowslip, publican’s cloak, crowfoot, water dragon, drunks, water goggles, meadow gowan, water gowan, yellow gowan, goldes, golds, goldings, goats, cow lily, marybuds, and publicans-and-sinners. Do let us know if any of these names are familiar to you.

Marsh Marigolds were certainly familiar to Thomas Hardy as they received a mention in his poem ‘Overlooking the River Stour’:

Closed were the kingcups; and the mead
Dripped in monotonous green,
Though the day’s morning sheen
Had shown it golden and honeybee’d;
Closed were the kingcups; and the mead
Dripped in monotonous green.

On the Isle of Man the spring-flowering of Marsh Marigold is regarded as a good omen. There the flowers are known as ‘Mayflowers’, and were strewn on doorsteps. In Spring Marsh Marigold flowers are still brought into the house by the islanders – but, please leave our flowers for others to enjoy and to grow and sow naturally so we have healthy plants for future years.

And Pussy Willow on many of the willow trees

Before these catkins come into a strong yellow full flower they are covered in fine, greyish fur, leading in early times to a fancied likeness to tiny cats, also known as ‘pussies’.

The Pop in Place Bere Regis

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Visit our website: www.popinplace.org
The days are brighter, lengthening, and warmer – the signs of Spring are now all around us. We can enjoy the daffodils and so many other signs of Spring such as pussy willow, hazel catkins, primroses, early butterflies, frogspawn forming into tadpoles, the bluebell shoots in the woods, birds preparing their nests and the wonderful dawn chorus. You should be able to see many if not all of these sights along the riverside path, helped by the conservation work our volunteers have been doing over the past years to create a wider range of habitats.

Conservation Working Parties

At our working party in March we concentrated on clearing scrub and undergrowth along the riverside path. Our particular target on this occasion was to allow Marsh Marigolds to flourish (see more on the Marsh Marigold below). Other plants will also benefit in the areas we worked on in March, including Primroses (a few clumps are easier for you to spot now and should thicken up over time) and Flag Iris which will reveal its yellow flowers on tall stems in a few months’ time.

At the last working party of the season in early April we will be planting some native trees and sowing wildflower seeds. Hopefully the wild flowers will give a stunning display this coming Summer. The flowers will also provide a great source of nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects adding to the wildlife value of the area.

The next working parties will be held on Saturday 6th April 2019. Do join us. We meet by the stream bridge near to the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am or you can find us along the riverside path. We normally finish about 12.00. All are welcome – young (under 16s should be accompanied by an adult) or old, active or less so – there are tasks for all. If you have a rake, spade or fork please bring them with you – if you don’t, no problem we’ll have some spares along with other tools.

Marsh Marigolds

Do look out for the Marsh Marigolds alongside the riverside path – they will be flowering from now through to May. See photo below.

The large, golden flowers of Marsh Marigold look rather like over-sized buttercups set among glossy green leaves. They are also said to look like the cups of kings, hence its other name - ‘Kingcup’. The Latin name for Marsh Marigold is Caltha
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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Thank you to all who supported the Photo Exhibition

Special thanks to Paul and Mark Bennett who have put in a lot of hard work creating these archives for everyone to enjoy, also thanks to Mike Eastment for the excellent slide show and to all our helpers on the day. The profits of this event plus the ticket sales at our summer show will be donated to the Village School.

Good Friday Pop In Place Easter Event on Friday 19th April 10am - 12 noon

We will be staging our traditional Easter event on Good Friday so get making those Easter bonnets we look forward to seeing the lovely entries.

We would also like donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle please drop them into the Pop In Place . There will be hot cross buns and a performance by the Junior Church Puppets and the Pop In Performers Group, plus of course the Easter bonnet parade.

Your Village Needs you!! Could you become a volunteer?

Could you become a volunteer and help to serve the teas at our Monday or Friday morning cafes or maybe you could become a driver or talk to the clients? These tasks are all done on a rota basis so you don’t have to do it every week.

A big thank you to all who already volunteer with us we appreciate that you are giving your time to enhance the life of others and it is greatly appreciated.

Pop In Place Community Shed

We would welcome cash donation towards the set up costs of this new initiative, or are you able to donate wood, tools, or skill sharing in the future please get in touch with me.

There are “Men’s sheds popping up all over the UK, it is a place to get people together to help to combat isolation encourage wellbeing and to share skills
working on a variety of woodwork projects.

We are currently working with Vitacress to open a shed in Bere Regis, it will be open for both men and women and have special workshop Saturday mornings for youngsters with an appropriate adult. We will be at the Bere Festival on Sunday 30th June at the Rec to update on progress and to answer your questions.

**Movement to Music at the Pop In Place on Monday Mornings (Upper Hall)**

We are a friendly group meeting Mondays 9.30am for 40 minutes; it is for anyone who wants to take a little more exercise but is not mega fit. The sessions will be led by one of our team with choreography background and designed especially for this client group with suitable music and movement.

We are asking for a £4 fee per person per week... You are very welcome to visit the Pop In Place Community Café after the class for refreshments.

Come along and give it a try, you will be made very welcome.

**Pop In Place 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. There is a pound shop set up in the foyer. If you live within the Parish and would you like transport to the Pop In Place Telephone Alison 472023 who will arrange it for you.

**Pop In Performers**

Please support our next Production it is raising funds for our Village School we are working on a light-hearted school-based drama that includes song and dance entitled “St Lillians” performances are

- Thursday 20th June 6pm
- Friday 21st June 7pm
- Saturday 22nd June 2pm
Crossways Travel
Executive Coach Travel With A Personal Touch
01305 851697

DAY EXCURSIONS AND HOLIDAYS

Picking up in Bere Regis, Tolpuddle and Puddletown

BREATHTAKING NORTHERN IRELAND
June 6th 7 DAYS JUST £799

Join us for an amazing tour exploring the best of what Northern Ireland has to offer. We will be visiting the breath-taking Giants Causeway, Titanic Experience, Belfast, Bushmills Whiskey Distillery and Bray. You will even have the chance to join us for a fabulous train journey from Derry to Colraine.

QUILTING SHOW, MALVERN SHOWGROUND
Saturday, May 18th £47.50 (inc entrance)

STRITTLY COME DANCING, THE PROFESSIONALS
at Motorpoint Arena
Saturday, May 25th £79.95 (inc entrance)

CALL US FOR A COPY OF OUR HOLIDAY BROCHURE!
01305 851697 www.crosswaystravel.co.uk

Pop in Place Bere Regis
Family Easter Fun Morning
Friday 19th April
10am to 12 noon
At the Upper Drax Hall

Make an Easter Bonnet for the Parade
Easter Egg Raffle
(More donations most welcome)

JC Theatre Group & Pop In Place Performers
Tea, coffee and hot cross buns available
POP IN PLACE BERE REGIS

VILLAGE QUIZ

Tuesday 21st May

In Village Hall Upper Room at 7.30pm

Entry £2 per person with maximum of 4 persons per team, pay on the night

Bring your own drinks/nibbles

Support the Raffle

To book your team email Alison on popinplace@gmail.com

or phone 01929 472023

Raising money for the Community Shed

Pop In Place Little Acorns

A new baby and Toddler group at the Village Hall on Thursday mornings 10am until 11.30

£1 per child and 50p for any subsequent children in the same family.

Come along to this friendly group you will be made most welcome. Runs all year round.

More details call Kelly 07743319856

Donations to the pound shop

We welcome your kind donations of small items for our pound shop. We are always in need of items to sale. Books bric a brac new to you clothing all must be good quality items please.

Dates for your diary

Easter Bonnet Workshop at Pop In Place on Friday 5th April all welcome bring a hat to decorate

Pop In Place AGM Friday 3rd May 10.30

We have an update from Rev Alan Clarredge on the work we are supporting in South Africa and a safety talk from Dorset and Wilts Fire Service safety and wellness officer

Village Quiz Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm

email popinplace@gmail.com To book your team in for the village Quiz four people per team £2 per person to enter bring your own drinks and please support our raffle.

Please Check out Pop In Place Website popinplace.org Thanks to Rod Osmond who has updated our website and it is looking great check it out

Alison Bennett Telephone 01929 472023