DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

15th PiP: Children in Need, Lower Hall 10.00-12.00
   Wi: Christmas Craft

December

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
   Wi: Christmas Festivities

My dear Friends,

‘All good things come to an end’ we are told when we are young and at first sight that sounds like a very negative commentary on life. Equally true surely would have to be ‘all bad things come to an end’. Anyhow as far as Felicity and I are concerned, these years since we moved here in September 2015 have been very good years and we want to thank you all for the loving support so many of you have given us.

Actually, good things often lead to other good things and as we start off in our new life, we are both looking forward to many unexpected blessings. I have some ideas about what retirement will mean.... certainly a change after over 46 years as a Parish Priest....and before that growing up in a Vicarage! It is all an adventure into the unknown. The one thing we can know for certain is that God will still be the God who cares for us and whom we can trust.

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

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

Our Vision:
To make Christ’s love known in the world today and to live out his teaching.
As we leave, you will all also begin a trip into the unknown. It looks fairly certain that the plan to form a United Benefice of our two parishes with that of Wool will happen and a date is pencilled in for a special service, led by Bishop Karen, at Holy Rood Church in Wool on March 13th at 7pm. It will be lovely if all three Church Families are well represented at that occasion. Then the process will also begin for finding a new Priest to come and live in Bere Regis, as part of the Team for the new Benefice but, no doubt, with, largely, pastoral concern for Bere Regis and Affpuddle.

Meanwhile, the Vicar of Wool, Revd Carol Langford will be taking the lead in caring for you all.

If you need a Priest to conduct Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or for any priestly advice, please contact her on 01929-462215 or HolyRoodVicar@outlook.com

She will also be responsible for providing Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers to lead the usual Sunday services. There will be just a few differences from our regular pattern, so please be advised through the Magazine and on notice-boards. The good thing is that she also has the support of two other part-time Associate Priests as well as Lay Ministers.

The Churchwardens also carry legal responsibilities though the time of ‘Vacancy’ and I know they are very willing to help but please do not overtax them!! For those of you, who sometimes give me notices for the board at the end of the Church Lane, please contact Patrick and Sue Hazlerigg.

Finally, when my successor arrives, please make him/her as welcome as you have made us. When, years ago, I was about to start a new time as Vicar in Essex, an old priest who had been looking after the churches, gave my congregations some very sound advice: ‘when Charles comes, there are two words which you must not use – always and never. I ask you to do that for my successor, so that you can be open to wherever under his/her guidance you are led by God. Indeed I would say the same as soon as I go and Carol takes over the role of leadership.

Our contact details will be:
Address: 6 Higher Green, South Brent, Devon TQ10 9PL and 01364-73957 or chasmash@ic24.net
We will be very happy to see any of our Dorset friends!
God bless you all with his powerful love,
Your sincere and loving Priest and Friend

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

August
14th AL: Home Grown Entertainment

September
10th FG: Willow Workshop, Puddletown
11th AL: Rob Curtis, Dorset Curiosities
Wi: Local Artist
14th PIP: Bere Regis Alzheimer’s Memory Walk 10.00
27th PIP: MacMillan Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00

October
8th FG: R Thompson, Up the Garden Path
9th AL: Tony Bates, Stunning Wildlife Photography
12th PIP: Presentation Evening with Shaun Marx 7.30
Wi: The Watercress Company

November
12th FG: Mr Nicky Heal, Christmas at Home
13th AL: Glo Curtis, Advice for All Citizens
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2019

**May**
- 3rd: Wi: AGM
- 8th: AL: Howard Nichols, A Life on Rails
- 14th: FG: Julia Harrison, Melange
- 21st: PiP: Village Quiz, Upper Hall

**June**
- 11th: FG: Amy Shakeshaft, TBA
- 12th: AL: Mary Graham, Dorset Villages
- 20th: Pop in Performers Summer Show
- 21st: Pop in Performers Summer Show
- 22nd: Pop in Performers Summer Show
- 28th: Wi: Members’ Evening

**July**
- 9th: FG: Julie Jeans, Inspired by Artists
- 10th: AL: Burlesque in Bere Regis by Lou-Lou-La-Belle

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**BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS**

**Readers**

3rd
- Gospel: Mr Smith
- Epistle: Mrs Welton

10th
- 1st Reading: Mrs Welton
- 2nd Reading: Mrs Gibson

17th
- Gospel: Mr Croom
- Epistle: Mrs Bayliss

24th
- 1st Reading: Mrs Welton
- 2nd Reading: Mrs Gibson

**Sidesmen**

3rd
- 10.00am: Mr Bates/Mr House
- 11.00am: Junior Church

10th/17th
- 10.00am: Mr Smith/Mr Croom
- 11.00am: Mr Ward
- Intercessions: Mr Gibbs

24th
- 10.00am: Mr Smith/Mr Croom
- 11.00am: Mr Ward
- Intercessions: Mr Gibbs

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**Cleaning and Dusting**

28 January & 4 February
- Cleaning: Pat Wharf
- Dusting: Sue Hazelrigg

11 & 18 February
- Cleaning: Tricia White and Alison Keogan
- Dusting: Tricia White and Alison Keogan

25 February and 4 March
- Cleaning: Tina and Simon Walker
- Dusting: Paula and Rebecca Kent

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**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

3rd
- Epiphany
- Mrs Leigh and Miss Stone

24th
- Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Burden
### CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

#### Sunday 3rd February – The Fifth Sunday before Lent
- 10am Parish Eucharist
  Bere Regis
- 11am Mattins & Communion
  Affpuddle
- 6pm Evensong
  Bere Regis

#### Sunday 10th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent
- 9.15am Parish Eucharist
  Affpuddle
- 11am Family Service, following Junior Church at 10am
  Bere Regis

#### Sunday 17th February – The Third Sunday before Lent
- 8am Holy Communion
  Affpuddle
- 10am Parish Eucharist
  Bere Regis
- 6pm Evensong
  Bere Regis

#### Sunday 24th February – The Second Sunday before Lent
- 9.15am Parish Eucharist
  Affpuddle
- 11am Morning Worship and Holy Communion
  Bere Regis

#### Wednesday 27th February
- 11am Midweek Holy Communion, followed by a simple lunch
  Bere Regis

#### Sunday 3rd March – The Sunday Next before Lent
- 10am Parish Eucharist
  Bere Regis
- 11am Mattins & Communion
  Affpuddle
- 6pm Evensong
  Bere Regis

### 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

#### February
- 11th TA: AGM and Quiz
- 12th FG: Alison Finch, Toy Stories
- 13th AL: Phil Cottrell, The Observer’s View from Above,
- 15th WI: Life as a Shepherdess
- 15th PiP: Craft Morning, Village Hall 10.00-12.00

#### March
- 13th AL: John Pitfield, Summer Days at Bere
  WI: Mr Selfridge
- 19th FG: Carole Norman, You are invited
- 24th PiP: Place Old Bere Regis Photographic Exhibition 10.00-4.00

#### April
- 9th FG: Martina Coleman, Anything Goes
- 10th AL: Richard Horton, Who looks after the health of plants and animals? Come and find out?
- 19th PiP: Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Hot Cross Buns, Upper Hall 10.00-12.00
To all village groups, societies and organisations

Please can you check your contact details and information on the preceding pages so that we can be sure that this is up to date.

Please also remember that it’s really helpful to have all your meeting dates, times, venue and subject matter included on the Dates for your Diary pages which follow. This is very useful to new residents and your potential future members.

Contact: Alison (Editor) alison@culverdell.co.uk

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals
At St Laurence Affpuddle
On January 22nd - Peter Taylor
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
On January 17th - Edna Marsh

Burial of ashes
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
On December 20th – Christine Townley/Robinson
On January 8th – Rene Philips
On January 12th – Colin Jutting
On January 17th – Jane and Nigel Woodward
At St Laurence Affpuddle
On January 4th – Alexander Chancellor

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Advent course based on some of our favourite carols proved to be a success. It was good to learn something of the background – who wrote the words and who the music. It was also very helpful to think a little bit about the words which many of us know so well. Thank you to all who led their particular sessions.

Christmas as always is a wonderful occasion both in our homes, in our community and in our churches. Thank you to all who decorated our beautiful buildings, including the wonderful Christmas trees. Thank you to all who provided special music and helped to arrange the special services. I hope you all felt the same warmth and inspiration that I did.
FOOD BANK - UPDATE

Usually every 6-8 weeks we hand over at least five carrier bags full of your gifts to the Food Bank - so thank you from the people who were very grateful...and please keep your contributions coming!

There are boxes in both our churches (yes now back in Bere Regis church) for you to place any goods you would like to donate. This provides a simple way of helping people who have fallen on hard times.

I would ask: Please ensure that your gifts are at least 6 months in date.

You do not have to be a church member to contribute!

The boxes are emptied regularly and the contents given to the Wareham Food Bank.

The list of what is most appropriate is:

- Tinned Soup
- Fruit Juice (carton)
- Pasta Sauces
- Pasta/Rice (1kg)
- Baked Beans
- Rice/Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar (500g)
- Biscuits or snack bars
- Tea Bags/Coffee
- Instant Mash Potato

The FOOD BANK provides for local individuals and families in crisis - Thank you for your support!

BERE REGIS JUNIOR CHURCH AND FAMILY SERVICE ON JANUARY 13TH.

Felicity and I would like to say a very big thank you to all who came to our last Family Service. At the end the children sang to us and we were presented with cards and a wonderful Garden Token. We shall be buying things for our garden which will continue to remember our great times with the Junior Church and at our unique Family Services.
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<td>Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)</td>
<td>Katie Willis</td>
<td>01929 472787</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><a href="mailto:andrewynmarshall@hotmail.com">andrewynmarshall@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot</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>Kingsbere Quilters</td>
<td>Mrs Diane Edmonds</td>
<td>472331</td>
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<td>Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society</td>
<td>Secretary: Sue Gould (28 Stileham Bank, MSA DT11 OLE)</td>
<td>01258 837575</td>
<td>Lane End, Milborne St Andrew,</td>
<td>msa.allotments@yahoocouk</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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Bere Regis Junior Church
The next children’s activity morning will be about the:

Healing of the Lepers

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

Sunday 10th February

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

And why not join us for the Family Service with refreshments for everyone afterwards!
The last Junior Church Service was very special, as we were saying goodbye to Rev Charles and Felicity. We really wanted to make it a special occasion for them as they had both been so helpful and inspiring to the Junior Church over the past three years. We will miss them.

The theme of the service was “The Miraculous Catch of Fish” - continuing with the themes based on the “Miracles of Jesus”. In this story, although the fishermen have been unsuccessfully trying to catch fish all night, with a little extra direction from Jesus, they had so many fish as to nearly sink the boat. We made sure that Charles acted in this story, even though this is usually difficult at Junior Church, because he only arrives from the Affpuddle service minutes before the Bere service starts. Even so, with a complicated arrangement of dual rehearsals, one with the key actors and Charles on Saturday morning and the other with the children, but without Charles, on Sunday morning, we managed it. All through Charles’ years in Bere Regis he has been acting with the “Open the Book” group, which goes into our local school fortnightly and acts out Bible stories. (Unfortunately we have not acted this particular story in those three years). Below is a photo of the fishing boat, just before the various children joined in as the other disciples, who were needed to help haul in the nets full of fish.

Being a Junior Church Service there were also puppets, dancing songs for the children and traditional hymns. The hymns were chosen by Felicity and Charles from their wedding. “For the Beauty of the Earth” and “Lord of the Dance”. The children did the actions to the dancing song “Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed Moves Mountains”. The puppeteers performed two really complicated songs.
very well. I was very proud of them. One was a parody of the pop song “It’s Raining Men”. Ours was called “Fishers of Men”, fitting in with our fisherman theme. Like the original song, it was really catchy, but I’m told by the musical experts, very tricky to get the different puppets miming to the correct part. The other song was a beautiful choral arrangement by John Rutter called “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”. This was performed right at the end of the service, before our goodbyes. The youngsters, from seven to eleven, performed it brilliantly and there was many a wet eye in the church.

After the service we had a presentation of cards and a present, so that we could send them on their way with love. The children also acted out the “Sound of Music” song “So Long, Farewell”. In this song the seven Von Trap children say goodnight to the assembled guests, with a mixture of combined and individual goodbyes. Below is a photo. After this we retired to the back of the church for wonderful nibbles that had been handmade by a variety of people and wine / tea. I believe that all the sixty of the congregation felt mixed emotions, of sadness, but also good wishes. We will miss Charles and Felicity very much indeed.

February 2019
## AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

### AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

**Sidesmen, Lesson Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice**

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**for the year 2019**

(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

Rates for charitable, community or non-profit organisations are charged at 50% of above.

Full year advertising is based on complete calendar years. Adverts inserted for part years are charged at a pro-rata rate of the full year cost. Full year advertisers are automatically included on both village websites.

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For all advertising enquiries, contact the Editor, details on inside back cover.
IS THIS YOU?

I would be most grateful if the person who spoke to Phil Ventham some time ago about finding a Bladen Dairy milk container (known as a Sealcone) in their chimney, presumably whilst carrying out repairs or maintenance would be kind enough to get in touch with me. Angie Talbot - 09129 472483 or e-mail angie@pbtalbot.plus.com.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Bladen Social Club will take place on the 27th February 2019 commencing at 8pm and is open to all current members of the social club.

All motions for discussion and determination at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary at the Bladen Social Club in writing, signed by a proposer and second, no later than Thursday 14th February 2019.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the club’s control we are not at this time able to participate in the Artsreach “Inn Crowd” promotions and the event that we had anticipated for February will not now take place in Briantspuddle.

However planning for a Quiz night in February and Race Night in March is underway.

Details and dates for all these events are being finalised to ensure they do not clash with other village entertainment such as Artsreach. Please check Parish noticeboards and this magazine regularly for further information.

Peter Talbot, Secretary

Flowers and Cleaning Rota

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AFFPUDDLE LENT COURSE – “ON THE THIRD DAY”

We return to the familiar York Courses for our Lent course in Affpuddle parish this year. The five sessions will be held on Monday evenings at Hazel Cottage, the home of Penny and Jonathan Haigh, from 11th March to 9th April. The following is quoted from the internet publicity for this course:-

“The resurrection is the Big Story that turned a little Jewish protest movement into a world-transforming religion. And yet by Easter Monday we’ve almost forgotten about it and are planning our summer holidays. How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of the resurrection and be an Easter people? How can ‘there and then’ become ‘here and now’?”

The course sessions are entitled:

1. Have I got news for you!
2. So what? The implications of the Resurrection
3. ‘Let him Easter in us’
4. Celebrating and praying Easter
5. A risen Church

The speakers on the course audio CD include Bishops Tom Wright and Libby Lane, Professor Paul Vallely, and Rev Ruth Gee (former President of the Methodist Conference).

As usual there will be a course booklet for each member, and for the session
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

It is with sadness that we record the death of our former minister, Rev. Ray Healey on 9th January 2019.

Ray, as he was always known, was minister of the Congregational Church from 1980 until his retirement in 2001. During that time the Lord used this little Chapel to bless many people living in the surrounding area, as well as in the village, especially through the monthly Saturday evening teaching meetings, which ran for fifteen years. Many children came to Sunday school and to ‘Tuesday Club’, a fun packed evening of games, tuck shop and activities around a Bible story. Some of you, who now have your own young families, will remember this.

Ray, a twin, was born in Canada, where his parents were seeking work during the depression. While the boys were still very young the family returned home to England, making their home in North Wales, not far from Chester. When school days were over they all moved to Rochdale in Lancashire, where both boys obtained jobs as apprentice draughtsmen, for different engineering firms, but on the same street. Ray became a design engineer, at one point designing the longest ‘raising’ machine in the world for the cotton industry. Ray regularly attended church, but did not know Jesus as his Saviour. One Sunday, while listening to a sermon on the verse, “I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him, against that day.” 2 Timothy 1v12, Ray did indeed commit his life to Jesus, and that text became very important to him in later years when preaching. Ray married Joyce

leader the CD and transcript. The cost will depend to some extent on the numbers attending, but is usually in the region of £5 per head. If you would like to come to all or part of the course please let me know by mid-February so that enough booklets can be ordered.

Jonathan Haigh
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BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

EVENING LECTURE SERIES

Fair Trade - Does it really work?

An illustrated talk delivered by Judith Holmes

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world, empowering them to combat poverty and take more control over their lives.

Judith Holmes is a Fairtrader for Traidcraft. She will be showing how Fairtrade works in practice, with particular reference to Ghana and Costa Rica.

Wednesday 20th February 2019

Starting at 7:30 pm

Admission £3 (includes tea coffee biscuits. A glass of wine or beer will be available at cost)

Please email: michael.menzies@talk21.com or text: 07 419 312 517 to reserve your place, and for details of advance payment if preferred.
The new finger post at Affpuddle Crossroads is now complete. Councillors have

Affpuddle Finger Post

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details relating to how they will establish a community liaison committee, to meet
twice a year, for approval in writing by the Waste Planning Authority. The details of
the community liaison committee will be implemented in full for the lifetime of
development.

Nine members of the public were present and they offered their thoughts and
opinions during public participation. Strong dissatisfaction was expressed about
the response by Highways that they had no objection to the application.

Following a lengthy discussion Officers agreed to consider a number of points
made and respond to the Parish Council in time for its next meeting. This response
was received and discussed at the January meeting.

The Parish Council welcomed the proposals made by Mike Garrity and based on
the changes to the conditions now being proposed and new ones added, Councillors decided not to ask the County Councillor to refer the application to the Regulatory Authority.

In summary the changes to the proposed conditions are as follows:

1. Delivery hours reduced from 9-5pm to 9-4pm.
2. No change.
3. Source of waste condition to be extended to exported waste from the site.
4. No change.
5. New condition to introduce a height/depth bar on the slurry lagoon. This
   will ensure that the lagoon is built in accordance with the approved plans.
6. The Parish Council had argued for a one-way system to be a condition of
   any grant of approval to the application. However, Councillors accepted that this
   could not be achieved based on planning legislation. Instead there is to be an
   informative note on the planning decision notice advising on the use of a one-
   way routing scheme together with a reference to liaison meetings to provide a
   useful mechanism for monitoring adherence to this.

It is expected that this application will be determined before the end of January.

This has been a challenging application and one which has taken many months.
The above detail represents a short summary of the results of many meetings
including site visits. If anyone has any questions or would like further details then
please contact a Parish Councillor. The Chairman can be contacted on 01929
471375 or sue.jones@silversands.co.uk

God Used My Tragedy by Duane Miller, a Canadian pastor.

A day in July 1970, which should have been a fun day, turned into tragedy and
loss. Three good friends, two of whom were teenagers, as I was at the time,
drowned in a canoeing accident on Opeongo Lake, Algonquin Park, but
miraculously I survived. Ten years after the accident, I was again in Algonquin
Park, leading the youth group from my church on a canoe trip, I had taken the
students to the exact spot of the accident, and I told them about God’s amazing
ability to use a tragedy to change the lives of countless people – especially my
own. I shared my struggle with grief and guilt as well as how I had wrestled with
God over hard questions. But I also told them how the Lord had brought healing
to my heart.

On the last night of the trip we sat by the camp fire, laughing and fooling around.
But a long pause in the activity prompted me to ask them to share how the Lord
had worked in their lives that week. One by one people began sharing their
hearts: “This trip has opened my eyes to who God is and how much He loves
me,” said one of the teens, who had received Jesus as his Saviour.

One of the girls said, “I really needed this week to get alone with the Lord and to
think and pray about my future.” Another boy shared that he had been unable
to forget what I had told them about the accident. “It caused me to realise how
serious this all is, and that I have been wasting my life by not surrendering to the
Lord. Beginning right now that is all going to change.”

Well over two hours later, and long after the sun had set, I walked down to the
beach to have a few moments of quiet with the Lord. Several others joined me,
and we stood in silence looking out over the water at one of the most
spectacular sights I had ever seen. There was no moon, no clouds, and
absolutely breeze. I felt as if I was standing on the edge of space gazing at the
universe. The water, smooth as glass, perfectly reflected the stars. Several of us
grabbed our life jackets and paddles and climbed into canoes, setting out onto
the water.

As we drifted, I felt as if I was floating in outer space. Everywhere I looked I saw
stars. As I attempted to take all this in, the peace and presence of God filled my
heart, and I became overwhelmed by the realisation that the God, who had

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in 1961. Over the following years God led them, as a couple, through a number
of God-arranged circumstances which eventually brought them to Dorset, to
Whatcombe House, Winterborne Whitechurch, which was an Anglican
Community and Conference centre. While there they were introduced to the
Congregational Church at Bere Regis. When the then pastor, Pat Kellard, left the
pastorate in 1980 the church called Ray to be their pastor. He was ordained and
took up his ministry, which lasted until 2001.

Although Ray will be much missed, we rejoice that he is now free from pain and
with His Saviour, whom he has served faithfully for over sixty years.
spoke the words to create all of this, truly loves me. Here I am, a tiny speck of dust on Earth in the expanse of all creation, yet He knows me personally and is active in my life. God loves me so much that He allowed His Son, Jesus, to die for my sins, so that my relationship with Him could be restored. All I had to do was reach out in faith and receive the gift of eternal life.

What I was looking at that night – awesome as it was – doesn’t begin to compare to the glory of heaven and the awesomeness of being in the presence of Almighty God. That is the overwhelming and indescribable wonder of eternal reality for my three fallen friends – Don, Chuck and Tim.

It is the reality that awaits all of us who have reached out in faith and surrendered our lives to Jesus Christ.

Just a Smile

Shortly after moving to our present house, I asked the Vicar if my husband and I were eligible to be buried in his churchyard. “Yes, of course,” he replied, “but I wouldn’t leave it too long, there’s not a lot of room left!”

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked: “Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?” I mentally polished my halo while I asked, “No, how are we alike?” “You’re both old” he replied!

Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application – WD/D/18/001035

The Principal Planning Officer, Charlotte Rushmere together with Mike Garrity, Planning and Regulation Manager, both from Dorset County Council attended the December meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposed conditions to be applied to any grant of permission associated with the Slurry Lagoon Planning Application. The proposed conditions were:

1. Restriction of Vehicle Movements
   Waste or any other material shall only be imported to the slurry lagoon hereby approved during the hours of 09.00 and 17.00 Monday to Friday. No waste or any other material shall be imported to the slurry lagoon at weekends or public/bank holidays.

2. Restriction of Vehicle Movements
   The number of vehicle movements importing waste or any other material to the slurry lagoon hereby approved shall be limited to a total of 10 (5 in and 5 out) movements each day.

3. Source of Waste
   The slurry lagoon hereby permitted shall not be operated for commercial purposes and shall not be used to store imported waste from third-parties.

4. Community Liaison Committee
   Within one month of the date of this permission, the applicant will have submitted the following email addresses can be used to contact Councillor about matters associated with the Parish Council.

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Open Gardens

The Trustees are organising 2019 Briantspuddle Open Gardens for Sunday 2nd June, we have already secured (by kind permission) a vintage bus to transport visitors back and forth from Throop to Affpuddle, a few kind people have also already offered to open their gardens but we need more . . . . . . this is an event to bring together the community with a shared pride in our villages. Volunteers are vital to this event so, if you can offer a few hours of your time on the day, bake a cake, open your garden, pot up some plants for the plant stall etc etc please contact me: Jenny Lightfoot on 471498 or any member of the Hall Committee. Leaflets should have arrived through your letterboxes DON’T THROW THEM AWAY.

ARTSREACH PERFORMANCE
BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 2ND March
B.S.O KOKORO – A Night in Vienna

By the time the romantic period was ending at the turn of the 20th century, classical music was the biggest and most emotional it had ever been, meaning something had to give. Composers began to strip things right back and that included the way that music was composed; no more would they be slaves to harmony and melody like composers such as Haydn and Mozart.

Kokoro explore the three leaders of this new movement, Schonberg, Berg and Webern, as they changed the face of music, including a chamber version of Schonberg’s exquisite tone poem, Verklarte Nacht.

Tickets available from Jenny Beedle tel 01929471002

Adults £10  u18’s £7

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
PETER SKIDMORE TAYLOR

August 29th 1935 – January 6th 2019

Peter was born in Edgbaston near Birmingham, the elder of two boys. During the war the family moved first to East Knowle and then to Bath where he went to prep school, then finally to Bristol where his father was involved with the family leather business. Peter was educated at Bryanston thus instigating his love of Dorset.

After leaving school he did an apprenticeship as an engineer with Bristol Aero Engines. Any spare time was spent walking, climbing and caving on the nearby Mendips, and further afield on Exmoor, Dartmoor, the Cairngorms and Skye, and in the Austrian Alps, often with his brother Christopher.

On finishing his apprenticeship he did his National Service and was commissioned into The King’s Shropshire Light Infantry, serving mainly in Germany. While on an exercise in Denmark he made a life-long friend in Claes Frost, the Danish Liaison Officer, who was later to become godfather to son James.

When Peter’s father retired the family moved to Sonning in Berkshire where he met Sue, a local farmer’s daughter who had been cooking for his brother’s Clare College rowing VIII at the Henley Royal Regatta.

Peter and Sue were married in 1965 and with Peter’s love of Dorset and the outdoor life they started married life in Langton Herring and Peter got a job with Mr. Herd of Ilsington Farm, Tincleton, as assistant dairyman. He later worked for Reg and Wilf Godden at Lower Farm Langton Herring, gaining more experience hoping eventually to farm in his own right. Joanna was born in 1967, and James in 1969, and Peter started making wooden toys for them. Unable to afford the small farm he wanted, with land prices rising steeply at this time, it was suggested that he try marketing his toys, which he did with great success, selling to Pollards Toy Museum and Tridias in London and Bath amongst others, and even as far afield as Venezuela. Various toys were accepted in the Design Centre and several were chosen for an exhibition of the Best of British Designs at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Peter and Sue moved to Briantspuddle in 1970, buying the old Bladen Estate carpenters shop, which happened to have Bridge House as part of the

obtaining number for (£40) in January was 10.

**Bookings**

Our (not so new bookings secretary is proving herself to be capable and conscientious, there was a slight conniption at the beginning of the year when bookings seemed a bit slow but all is now moving along happily. Regular users are filling the calendar and continue to be happy with the facilities and service offered. We look forward to the elections being held in May and one or two bookings for private events. The hall also continues to fulfil its function as a place for recreation and education, and also for local people to use for personal events. There is a revised telephone number to contact the booking secretary please now phone: 07512 176292 and your requests will be dealt with promptly.

Please note, there was no Burns Night this year as Rainbarrow (our preferred band) is not available, efforts are currently being made to book them for 2020.

**Improvements**

As mentioned previously, we have continued to make improvements to the facilities in the Hall, we have already identified several areas where things could benefit from improvement for this year. The hearing loop and sound system are currently being improved, our trestle tables (donated to the Hall many years ago by the Social Club) are in need of updating and we will be exploring replacements, and it has been suggested that new blackout and insulating blinds would be a good addition.

Unfortunately we have lost our broadband provision for the building. Much of the cost and function was previously provided by Morning Data which has now left the Village. The trustees feel that we cannot justify the expenditure required for this provision at present as it is rarely asked for or used. However, should circumstances demand it we will re-examine the issue.

**Artsreach**

The next offering from this ever popular organisation will be on March 2nd 2019. Entitled ‘A Night in Vienna’ a musical ensemble from the BSO called ‘Kokoro’ will entertain us. See separate article, Artsreach or phone Jenny Beedle (01929471002) for tickets and info.
BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Apologies
Firstly, I must apologise for the lack of a January entry for the magazine, I know there are some people who look forward eagerly to our news, and so there must have been a bit of disappointment... it could not be helped as my eyesight was not all it should have been at the time of submission. Indeed it's still rather 'iffy' so do try and forgive any mistakes or omissions.

Xmas Fair
The culmination of our November events calendar was a very enjoyable afternoon. The Hall, as usual, was decorated beautifully by our band of trustees and helpers, and the day was enjoyed by all who came and participated, even those who just dropped in for lunch. Money was made for organisations, individuals and charities alike, with a profit also going to the Hall funds. I must thank Father Christmas for finding time in his busy schedule to stop off to see the children who came along; his jolliness was much appreciated by grown ups too.

New Years’ Eve
A few village organisations co-ordinated a brilliant evening at the Hall. We were once again entertained by Ian and his disco ‘Night Train’ (he likes Briantspuddle). For those out there who profess not to like games let me say, you don’t have to join in, but if you do come watching the fun is as good as participating!! There was a very entertaining (so I’m told) cabaret, and Briantspuddles own very professional piper piped in the New Year for us. Our special entertainment was provided by Rob whose break dancing has to be seen, next year we hope to give him his own spot, well done Rob. I’d like to say thanks to Ian who could not attend but set a table picture quiz for the event.

100+Club
There was a special draw at the end of 2018 with 10 prizes ranging from £40.00 to

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property. Here Peter was able to expand the business and he began to concentrate more on furniture making, specialising in Windsor chairs, working in elm, beech, yew, ash oak and pine. Taking stands at Dorchester and Melplash Shows, and often taking a pole lathe along to demonstrate the old way of making chair legs, filled the order books.

Living in such a lovely part of the world the family were able to enjoy boating, walking and cycling and camping holidays both exploring the British Isles and the Continent. Peter also took an active part in village life. He was also able to indulge his passion for old cars as the property at Bridge House included the old blacksmith’s shop which he converted in to a garage, owning over the years an MG TC, a 1936 Hillman Aero Minx, a Morgan in which he competed in hill climbs, a 1929 Lea Francis and an MGB, finally finishing up with a little Mazda MXS. He much enjoyed working and maintaining the old cars. Another hobby he thoroughly enjoyed was collecting and making lead toy soldiers, military vehicles and Dinky toy cars.

Sadly Peter was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2001, and gradually had to give up working with his woodworking machinery, his gliding which he had recently taken up and eventually his motoring as the disease took hold. However, he never really gave in to it and continued to enjoy life, his grandchildren, holidays, travelling abroad, still taking an active part in village life, even serving in the shop for a while, and especially getting out and about in the countryside on his cross-country buggy. As life became increasingly difficult and Sue was no longer able to look after him at home, he spent the last six months of his life in Pine Martin Grange Residential Care Home in Sandford, Wareham, where he received such wonderful care and attention during the last few months of his life. Throughout his illness he never lost his lovely sense of humour, and never complained, even though his disablement was so frustrating at times.
CASTLE PLAYERS - LYTCHETT MATRAVERS

For me, this is the worst time of year. Christmas is becoming a distant memory and the warmth of summer seems a long way off but at least the evenings are beginning to get a bit lighter.

As I write this, we’re still in the depths of January and are mid-rehearsal for our Village Hall fundraiser; Black Comedy on 1st & 2nd February but no doubt, by the time you read it, that will all be done and dusted. I hope you managed to catch it!

Castle Players are now starting to think about Spring. Our next show will be on 9, 10 & 11 May. We haven’t finalised the play yet but it’s likely to be a J B Priestly classic. We’re holding open auditions at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall on Sunday 10 February at 4pm. Everyone is welcome! Why not come along and join us?!

We’d love to meet you, there are lots of ways to get involved, whether you want to be on stage or behind the scenes. We’re a friendly bunch and usually finish up in the pub after rehearsals! And it’s only a short jaunt to our village!

As always, to find out more or to keep up to date with all Castle Players news, go along to our website www.castleplayers.com. Or you can email info@castleplayers.com or call us on 01202 912351.

Chairman Steve – Castle Players
BERE REGIS WI

This month, you may be asking yourself why the Bere Regis WI is adorning the village with green hearts of all shapes, sizes and materials. The answer is simple, we’re joining thousands of people across the country in making and sharing these hearts to #ShowTheLove for all we want to protect from climate change, and to encourage everyone who sees them to think more about our environment and what we can do to protect it. We are of course using recycled material and scraps we already have in our work boxes!

The initiative is coordinated by the Climate Coalition (www.theclimatecoalition.org/about-us), a group of over 130 organisations, including the WI, who are working together to generate grass roots support to combat climate change and to ask politicians to put aside their differences and commit to doing whatever is necessary to protect our environment.

We hope our efforts will make you smile, and perhaps think a little...

At time of writing, we’re also looking forward to our February meeting where Elaine Standfield will be telling us all about Life as a Shepherdess. 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.

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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December

The Parish Council met on Thursday 13th December 2018 at the Sports Club. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th January at the Drax Hall, starting at 7pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to raise any matters or concerns at the start of the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are hopefully nearing the end of the 6 year plus process, which has been putting together our Neighbourhood Plan. The plan has gone through Purbeck District Council’s consultation and is now with an independent examiner, who checks it from a neutral point of view and makes sure that everything in there is correct and viable, and then it will go out to the public again for a final consultation before the whole village gets a chance to vote on it in a referendum in May.

Dark Lane Footpath

Dark Lane, which is a path that runs up to Black Hill from Shitterton (see the map below) 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 obtained from Amanda our clerk then
returned her. If we don’t complete this registration before 2026, the right to use this path will be lost for ever.

Open Spaces
At the last work party, the wildlife group volunteers planted several tree saplings outside the school. These were supplied as part of the ‘Queen’s Commonwealth canopy project’. They came to us via our MP and the Woodland Trust. This project is an initiative which was presented at the last Commonwealth Conference to encourage all commonwealth countries to join in a world wide tree planting programme and we are pleased to be a small part of this. The work party also worked with the lengthsman to tidy up fallen willows near Souls Moor bridge. We are always looking for more members for our work party, and meet on the first Saturday of each month at the land near the Scout Hut.

Play Park Maintenance
We are please to report that we recently purchased 2 new springers for the under-5’s area of the play park, which have now been installed by the lengthsman. This is part of our regular maintenance and improvement work carried out in the play park.

Land swap from Purbeck District Council
In preparation for the upcoming change to a unitary authority and the disappearance of Purbeck District Council, there has been a process of town and parish councils taking over ownership of areas of land within their regions. We were delighted to take over the ownership of the main village car park and the area of grass where Shitterton meets West Street and this will mean that these can be more easily maintained by the Parish Council.

Reporting Defects
Dorset For You has a great tool on their website (https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/roads-highways-and-maintenance.aspx?folderIds=5543,6301) for the reporting of any defects such as potholes, flooding, overgrown hedges, verges etc, broken lights and much more. Whilst the Parish Council will always endeavour to assist in areas we can, most problems which occur around the village are the responsibility of either the landowner, or in the case of roads, Dorset Highways, and reporting these issues online will always get the quickest response.

Bryan Benjafield

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

**Coconut Fruit Slice**

**Ingredients**

- 150g Self raising flour
- 200g Caster sugar
- 190g Mixed dried fruit
- 70g Shredded coconut
- 125g Melted butter
- 1 Large egg beaten
- Icing sugar to dust

**Method**

Preheat oven to 180 c

Grease and line a baking tray 18cm x 27cm with baking paper.

Combine sifted flour, sugar, dried fruit and coconut in a bowl.

Add melted butter and egg until combined.

Spread out on the baking tray.

Cook for 30mins until lightly browned and cooked when tested with a skewer.

Leave to cool in the tray for ten minutes.

Cut into squares or triangles and dust with icing sugar to serve.
approximately 35 for the over 65s, 15 for under 65s and a few children’s vaccines. Please contact the Surgery to make your appointment.

**Carers Plus Meetings**

The Christmas Party was a great success, and a good time was had by all.

The next meeting will take place on February 12th 2019, 2 - 4 pm, at the Scout Hut. Please come along, or ask Mechelle or Jo at the Surgery for information. Please also see the notice board in the Waiting Room for further details.

**Bere Regis Patient Participation Group (PPG) AGM**

This will take place on February 6th 2019, at 7.00pm in the Waiting Room at the Surgery. This meeting is open to all patients of the Practice. New PPG members are always needed.

Maggie Hardy from The Friends of Wareham Hospital will start the meeting with a talk on ‘Plans for the new Community Hub’.

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**January**

The Parish Council met on Thursday 10th January 2019 at the Drax Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th February at the Drax Hall, starting at 7pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to raise any matters or concerns at the start of the meeting.

**Potential Community Event**

The Council discussed the possibility of holding a large-scale event in the village this summer, perhaps similar to previous events held such as the Queen’s Birthday Street Party or the Jubilee Party. This would require input from all the groups within the community, but it could be a fun event if enough people want to help. Suggestions so far received have been for a traditional fete, including a flower and veg show, a fancy dress competition, a dog show and events like tug of war. If you would like to be involved with this, please contact the Chairman, Ian Ventham, on the details above.

**Snow Plough Use**

Dorset County Council are continuing with their scheme of reimbursing farmers £30 per hour for use of their snow plough to help clear local roads if adverse weather makes them impassable. If you know anyone with access to a snow plough then they can contact the clerk, Amanda Crocker, for further information.

**Open Spaces**

For the Wildlife and Environment Group’s January conservation working party a small but energetic band of volunteers cleared an area between the stream and walkway of brambles and other undergrowth and coppiced some trees. This work is being carried out on a rotational basis to allow more light to reach the woodland floor and for wildflowers to flourish whilst maintaining a mosaic of habitats for a range of birds, mammals and invertebrates to enjoy. Further conservation work parties are planned for the first Saturdays of February, March and April to carry out more scrub clearance and tree planting works.

**Calendars**

Calendar sales have been going well and they are still on sale at the Post Office for another couple of weeks. We are trying to make them available slightly earlier this year, but do require more photographs to be submitted for consideration. These can be sent in at any time by emailing them to bryan@cheapprintingdorset.co.uk and the selected ones will be chosen later in the year.
Reporting Defects

If anybody notices any defects or problems within the playpark, please inform the clerk or a councillor at the nearest opportunity. A list of all councillors can be found here (https://www.bereregisparishcouncil.co.uk/about-us/councillors/). If there are problems elsewhere in the village, Dorset For You has a great tool on their website (https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/roads-highways-and-maintenance.aspx?folderIds=5543,6301) for the reporting of any defects such as potholes, flooding, overgrown hedges, verges etc, broken lights and much more. Whilst the Parish Council will always endeavour to assist in areas we can, most problems which occur around the village are the responsibility of either the landowner, or in the case of roads, Dorset Highways, and reporting these issues online will always get the quickest response.

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EXPLAINING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PART 3

Mitigating the impact of housing developments

In our first piece about the Neighbourhood Plan, we said:

We also wanted, as far as we are able, to make sure that the new homes fit well with the present style of housing, particularly in the developments close to the present Conservation Area. We have chosen sites which are as close as possible to the village centre, so that a sense of community is maintained and we don’t end up with straggling development too far outside the village.

This article summarises how we propose to try to mitigate the impact new housing will have on our village and our lives. For the detail of this, please read the plan itself which you will find at https://www.bereregisparishcouncil.co.uk/berepc/files/Bere-Regis-NPlan-17_09_2018.pdf

We have made some changes to the Settlement Boundary to try to ensure that straggling development on the outskirts of the village is not allowed. We have used Site Selection to allow easy pedestrian access to the centre of the village for the majority of the new houses.

We are concerned about Housing Design and have therefore asked that developers work closely with us to consider development density and to use sympathetic architectural styles particularly near the existing conservation areas.

We are very conscious that Parking and traffic density through the village are sensitive issues. Clearly our plan will bring extra cars but we have asked that each

BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

Blood Pressure Monitors

If you still have one of our home monitors in your possession, could we request that you return it to the Surgery as soon as possible so that we can pass on to other patients. We are missing four at the moment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dr Christian Adindu

Dr Adindu has been a member of the Surgery GP Team since the Autumn. He has been mentored by Dr T A’Ness and returns to his hospital training mid-February. We shall be sorry to see him leave and on behalf of patients and staff, thank him for all he has done. We wish him well for the future.

Practice Nurse Helen Green

Sadly, we are also saying a fond farewell and huge thanks to Helen, who after 15 years of professional and dedicated service to the Surgery Team, is relocating. Staff and patients will miss her very much and we all wish her well for the future.

As from February, we shall be welcoming to the Practice, Dr Erh-Hsui Lim. He will be with us for two days a week, covering for Dr Pennell’s departure until a permanent replacement is recruited.

Sharon McDonagh

We are also saying ‘Goodbye’ after 17 years to Sharon, who has been a central part of the Surgery’s Reception Team. She is moving on to pastures new, and we thank her for her devoted service and cheerful nature and wish her well for the future. We hope she will call in and visit from time to time.

Flu vaccinations

There are still a few vaccinations left for those who are eligible. We have
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th February at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The demonstrator will be Alison Finch from Blandford, and her title is Toy Stories. Visitors and new members are always welcome to come along, and your first visit is free of charge.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

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Ian Ventham
DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

The new “Dorset Council”
As I said in an earlier report the new ward of West Purbeck will include Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Bovington, East Burton, Wool, Affpuddle & Briantspuddle, Moreton, Chaldon Herring, Winfrith, East Lulworth, Coombe Keynes and West Lulworth.

Dorset History Centre receives £56K grant for Herrison Hospital archive
The Dorset History Centre has received a grant of over £56,000 from the Wellcome Trust - the UK’s leading medical research charity, which will support a year long project to fully catalogue the Herrison Hospital (the county asylum) archive. The archive dates from 1832 and is of great interest to researchers and family historians alike. It will be made available to the general public through the Dorset History Centre website. In addition, the funding will allow a significant amount of conservation work to take place – cleaning, repairing and packaging the archive to assist in its long-term preservation. The archive consists of 300 boxes of material, including thousands of often poignant individual patient records, as well as a wide range of other material – from the hospital’s farm to building plans, and even social activities such as the rounders society.

At its peak, Herrison Hospital was home to nearly 1000 patients and only closed its doors in 1992. The archive is a fascinating and important resource for medical and social history and Dorset History Centre has been working closely with academics from Bournemouth University and the University of Exeter who intend to use the collection for their research as the project unfolds. It is thought that some of Herrison’s archives were retained by hospital staff when the institution closed its doors. These records could add a further fascinating dimension to the history of the hospital.

Only very recently, Dorset History Centre received some records that had been rescued by a former employee, whose son brought them in to join the rest of the archive.

If you know of any records such as these, Dorset History Centre would like to hear from you. To get in touch: email archives@dorsetcc.gov.uk or call 01305-250550 and ask to speak to an archivist.

MILBORNE MOVIES

In Milborne we have 2 events in February:
On Friday the 15th Milborne Movies is showing ‘The Post’ at 7.30pm; doors and bar open 7.00pm. Tickets at the door, £3.50.

On Friday 22nd, for half term, we are hosting an Artsreach workshop from 1.30 to 3.30pm. This will be followed by a puppet theatre production from Angel Heart Theatre, 4.00 until 5.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 3.30 to 4.00. Tickets for the workshop are £3.00; for the performance they are £5 for children, £6 for adults and £20 for a family (maximum 2 adults and 2 under 18s).
AUTUMN LEAVES
OVER 50’S CLUB

As I told you in the January Magazine, the first meeting of New Year was a splendid musical afternoon, enjoyed by everyone who was there. You only have yourself to blame if you missed it!

Dave Arnold gave a very polished performance playing the Ukelele, Banjolele and Guitar whilst singing the sort of songs that make you want to join in and tap your feet.

The members liked him so much that he has now been booked for a repeat performance next January!!

In February we will have an entirely different afternoon, as our speaker is a man who has spent many years as the observer in the Dorset Police Helicopter. This should be a very interesting talk, and I would urge you all to come early to guarantee a seat!

I can assure you that it will be something to look forward to. Why don’t YOU come along and see for yourself? If you do join us, you can be sure of a warm welcome and an excellent afternoon tea. Find a friend to come with you and join the nice ladies and gentlemen at the Scout Hut on Wednesday 13th February at 2.30.

Sylvia Bayliss

DCC Gritters

Ten Dorset gritters have been named - by members of the public - ahead of the cold snap. After the extreme weather of last winter – which saw 24-hour working to keep strategic roads open – Dorset Highways asked residents to name their gritting fleet. The team enjoyed reading through the many suggestions, and the names have now been unveiled:

Chillingstone
Cold-Harbour
Gold Chill
Spreadisbury
Ice Maiden Newton
Osmington Chills
Wooly Monkey
Wimborne Monster
Polar Bere Regis
Ceme Giant’s Chilly

Dorset Waste Partnership

The annual report contains some interesting facts, some of which I have reproduced below.

Minimal disruption to collections and street-clearing during the extreme weather back in March
Excellent results for the Enforcement Team (see below)
Introduced more efficient collection rounds in Purbeck
Customer satisfaction rated as outstanding for the Garden Waste service
Work commenced on the new Blandford Waste Management Centre
Cleaning of cenotaphs and memorial statues around Remembrance Sunday
Increased recycling rates (59.7%) for another successive year

It’s been a busy year for the Enforcement Team, with four successful prosecutions and another four currently in the works. Officers also issued 110 Fixed Penalty Notices which involved:

14 for failure to produce a waste carriers’ licence
51 for failure to produce a waste transfer note
40 for fly-tipping
5 for other various offences

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The election on Thursday May 2nd

I will get it right sometime soon! I have given the incorrect date in some of my previous reports! The election for the new Council will take place on Thursday May 2nd. The count will be held at the Redlands Sports Centre in Weymouth on the following day (Friday 3rd). There will also be elections for all Parish and Town councils on the same Thursday and the count for that will also be in Weymouth but on the Saturday. Elections for Parish and Town Councils will only be held where there are more candidates than seats which is generally less than 50%.

Toll Increases for the Studland Ferry.

Purbeck District Council has welcomed news that the Secretary of State for Transport has refused an application for toll increases for the Sandbanks to Studland Ferry. Following objections to the increases by local residents, businesses and Purbeck District council, the application by the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company was referred to the Secretary of State who decided that a local Public Inquiry should be held. The Inspector of the Inquiry has now reported to The Secretary of State and, on 12 December 2018, confirmation was received that the application had been refused. The Secretary of State agreed with the Inspector's conclusions that, although a replacement ferry will be necessary at some stage, there was no confirmation that a toll rise would result in this being achieved. The Ferry Company must wait at least another 12 months before it can make another application.

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
Who said “I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it”? [answer at the bottom] These are wise words and in recent months we seem to have lost the ability to disagree well and to argue without it spilling over into something more.

As I write, there are many news reports about some of the abuse that MPs have been receiving, both on social media and outside Parliament. Very sadly, although all MPs receive abuse, it seems to me that it is targeted towards female MPs in particular. We are very lucky in Britain that we are a democracy, and one of the rights that we have is that of free speech. There are many countries in the world where protesting and disagreeing with the government can land you in prison. And so, it is absolutely right that within the law people should be able to say what they think, but it is unacceptable for anyone to be threatened or intimidated as a result of their views. Expressing opinions must never tip over into abuse and violence.

The House of Commons does not usually sit on a Friday. But last month there was an emergency Business Motion allowing a sitting Friday to debate Brexit. I spoke on that day and the importance of language and tone was stressed. Winston Churchill’s grandson Sir Nicholas Soames set the tone, and it was a remarkably constructive debate – perhaps because of the more unusual step of sitting on a Friday.

[answer to the question: John Stuart Mill]
Another strength of our democracy is that anyone can come and visit Parliament in person. If you would like to do so, you can book a mid-week free democratic access tour through your MP, me! This is available to all UK residents. The tour route varies and these bookings must be done in advance. If you want to watch a debate, you can turn up and watch from the public gallery. This is free, although you may have to queue for more popular debates. If you want to experience the spectacle that is Prime Minister’s Questions on a Wednesday, you will need tickets. Please do contact me if you would like to do so. Tickets are limited, and not always available, but I will do my best to get you in! There are also audio and guided tours of the building on Saturdays, which are cheaper if booked in advance on the Parliament website, with 1 child free with each paying adult.

If you would like to visit Parliament or 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.

Tip - Often attributed directly to Voltaire, but in fact was written by Evelyn Beatrice Hall in her biography of Voltaire.

We meet by the stream bridge bear to the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am or you can find us along the river. 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 some loppers or hand saws please bring them with you – if you don’t, no problem we’ll have some spares along with other tools.

**Contact Us**

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

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Mike Gee at mike.n.g@outlook.com / 0775 988 4942.
February 2019

Matt Smith, Director of Fundraising & Marketing for Weldmar said “Our services have grown dramatically over the years. We now support over 2,400 people throughout Dorset each year, compared to 290 in 1994. Our thanks must go to everyone who continues to support Weldmar in many different ways; shopping with us, donating to us, supporting our events or volunteering their time. We really appreciate the support we have received from our local community over the past 25 years and we look forward to continuing to provide vital end of life care in Dorset for another quarter of a centenary and beyond.”

Weldmar Hospicecare would also like to express their sincere gratitude to the three Founders of the hospice, Major John Greener, David Revell and Caroline Nickinson. After officially showing HRH The Prince of Wales around the hospice in June 1994, Major John Greener spent his last days as a patient within the hospice that he had the vision to build. Caroline Nickinson, the only one of the three Founders who is still alive today said “I visited John Greener in the hospice before he died and he said to me ‘Caroline, this is good, this is what we wanted to do’ and I shall never ever forget that.”

To see a full timeline of the past 25 years, please visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk

BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

January’s Conservation Working Party

The trusty band of volunteers that braved the early January cold completed a range of tasks, helping to improve the riverside area for plants, birds and animals. We cleared some undergrowth and coppiced a few willow trees to allow more light to reach the woodland floor and allow flowers such as the wonderful bright yellow Marsh Marigold this Spring – look out for it in the coming months!

Our Next Conservation Working Parties – Come and Join Us

Spring is almost upon us, so spring into action and come and join us on one of our conservation working parties.

The next working parties will be held on:

Saturday 2nd February, Saturday 2nd March and Saturday 6th April 2019.

We have a range of jobs to do alongside the stream, including some tree planting, coppicing trees, laying hedges and clearing undergrowth to allow wild flowers to flourish. Your help will conserve the best of what is already there and

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BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Explorer News

During November the Explorers had a packed programme in and out of the hut. A visit to the Royal Oak for a Skittles and Pizza night was a great way for the members to relax and have fun. Many thanks for Janette for inviting us to her establishment. Other autumn evenings included a teamwork challenge night (organised by Aidan and Rowan), a Yoga experience night (when Amelia’s Yoga teacher was welcomed to run part of the meeting) and a cosy Movie Night in, complete with popcorn and snacks.

Christmas crafts and festive food night was organised by Rowan. The Explorers made some Christmas gingerbread biscuits and foodie gift items to either eat themselves or give away as gifts to their friends and family.

The last activity night of the year was the very popular annual Kingsbere Explorers Christmas party. The evening consisted of the usual Christmas related games and too much food and there was even a visit from Santa Lightfoot who delivered all the secret Santa gifts!

Several camps and events are already planned for 2019. A District Explorer Huntsman camp is planned for the end of January and the County Frostbite challenge will be held mid-February. The Duke of Edinburgh award training and expeditions will be taking place throughout the year for all levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

The journey started years before the hospice was opened, when Major John Greener, one of the three Founders, had the vision to provide a service for people at the end of their lives in Dorset. The design work began on the concept of, what was then known at Joseph Weld House, in January 1990, with formal planning approved in early 1991.

The hospice, was built, and remains today, on a 4.5 acre site in Herringston Road which was made available by the Duchy of Cornwall, what was originally part of its Fordington Farm.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who has been the Patron of Weldmar Hospicecare since 1994, most generously made his own architect available for consultation throughout the planning and building of the hospice.

£3.2M was required to build and furnish the inpatient unit with an addition £2M to be put in an endowment fund to run the services ongoing.

Caroline Hamblett, Weldmar’s Chief Executive said “Back in 1994, £900,000 was required each year to fund the services. Today that figure is increased to over £7M which is raised through Weldmar’s chain of charity shops, fundraising events and legacies. 290 patients were admitted to the inpatient unit in 1994 and over 8,300 patients have been cared for within the building since. Our services have evolved over the years, merging with two other charities, which now allows us to provide inpatient care, a community nursing service and day services across the county. Over 20,000 patients, throughout Dorset, have received care and support from Weldmar Hospicecare since 1994, and that doesn’t include all of the family support we provide as well.”

Weldmar’s services have massively developed since 1994. Weldmar cares and supports patients with any life limiting illness including cancer, Parkinson’s, MS and are the specialists in the county for supporting patients with Motor Neurone Disease.

Day Services are held weekly in Bridport, Blandford, Dorchester, Sherborne and Weymouth and Weldmar’s team of community nurses provide that much needed support in the comfort of patients own homes. In fact, 80% of Weldmar’s
BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY

We had our December meeting at the Drax Hall on Wednesday the 19th and we began with more news on the Roman Villa with the display of finds made earlier in the month, consisting of several thick tile fragments, some over 25cm long which were found in a nearby hedge. Then Tony gave us a talk on the recently formed Ancient Tree study group in the village and outlined the objectives of the project. After this there was a brief showing and describing of two rocket-camera models which are sometimes used for aerial photography. Each make flights of about 25 seconds. After this Des gave a demonstration of flint-knapping whilst describing the techniques used from the earliest “Stone Age” eras until well into the Bronze Age especially in rural areas. Charles, the vicar, gave a talk about his early days as a priest in other parts of the country, and ending with his over-three-years at Bere Regis, mentioning that our village church roof repair was the fifth that he has overseen in his career. The meeting ended with live music by The Melody Men, a local group who played seasonal and nostalgic numbers, whilst the members had refreshments, chatted and looked at various items displayed.

John Pitfield, Project Secretary

WELDMAR HOSPIECERCARE MARKS 25 YEARS OF HOSPIECERCARE THROUGHOUT DORSET

For those who have lived in Dorset for over 25 years, may well remember witnessing the build of a brand new hospice in Dorchester, the first of its kind in the county. Now, a quarter of a century later, Weldmar Hospicecare marks 25 years of providing Hospicecare throughout Dorset.

On 19th January 1994, the doors of Weldmar’s inpatient unit were opened to the first patients, after four years of planning and dedicated fundraising within the county.

Scout News

A chilly trip to Bournemouth starting the term for the Scouts with the very popular trip to the indoor ice skating rink at the BIC. A much cosier meeting back at the hut to watch Incredibles 2 with popcorn and drinks before full steam ahead with badge work, starting with Emergency Aid at Level 3 and traditional scouting skills of knots and navigating our way around with maps. We have lots of camps planned and the cold weather does not stop us heading outside at our evening meetings with a visit to look at the stars at Durlston Castle planned. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with crafts and cooking – and the best bit – eating Chinese food.

Cub News

Cubs finished off last term with a trip to the pool to gain their Swimmers Activity badges and enjoyed a Christmas party with lots of food, games and silly dancing. This term they will be working hard towards activity badges which includes the Book Reader badge which they can do at home. They are very excited to be camping this term and even though the nights may be cold this will not dampen their spirits and will toast marshmallows on the camp fire.

Beaver News

This term the Beavers are focusing initially on their Experiment Activity badge and their Space Activity badge. This will involve stargazing and doing simple scientific experiments to learn something about the world (and the solar system and galaxy!) around them. This also fits neatly into the work they have to do to achieve their World Challenge badge, which is one of the six challenges they each have to gain to count towards their Bronze Chief Scout Award. We do our best to give the beavers a chance to achieve this before they move up to the next section (cubs) at 8 years. The four beavers who left for cubs at the end of 2018 can all wear this award proudly on their cub uniform!

We are also having two Sleepovers this term and getting out and about as the weather gets warmer. Any queries, please contact Turtle/Liz Teather on 471216.
Scout Hut Hire

The Scout Hut is available for hire, particularly during the daytime – rates from £7.50 per hour. For more information, please contact Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 or 0788 422 6445, andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com

Contact us

If anyone would like further information about Bere Regis Scout Group or the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit, all the contact details for the individual sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) are available in the village directory at the back of this magazine. General enquiries and offers of help/assistance: Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

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CROSSWAYS TRAVEL CHARITY

On Thursday 20th December Crossways Travel, a local Coach Tour Operator, based near Dorchester, operating day excursions and Holiday Tours from Dorset made their “Charity Of The Year” Donation for 2018 to Dorset Blind Association. This year, Crossways Travel are delighted to announce with the help of their loyal customers, that they donated a staggering £2114.16 at their annual Christmas Party Lunch, which was held in the New Forest.

Matthew Crocker, owner of Crossways Travel said he was delighted with the amount raised this year for the charity and that Dorset Blind Association were very grateful. Crossways travel are now starting the planning for 2019’s Charity Of The Year (yet to be chosen.) He would like to thank all the people that have made this donation possible.

DRAx HALL

There is a Public Access Defibrillator outside the Village Hall

It is very straight forward to use and you are talked through the process as you go.

There is a short film clip on You Tube 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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Dates for your diary

Friday 15th February crafts at the café

We welcome Diana along to Pop In Place café to help to create some crafts with us, everyone is welcome to come and join in this creative session.

Sunday March 24th Old Bere Regis Photographic Exhibition in the village Hall

North Street

10am -4pm in aid of Bere Regis School

The Old Photographic Exhibitions are always popular we will be charging a small fee of £3 to enter this time to raise funds. We have many new images for you to look at as well as the hundreds of photos that make up our collection. There will be some info on the newly formed Bere Regis History Society. Mike Eastment will be showing his wonderful rolling film shows in our little cinema on the stage.

Refreshments and a raffle so get the date into the diary and we will look forward to seeing you next month.

Good Friday Pop In Easter Events on Friday 19th April

Never too soon to start thinking about those Easter bonnets we look forward to seeing the lovely entries on Good Friday.

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 BEM, Telephone 01929 472023
POP IN PLACE NEWS

British Empire Medal

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards or messages, visited or made phone calls to congratulate me on being included in Her Majesty the Queen New Year Honours List.

It means a lot to know that so many were happy for me.

As I have already said, it may have my name on it, but your fingerprints are all over it and it speaks volumes of the wonderful spirit that exists within our vibrant rural community.

How about becoming a volunteer?

Could this be the year you pop into our regular Monday or Friday morning cafes for a coffee or maybe even become a volunteer to help serve the teas, talk to the clients take a turn on our driving rota. You would be made very welcome.

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

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 try to open a shed in Bere Regis it will be open for both men and woman and have special workshop Saturday mornings for youngsters with an appropriate adult. We will be calling a public meeting in the New Year to update on progress and to answer your questions. In the meantime if you would like to make a donation towards the set up costs of this new initiative or are able to donate wood tools skill sharing etc in the future please get in touch with me.

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

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas shows we are delighted to have raised a wonderful £1,145.25 for the Ed Kent trust.

Our next Production 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

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