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My dear Friends,

“In my end is my beginning” are words that Mary, Queen of Scots is reputed to have said shortly before she was executed. TS Eliot uses similar in ‘East Coker’ one of his poems in his Four Quartets, but he also said the reverse “In my beginning is my end”. Each time we have a new beginning, there is a joy of new hope. I often feel that sense, when I have the privilege of baptising a baby; we may not know how this new life will work out, but we can have a renewed hope for the world, that this baby will grow up to play their part in making our world more as God would want it.

2018 is past and over. For all of us there will hopefully have been many good times and their memories will live on but there may have been times when we wish things had been better. What will 2019 bring for each one of us? We may well have our own hopes for ourselves but I trust we are all united in our greater vision

Church website: www.bereregiswithafpuddle.org.uk
for our world and for our country. We live in uncertain times!

We have just been celebrating the birth of the one who has done by far the most good for our world – Jesus Christ. He was born as an outcast – ‘though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him’ (John 1.10) and though at times was so popular, in the end he was crucified as if he were some sort of criminal. However ‘in his end was his beginning’ as he rose from death and his earthly ministry has led into the life of the Christian Church ever since. He proved that the power of good was greater than that of evil and that love can always conquer hatred.

For Felicity and me, there is an end and a beginning too. After these last years, which we have really enjoyed and have been able to make many good friendships, we will be embarking on a new chapter. Our address will be 6, Higher Green, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9PL and we will be pleased to see you if you are ever in those parts. It will mean a change of life-style as after all these years, I will no longer hold a particular role as Vicar and we will no longer live in a house that doesn’t belong to us. No doubt we will find all sorts of things to do!! It is an adventure.

For you all, too, there is an end and a beginning. The linking of these parishes of that of Wool, will, we trust happen reasonably soon; it all takes longer than it seems it should! This should be an exciting new beginning and will eventually lead to a two-priest Team, working with the lay members. Revd Carol Langford will be looking after things and in time a replacement for me will be found, but again this does take time. Carol and the Churchwardens in both parishes will be the people to contact regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals and pastoral needs. We are also fortunate in having good members of the Ministry Team to help. All I ask is that you are patient with people having more responsibility. More details on this front in the February edition.

My final Sunday here will on January 27th. In the morning there will a Benefice Communion at 10am at Affpuddle and a service at 6pm in Bere Regis. All will be welcome at either or even both services!

Holy Communion has always been a very important part of my Christian life and ministry and for those of you who share its importance, I hope you will join me in the morning. The evening service will be more informal and I do hope that some of you who don’t come to church often (or ever) will feel they want to come. We have felt welcome in the village communities, not just the church ones and for that we will always feel very grateful – thank you!

Your loving Priest and Friend

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<td>472105</td>
<td>15 White Lovington BH20 7NE</td>
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<td>Alison Bennett</td>
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<td>Peter Wharf</td>
<td>472246</td>
<td>The Old Vicarage West Street</td>
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<td>David King</td>
<td>01929 471087</td>
<td>Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7DB</td>
<td><a href="mailto:david.king@gb.hpld.co.uk">david.king@gb.hpld.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.wareham">www.wareham</a> rotary.co.uk</td>
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<td>Table Tennis for Adults</td>
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<td>01258 839123</td>
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<td>Jackie Ahern</td>
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<td>Mrs Kath Jeeves</td>
<td>471175</td>
<td>10 Turberville Court</td>
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#### Sanctuary Flower Guild

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Sunday 6th January – The Epiphany
10am Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
11.30am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 13th January – The Baptism of Christ
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Eucharist Affpuddle
11am Family Service, following Junior Church at 10am Bere Regis

Sunday 20th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany (Plough Sunday)
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
10am Parish Eucharist and Blessing the Plough Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 27th January – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Charles’ Last Sunday with us)
10am Benefice Eucharist on Charles’ last Sunday with us Affpuddle
6pm A Benefice Special ‘Farewell Service’ for Charles Bere Regis

Sunday 3rd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
10am Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St Laurence, Affpuddle

On 24th November Ahisa Mary Cuadra Chettle

Funerals
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On December 6th – Rene Phillips

Burial of ashes
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On December 3rd – Edwin House

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

This annual service was very moving this year and the enlarged choir sang their three carols beautifully. It was a good way to start this precious season of looking forward – not only to Christmas but also to that time when Jesus has promised to return. Our thanks particularly to Paul Martin, our organist and choirmaster and to all who contributed.

ADVENT COURSES

So far as we write, these sessions are proving interesting as we consider some of our favourite carols. It is so easy to sing with great enthusiasm without much thought about the words. It is also fascinating to hear about those who wrote the words or music.
BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

2018 was a sad year for Bere Regis Bell Ringers with the sudden loss of John England, for so many years our Tower Captain. One of our experienced ringers has moved away and two more have retired from regular duty after many, many years of service. Thank you to Philippa Ward and Bob Holman!

Now, most sadly, we are going to lose Felicity along with Charles at the end of January. They have both been great supporters of our efforts and the ringing never goes better than when Felicity is ringing the Treble bell. Our loss will be Devon’s gain. We wish them both well in their next adventure!

On the bright side, we have gained three new ringers this year – just in time! By the time you read this, we hope you will have heard us “Ringing out” 2018 and “Ringing in” 2019 - as long as we have sufficient sober ringers as the hour approaches ..........

If you would like to learn to ring and help contribute to local traditions such as “Ringing in the New Year” and “Ringing in the Bride” as well as our normal duties, please do come along and have a try. We will ‘show you the ropes’ and teach you step by step and you will find that we are a very friendly bunch of both men and women.

Hope to see you soon!

Adrian Standfield (Tower Captain), 01929 471 774

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We would like to thank all those who made our Bere Regis Christmas Fayre such a very happy and successful time this year, either by running a stall or coming and supporting the event. We raised £726, which was very good considering it was not the most pleasant morning weather-wise! The School Hall proved again to be a very good venue.

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Particular thanks to the three main organisers, Jo Syrett, Joan Naylor and Nancy Gibson.

**CHURCH FUNDRAISING**

A very Happy New Year and many thanks to our kind friends in Bucks., Beds., and Butt Lane. They send lovely gifts to all our Church fundraising events.

Sybil Frampton
The charity coffee mornings held in the social club continued to be well supported during 2018 and due to the generosity of all who attended these events the last two charity donations of the year were £150 to MacMillan Cancer Support and £100 to the Dorset Echo Christmas Toy appeal.

Please note there are no Charity Coffee mornings taking place until after the Social Club AGM on the 27th February.

Maintenance of the social club facilities and décor is a constant task, or so it often seems, and in the latter part of 2018 club finance was directed to the redecoration of the bar lounge and the repair and refurbishment of the skittle alley floor in the village hall. Further work on the bar lounge will take place in 2019 to complete the upgrade and all those who have recently used the village hall will have noticed the improvement of the hall floor surface, which the skittle alley is a part.

Following the resounding success of the October Quiz night, thanks to Jenny Beedle’s organisation ably supported by Jenny Lightfoot in preparing the supper, quiz master Iain Titley has been persuaded to prepare another quiz. The quiz night is scheduled to take place in January, followed shortly thereafter by the Artsreach “Inn Crowd” event that was postponed in October and then a Race Night in March.

Details and dates for these events are still being finalised so please check Parish noticeboards and this magazine regularly for further information.

Peter Talbot
Secretary
AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

As a result of an earlier December deadline for the Parish Magazine this article has been submitted prior to the Parish Council’s December Meeting. A summary of this Meeting will be included in the February edition, in the meantime an article will be prepared for publication on the community website, which can be found at www.briantspuddle.info

Parish Defibrillator Training

Following the installation of a new defibrillator in the Affpuddle telephone kiosk a training session for local residents was organised and took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th November between 10am and noon. Approximately two dozen Parishioners were in attendance for a very informative hands on session given by David from The Community HeartBeat Trust.

Thanks also go to David Griffith who has managed the whole project and to the Village Hall Committee for waiving the hall hire.

During the morning those present heard about another initiative provided by the HeartBeat Trust, namely VETS. The idea behind this is to support community resilience, providing a service to help villages install and run a Volunteer Emergency Telephone System. The Parish Council will consider this initiative at its January meeting. More information can be found by following this link https://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/defibrillators/vets

Parish Noticeboards

The Waddock Cross Noticeboard has now been replaced and the Briantspuddle one has been repaired.

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

In December the Junior Church (JC) held their annual “Cake Service”. This is when the children decorate their own “Happy Birthday Jesus” cake in the “Hour Before” and then parade their cakes around the church at the end of the service. This report was written before this year’s service, due to tight deadlines, but it is always a jolly service and I can still describe the Junior Church’s plans. Photos are obviously more difficult, but I have included a very special one from a few years ago, which shows the delight of a young child whilst producing her cake!

As in all of our JC services there will be a traditional hymn (carol in this case) at the beginning and end, a couple of puppet songs, some action songs for the children and a drama for the story. This Christmas we are thinking about “Shepherds and Angels” so “Whilst Shepherds Watch” & “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” are the carols. The action song is “Little Donkey” with lots of pointing at Bethlehem or the star, and ringing out bells etc. The puppet’s songs are a lively “Saviours Day” as in the Cliff Richards song, plus a beautiful arrangement of a classic carol called the “Shepherd’s Pipe Song”. When I saw the puppeteers practising I was much moved. The puppeteers are children from five to twelve and I am very proud of all of them.

The story is quite different from normal. It is from the Innkeepers’ point of view! It is the morning after the great event and the innkeepers are discussing the “knees up” from the night before in front of their children. One is very positive, thoughtful and amazed, one is cross and unbelieving. Comments such as “What kind of god sends an angelic choir to announce the birth of his long awaited saviour to a filthy, flea-infested bunch of tone deaf shepherds?” A bit like real life really.

The service finished with mulled wine and mince pies.

Over November and December the Junior Church and friends have been making, icing & decorating over a hundred “Happy Birthday Jesus” cakes to be distributed to the “Honoured Oldies” of the Parish as a Christmas gift. I would thank all the people that have helped.
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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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EVENING LECTURE SERIES

From the Bankes Archive - 4 Centuries of the Bankes Family

A talk delivered by David Beardsley

David Beardsley, researcher from the Bankes Archive in Dorchester, will reflect on 4 centuries of the Bankes family of Kingston Lacy. He will use materials from the recently catalogued Archive covering a broad range of topics and finishing with the hand-over of the estate to the National Trust in 1981.

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Starting at 7:30 pm

Admission £3

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BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Sadly, no village hall news this month as Jenny L has not been well. Hopefully things will be back to normal in February. Wishing her a very speedy recovery.

BRIANTSPUDDLE COMMUNITY GROUP

The Saturday Coffee Shop continues to increase in popularity with customers coming from far and wide to enjoy the homemade cakes and bacon rolls in a really great social atmosphere.

Lets Lunch, (the lunch club for over 55s) has a regular clientele of 40plus residents and friends coming together once a month to chat over a delicious hot meal. Another great community get together.

More volunteers have come forward this year to help our cheery band of loyal hardworking men and women who cook, clean, lay tables and wash up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work, without them the community group could not function. Thank you one and all.

Finally on behalf of Briantspuddle Community Group may I wish you, your family and friends a very Happy New Year.

Jenny Beedle

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BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

The January service is our annual Covenant Service and will be on Sunday 6th January, at the usual time of 3.00pm, and will be led by Rev John Walker. All are very welcome to join us.

The date for the Saturday ‘Buggies and Brunch’ morning in January has still to be agreed.

For more information contact the stewards: Karen Smith (01929 471339), or Caroline Harrison (01929 471378).
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 Toddler Group
Tuesdays at 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

The following story is taken from the latest book written by Rev. Dr. Clifford Hill entitled ‘The Reshaping of Britain’, and is used with his permission. Clifford Hill is an ordained minister in the Congregational Church, having led multi-ethnic congregations in London, where his church, which seated 1000 people, was often full. He still exercises pastoral oversight of an inner-city church. He is editor-in-chief of Prophecy Today UK, the online successor to the magazine of that name, which seeks to apply God’s word in the Bible to current affairs.

‘My wife and I were speaking to a conference in Adelboden high up in the Swiss Alps. It was January and the men’s downhill ski race was taking place on the mountain slope outside the village. We were not speaking that afternoon so we joined the huge crowds at the foot of the mountain watching the young men risking life and limb to shave milliseconds off their time on each run. I had a strong sense that God had a message for me so I carefully watched each competitor, but there was nothing that spoke to me.

Then as we were walking back along the narrow winding path the air was suddenly rent with the cries of a child. A little girl about three or four years old had evidently slipped underneath the guardrail and was sliding down a steep slope towards the edge of a precipice with a drop onto rocks below. It was a sight I shall never forget – the terror in the child’s eyes and her piercing screams echoing across the valley from the mountains on the other side. Suddenly another dramatic event took place as a man whom I later learned was the child’s father leapt over the guard rail and began running down that steep slope. He ran so fast that he overtook the child and managed to stop himself and was lost in a flurry of snow as he stopped a few yards short of the precipice, sweeping up the child into his arms. Then he began the slow climb back up, testing each foothold before he put his full weight and the weight of the child on it.

There were hundreds on the path who all stopped to watch the drama of this rescue, and many arms were reached out over the guardrail to lift the child back to her mother and help her father back onto the path and safety. As he climbed back uphill I heard the Lord say to me “This is what I brought you here to see. Did you see how that father did not hesitate to risk his own life for the sake of the child, that is how much I love my people.”

I found myself saying “Lord, Your love is wonderful”, but immediately I felt a sense

Recycling your Christmas tree

Message from The ELM Branch ...

I have spoken to the council and they confirm that they are unable to collect Christmas trees this year, so, as in many previous years, Mike, and daughter Emma, offer to collect it for you.

If you have a garden waste collection, you can cut your real tree into small pieces and put it in your garden waste bin for your first collection after 6 January. Garden waste is taken by the council to be composted.

Real Christmas trees can be taken to the recycling centre at Wareham and placed in the garden waste container for composting, free of charge.

Alternatively, you can put your tree outside your house on Monday 7th January 2019 and we will collect it and shred it.

Please remove all decorations from your tree.

Artificial Christmas trees, and trees with decorations attached, will not be collected.

To make sure we call at your house please email or text your address to us and we will include you in our round.

Mob: 07 419 312 517 michael.menzies@talk21.com

The ELM Branch is a partnership between Mike Menzies and Emma Lucy Menzies (ELM). We have received much business from this parish during the year and so we offer this free service as a way of saying thank you to our customers. (Anyone who wants mature compost please email me.)
CASTLE PLAYERS

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I can’t believe it’s 2019 already!

Lytchett Matravers based theatre group Castle Players have some exciting plans for this year, and we’re thrilled to be starting with our bi-annual fundraiser for our fantastic Village Hall. It’s a great community resource and where would we be without it? So on 1st and 2nd February, we’ll be doing an evening of supper and theatre, with all profits going to the Hall. We’ll be starting off with some songs from Aidan’s Angels and some fun sketches, followed by a fabulous hot buffet supper. Then we’ll be performing Peter Shaffer’s Black Comedy, an hilarious farce set completely in the dark - you’ll have to come along to see how that concept works on stage!

Tickets are just £12.50 and they always sell out quickly so be sure to book yours now so you don’t miss out! As this is a catered event, entry is by advance ticket only. You can get them on our website, by telephone at the Rose and Crown, High Street, Lytchett Matravers.

We’re already looking ahead and have been making plans for our Spring and Autumn plays and we’re starting to think about our pantomime which will be in January 2020. So there’s bound to be lots to do, whether you’re an audience member or better still, if you’d like to come and join in - we love it when new members join us - we’re a friendly bunch! 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

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of rebuke and the Lord saying that His love is at least as great as human love and a million times more. And then I distinctly heard the words, “Tell my people I love them.” I saw a new depth in the gospel message that God so loved those whom He had created in His own image that in Jesus He not only went to the edge of the precipice but He actually died on the cross to save us.

Many times since then I have thought about this incident. There were scores of men in the crowd close enough to rescue the child and I was one of them. But only one man moved in response to the child’s cries for help – her father. I was one of those men who simply stood and stared, and I have often asked myself, if that were my child, would I have gone to help her? I don’t know the answer to that, although I like to think that I would have done so, even though I might not have been so successful in my lightweight trainers as he was in his snow boots. But I am not proud that I did nothing. Only the child’s father responded to her need, and this is the message that is desperately needed in this age of family breakdown and fatherlessness, which makes it very difficult to teach about the Fatherhood of God, but it is a message millions need to hear.’

This powerful story is indeed a picture of God’s love for each one of us, but unless we respond to that love it remains just that. At Christmas we celebrated the birth of God’s Son, the Lord Jesus. In all the busyness and excitement of Christmas did we ever stop to think just how much it cost God to send His Son, and then years later to see Him die? “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:16-17

May our New Year resolution be to respond to God’s love, and to know the forgiveness and new life that will then be ours.

Just a Smile

Bridget, aged 6, had been praying each night for a week for the healing of the very sick father of two of her playmates. Then he no longer featured in her petitions. “Aren’t you going to ask God to make Mr. Fare better?” prompted her mother. Bridget put her hands together, bowed her little ginger head and announced, “Dear Jesus, you’ve had plenty of time to make Mr, Fare better. I shan’t remind you anymore.”

P.S. Mr. Fare recovered.

Four year old Mary knelt every night to pray at bedtime. One night, on the eve of the family holiday, Mary said her prayers as usual, but at the end there was a momentary silence. Then she said, “Goodbye God. You won’t be hearing from me for the next two weeks. I’m going on holiday!”

Joyce Healey
LYTCHETT LINE OUTINGS CLUB

Lt. Western ‘STEAM’ Museum & Swindon Designer Outlet – Saturday 23 February

I’m pleased to say that Ness Hubbard has agreed to take on the running of our outings club from now on and I do hope you’ll want to go on the trips she’ll organise every 2 months.

The next trip is to the fabulous Great Western Steam Railway Museum at Swindon on Saturday 23 February.

‘STEAM’ – is housed in a beautifully restored Grade II listed railway building in the heart of the former Swindon Railway works. Located right next to Swindon’s Designer Outlet (savings of c.60%), the museum tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on the Great Western Railway. We’ll see famous locomotives, ‘drive’ a train on the simulator and even work the signals in the interactive GWR signal box!

They’ll be time to visit the famous adjoining designer outlet also, and save money over high street shop prices. You can even choose just to shop and miss the museum.

We’ll leave Lytchett Matravers at 09.15 to arrive c.11.00 and leave Swindon at 16.00. Tickets are £26 for coach and museum, or £19 if you just want to shop.

Come and join us and have some fun with our friendly club!

New club members are very welcome, and membership is free – just ring or email - Ness Hubbard on 07879-555926, or email – lytchettlineoutings@gmail.com
ART CLASS STARTS SOON

NEW COURSE!
We are now taking enquiries for our New Course. This fun course is a great way to meet new friends and develop new skills. Please call now for a chat.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS WILL LOVE THIS COURSE!

GREAT NEWS for all our readers looking for something fun to do over the next few months! Our current class is full but we are now taking enquiries for our next part-time Art Class, which starts soon. The classes are held once a week for three hours.

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MEET NEW FRIENDS,
LEARN NEW SKILLS
This part time course is over 3 months, so will give you plenty of time to master your new hobby.

LIMITED PLACES
To maintain a high standard to our classes and the tuition you will receive, classes are kept to small numbers – so places available are limited! We recommend that if you are interested you call us now for details.

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BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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There is no Parish Council report from the December meeting because of the earlier copy deadline last month. There will be a double report in the February magazine.

Your Parish Council wishes all Bere Regis residents a happy and healthy New Year

BERE REGIS WI

What can you make with 400g of chocolate and 8 teaspoons of cream? Courtesy of Helen Selby, demonstrating the first ‘Sweet Treat for Christmas’ at our November meeting, Bere Regis WI members now know that these are the building blocks for tasty, easy to make truffles that would make an ideal Christmas gift. Keeping things in the family, Helen’s Aunt, Sue Stone, demonstrated a simple and delicious recipe for roast red pepper and chilli jam and shared her experience on how to package jams and chutneys to make a perfect gift box. A note of humorous caution was introduced by Enid Leigh as she regaled us with her misadventures as a novice confectioner making a range of sweets to share at the meeting. The take home lessons were that it takes much longer than you’d expect for sugar to heat to the required temperature and don’t answer the phone in the middle of making toffee! Despite her amusing self-deprecations, the members thoroughly enjoyed the sweets that resulted from Enid’s labours.

For December, we continued our food related theme with our Christmas lunch at The Black Dog in Broadmayne. Our normal meeting programme resumes this month with our traditional New Year’s Party.

To find out about future meetings, or if you would like any further information about the WI, please contact Di Pitts on 01929 471322.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

FARMHOUSE PARTY CHICKEN

Ingredients
- 6 Boned chicken thighs
- Butter or oil for frying
- 1 clove garlic
- One medium onion
- One tin of chopped tomatoes
- 6 streaky bacon rashers
- One wineglass dry sherry or cheap white wine
- One tablespoon flour
- Thyme
- Salt and pepper
- 2 slices white bread for frying and parsley for garnish

1. Place a sprig of thyme in each chicken thigh and wrap round with the streaky bacon and secure with a cocktail stick
2. Place butter in pan, add the wrapped chicken thighs and brown on all sides.
3. Remove and place in a casserole
4. To the remaining butter in pan add garlic, onion, sherry, tomatoes and one tablespoon flour. Cook for one minute and then pour over chicken. Cover and bake for one hour at 350 degrees F.
5. To serve - remove cocktail sticks and place chicken on a warm serving dish. Cover with sauce, dust with chopped parsley and garnish with triangles of fried bread

This dish is a variation on coq au vin and has been modified from a WI book published in 1965 called what’s Cooking in Dorset. I have made for an evening meal and much enjoyed with the fried bread triangles like croutons

Susan Stone

EXPLAINING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

HOUSING

Our plan proposes creating 105 new homes, which will amount to a 12% increase in housing numbers in the village. In arriving at this number there were 4 key factors we considered:

1. How many are needed?
2. Where should the sites be?
3. What styles and designs would be suitable?
4. What housing types were needed?

- How many? We are proposing 105 new homes. We arrived at this number taking into account a housing needs survey, a review of Purbeck’s housing register, and then balancing this known need with what we believed it was feasible for the village to absorb without causing undue harm to the community. Our early thought was around 70 homes, but the old school site became available, so we were able to think about another 25 on that site.

- Sites? All our surveys confirmed that you, the residents preferred a number of smaller sites around the village, rather than one big site. In all we considered 8 or 9 possible sites, and using criteria including accessibility, closeness to the village centre and visibility we were able finally to put forward 5 sites:
  1. Back Lane 55 units
  2. Tower Hill 3 units
  3. North Street 10 units
  4. White Lovington 12 units
  5. Old School 25 units

- Style and Design? We have said that any new housing adjoining the conservation area should respect and fit in with the style and streetscape of our traditional housing. At White Lovington we would expect the style and density to be similar to the existing houses. On the old school site we have not expressed a preference.

- Housing types? The law requires that on sites of 10 or more houses 60% should be for private sale and the remainder should be ‘affordable’. This means that around 63 of the new homes will be for sale in the market.
whilst the balance, about 42, will be ‘affordable’. We have asked that 70% of the affordable homes, ie 30, be available for rent through housing associations, with a further 4 available as shared ownership*, 4 as discounted market sales houses*, and 4 available for first time buyers. We have asked that a range of sizes should be built to suit families with children, new starters, and older people wishing to downsize. To help cope with traffic congestion we have asked that all homes have at least 2 parking spaces.

A question that often comes up is when these houses are likely to be built. The answer, I’m afraid, is that we don’t know. Firstly, we need to obtain a majority in favour of the plan in the referendum in May, then developers and/or landowners will need to apply for Planning Consent before any work can start. The plan will be valid till 2034, but we think that development will start much more quickly than that.

Next month, we’ll provide more information on what we are doing to mitigate the environmental impact of the new housing, and in due course more about our open spaces, and then something about employment.

Ian Ventham

*Shared ownership is where people own part of the dwelling and rent the remainder from a Registered Social Landlord (RSL);

*Discounted market sales homes must be purchased and re-sold at a set proportion of open market value and will, in the first instance, be available to local people.

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You have previously kindly included dates for our upcoming information sessions in your publication where people can learn about becoming an adopter and how we can support you for life. The next meetings in Dorset are:

**January 2019**

Date: Friday 18th January Time 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Venue: Families for Children, Unit 11 Herringston Barn, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9PU

**February 2019**

Date: Thursday 21st February Time 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Venue: Families for Children, Unit 11 Herringston Barn, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9PU

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Local Plan

The consultation and publication period for the pre-submission Purbeck Local Plan has recently been completed.

PDC are currently analysing the responses and I will include details of that next month. In summary, PDC received responses from around 200 people / organisations. Between them, they made over 600 separate comments. Plus, they received responses from 8 town and parish councils.

One of the points that has come to PDC’s attention from one parish council that we wanted to clarify is the view that sites that landowners have promoted through the “SHLAA” (which is broadly a mechanism for landowners and others to put forward sites for consideration) will be given preferential treatment when looking at small sites. This is not the case. Any small site submitted for planning permission will be treated on its planning merits regardless of whether it was or wasn’t promoted through the SHLAA.

Transfer of assets

PDC have provided draft heads of terms and associated maps for the transfer of some Purbeck Assets (generally land) to the Parish Council. This was done at the request of the Parish Council and myself as the District Councillor and is part of a policy of transferring small parcels of land and assets before the new Council comes into existence. This makes sense as local Parish Councils will be better placed to manage these assets if they want to.

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 have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please do come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peter.wharf@btopenworld.com.

Peter Wharf - District Councillor
The new “Dorset Council”

The first level senior management team have now been recruited and should be in position by May of next year at the latest. Elections for the new Council will be held on Thursday May 4th (apologies if I said the 2nd in an earlier report) and will be for the new ward of West Purbeck which will include Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Bovington, East Burton, Wool, Affpuddle & Brianspuddle, Moreton, Chaldon Herring, Winfrith, East Lulworth, Coombe Keynes and West Lulworth.

Bere Regis Roadworks

DCC will be temporarily closing Chamberlaynes, Bere Regis between 31st January 2019 and 1st February 2019. The road will be closed between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 daily, to enable DCC to carry out maintenance work, but will be reopened at night and at weekends. There will be a diversion route for drivers with signs.

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Peter Wharf, County Councillor

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The first meeting of the floral group in the new year will be the AGM on Tuesday January 8th at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The meeting will be followed by tea and cakes.
BERE REGIS
SURGERY NEWS

Flu Vaccinations
Just to remind all patients who are eligible, we still have some vaccines available. It is not too late to have one. Please contact Reception to make your appointment. Tel: 01929 471268

New Telephone System
As many of you are aware, a new telephone system has been installed. Thank you for your continued support during this changeover period.

Dispensary Opening Times
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You may have seen in the news before Christmas the slightly bizarre news that an animal welfare charity asked the village of Wool to change its name to “Vegan Wool”. Dorset is well known for its interesting place names, but I had never considered Wool to be one of them. I love the fact that places in my constituency such as Happy Bottom and Shitterton have never changed their names out of concern for political correctness – after all, why should we change ancient names which have endured quite happily for many generations.

I grew up in the rural county of Herefordshire, which has many similarities to Dorset, though fewer strange names! I have lived in Dorset with my family for over 15 years now, and although I am aware that this makes us relative newcomers, it really is my home. Every week when I return to the constituency from Westminster my heart lifts as I leave the hustle and bustle of London behind, and I can breathe the fresh Dorset air.
We are very blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country – particularly with the Jurassic coast right on our doorstep. A recent article in the Guardian newspaper suggested that Wimborne is a place that has barely changed since 1951, and that it is a little dull. I have to disagree with their sentiments. One of the great things about being the MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole is that I get to see and hear about a wide range of events and businesses in this area. From cutting edge film special effects in Sandford, to award winning technological ideas in Poole, to craft brewing in Wimborne, and the volunteer-run traditional cinema in Wareham. It is no surprise that 2018 had a significant increase in visitors to Dorset - there is so much to visit, so much to see.

Members of Parliament are often accused of living in a bubble, forgetting the people who they represent. But Dorset is my home, and where my family live, and I spend as much time at home as Parliament allows. Yes, I spend most of the working week in London, but Dorset is never far from my thoughts. I am also kept grounded by the many emails and letters which I receive from you, my constituents, for which I thank you.

I do not want to ignore the subject of the day, Brexit, but events in Westminster are moving so quickly at the moment that it would be pointless for me to comment in detail in this column, as it will be sure to be out of date by the time it is published! If you want to find out my view, please do get in touch or visit my website or facebook.

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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MILBORNE MOVIES

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23 January 2019

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Group News

Congratulations to our Group Scout Leader, Neal Unitt-Jones, who was presented with his 20 Year Service Award by the District Commissioner at a recent meeting.

Explorer News

After Hot House Camp we decided to go away again for a quick 24 hour Flash Expedition, a few brave scouts set off to walk from Bere Regis over to Winterborne Anderson without leaders - we were tracking them so we knew where they were at all times even if they didn’t. Whilst they walked we took essentials to camp and then met them at the road crossing on the A31 to get them safely to the site. We had a basic field shelter and built a camp fire to keep us warm and of course to toast the marshmallows over. They all did really well carrying the kit they needed, tents, sleeping bags and mats, food and cooking equipment. Dinner was boiled rice and either chicken curry or meat free bolognaise followed by apple pies.

A wet and windy night was endured and most slept very well. The next morning they packed up and set off back to Bere Regis via Winterborne Kingston this time and once again we tracked them and met up with them a couple of times to help them cross the roads. Back to the hut in record time and they all managed to tick a few boxes on their badge requirements. At our meetings we have made and decorated cupcakes, played wide games in the dark, decorated the hut for

Scout News

Kath Jeeves the Founder and Leader of the Autumn Leaves over 60s group, would like to wish all the members a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Our December meeting was a very enjoyable musical afternoon. The entertainment was by some members of “Canzonetta” which is a very successful, local, singing group.

Our first meeting in the New Year will also be a musical one, but will be very different! Dave Arnold will be coming to play and sing popular songs from the Golden Era of the Fifties and Sixties.

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 9th January at 2.30.

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Christmas, made gingerbread and enjoyed an end of year Christmas party. We cooked and served a traditional 3 course meal for the community and nearly 50 people came along to enjoy the meal, a games of bingo and a sing song with the Beavers. Thank you to the cubs for the table decorations.

We say goodbye to a few scouts who are hopefully all moving on to become Explorers and we look forward to welcoming the cubs who will be joining us in the New Year. Congratulations to Aimee and Thomas who have completed the highest award in Scouts and were presented with the Chief Scout Gold Award by the District Commissioner at a recent meeting.

A part of the Creative Challenge badge (needed for the Chief Scout Gold Award) Scouts have to promote or write about a scout event and to have it published locally. This has been written by Thomas.

**Flash Expedition**

Before I started my expedition I had to plan my route to the campsite in Winterborne Anderson and back to the scout hut, to do that I used an OS map. After I planned my route I made a route card and to do that I needed to look at the map and for every change in direction I had to write it down on the route card.

A few weeks later I got my personal kit ready and when I got to the scout hut I needed to put my tent and my trangea and the gas and I was ready for a long walk but one person in my group was not there because they got the times mixed up so we had to wait. When they arrived me, Casey and Eleanor set off.

It took us 3 and a half hours to get to the camp site because we took a few wrong turns to get there but in the end we got it. When at the camp site we put up our tents and started the fire and made a bench to sit on and eat the food.

Before I went to sleep me and Casey played a card game and Casey lost 10-3.

The next day before we set of we had some breakfast they packed our things and the tent to go. On the way back it was just me and Casey became Eleanor had to go to a family party. On the way me and Casey went the wrong way and went down White Lane and had to turn around and walked back to the right route but somehow we still got back to the scout hut early.
Cub News

All members have to work towards a personal challenge and the cubs have decided what they are going to work towards. These include getting better at a sport and practising more often, being kind to a sibling, not to be clumsy and to stop falling over and to improve their drawing techniques.

Fun and games at pack meetings have included a magic night, this was where all the cubs had to practise and then perform a magic skill – we do have some budding magicians amongst us. We have made Christmas decorations for the community lunch and are looking forward to a trip to PGL next year.

Beaver News

December saw the Beavers cooking and icing cakes, and preparing for Christmas with craft work, a large seasonal collage for the hut, and ringing handbells and singing carols for the Community Christmas Lunch.

We have a thriving colony, and each of the four beavers who left to join cubs this new year achieved their Chief Scouts Bronze award, which is the highest award a beaver can gain - and they then wear on their cub uniform!

The first part of this term we are focusing on Space and Experiment Activity Badges, and the World Challenge badge. This will involve scientific experiments with sound, light, liquids, plants and practical demonstrations of a great many concepts - and a good bit of star gazing!

We are also set for sleepovers and hikes which form a backbone to a term’s activities. The youngest section of scouting gets to grips with the skills, responsibilities and activities they will continue to develop and expand as they move on through the sections.

We have a waiting list, but any enquiries can come to Turtle, 01929 471216 Liz Teather.

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, andraelynnmarshall@hotmail.com

Logs for Sale

Bags of seasoned logs are £3.00 and bundles of kindling are £1.00. Also available at £3.00 per bag is horse manure. Proceeds to Group Funds – contact Bernie Lightfoot on 01929 472007.

A special mention must go to Mark Clapcott who won, arguably the most craved after trophies, most improved player and the Players Player.

A special thanks from me to all of the ROGS for supporting my charity so well, both for donating prizes and also buying raffle tickets. The charity is Poole Hospital. A whooping £655 was raised, which again shows what a great bunch the ROGS are.

I look forward to seeing you all at the first ROGS game of 2019 at Ferndown GC on February 22nd first tee off 10.30am.

Captain Spalds
December 8th, first tee off 10:02am for the traditional Cup Of Good Cheer which pits a Captains Team against a Presidents Team.

(For The Final Time) Captain Tiny

Cup of Good Cheer 2018

29 ROGS and three guests battled the wind and rain around the fairways of East Dorset Golf & Country Club. The morning started with bacon baguettes and the new Captain, Spaldy, and the President, Tiny (Outgoing Captain), selected their players for the Ryder cup format of the day. The 1st group of the day was in its normal format, Captain versus President.

The result of the annual match was a resounding victory for the President (I should make it clear here, I mean the President’s team..... by 9 to 7. Well done Tiny!! Not the best of starts for the Captain to his new tenure!

It was a normal monthly stableford competition too. The victor for this month was Tristan Gale with 37 points well done to Tristan. Second was Mark Clapcott with 34 points and third on countback was Graeme Price with 33 points.

The best guest was Stuart Henson with 35 points.

There were 2 nearest the pin’s on the day and they were won by Peter Foster and Josh Eastwood. Josh also won the nearest the pin in 2. However, he did not win the longest drive (although he thought he had), which was won by Julian Flower and it was one of my proudest moments as Captain so far to present him with his award.

Peter Foster converted his nearest the pin for a 2, which was the only one of the day. He donated his winnings to the Captains charity, which is greatly appreciated.

The evening bash was very well supported again, and a special thanks goes to Guy Storey for most of the arrangements (as ever). And my new Vice Captain, Neil Middleditch for his help before and during the day.

The evening was celebrated in usual ROGS fashion with the prize giving ceremony after dinner. The highlights were as follows:

- Highest individual score Callum Crompton at Weymouth 41 points
- Summer Knock Out Winner - Gordon Tucker
- Pairs Knock Out winners - Jim Corbin & Brett Standerwick
- Consistency Trophy for 2018 with average of 35.57 - Julian Flower
DRAX HALL

Happy New Year to all our supporters

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

GRS Architects Trophy 2018

29 ROGS enjoyed the rolling fairways of Weymouth for the final game of the season. This game was rearranged from March when we were rained off in monsoon weather, and I am so pleased to say that we were blessed with dry conditions all day albeit slightly blustery. As always, the day was started with an FA cup style live draw which again threw up some fantastic groupings including a nail-biting finish to the consistency trophy with various outcomes still available.

Some great scores were recorded from the members showing that the standard of golf is going from strength to strength (in most cases!). In 3rd position on countback was Terry Hunt scoring 36 points, in second position, again on countback and continuing his great form for the season (2nd for the 3rd time this year) was Triston “The Bridesmaid” Gale again with 36 points (I hope that you agree that Triston looks lovely in his Bridesmaid’s Dress below?!) The winner of the GRS Architects was our newest member Callum “Brisket” Crompton with an amazing 41 points!!

The nearest the pins were won by Josh “Beef” Eastwood and Gary “Turp” Miller, nearest the pin in 2 was again won by “Beef” Eastwood, finally the nearest the pin in 3 was won by next year’s Captain Ian “Skelator” Spalding, who was incidentally the only person to hit the green in regulation!!

There were two 2’s scored on the day, from your VC and Julian Flower.

The traditional blob money with the ROGS generosity (and lack of skills) took the figure over the magical £2500 mark, to be split between the Captain’s Charities of Diabetes UK and Epilepsy, thank you for all your generous support throughout the season!

Two more congratulations before I sign off are to Julian Flower who came out winner of the season long consistency trophy for the 2nd year running averaging over 35 points off a playing handicap of only 1! Also to Gordon “The General” Tucker who came out victorious 4&3 against my VC Ian Spalding in the Shaun Brady Summer KO Cup…..well played to both!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the first ROGS game at The Dorset GC on
the berry. If anyone would like to see Tony Bates’s photo in full colour please email mike.n.g@outlook.com and we’ll send a copy, or better still - come along to our next event and we’ll show you the plant.

Let Us Know What Wildlife You Have Seen

To many of us the Little Egret will be a familiar site along Bere Stream; Buzzards and Kestrels are frequent visitors at Souls Moor over the winter period for food as earthworms are forced to the surface by the rising water table.

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

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:

Tony Bates at tonybates19@gmail.com / 01929 471563 or
Mike Gee at mike.n.g@outlook.com / 0775 988 4942.
upon ancient / veteran trees bounding the hollow ways / sunken lanes leading from the village on to Black Hill and alongside the boundary hedge banks skirting the southern edge to Black Hill. These tracks / banks are of historic interest and significance to Bere Regis and the trees alongside them a part of that history.

The group, ranging in age from primary school children to pensioners, identified a number of oaks. Apart from these oaks being fine examples of trees, they provide a valuable habitat for a range of wildlife species from invertebrates through to bats and birds. We also found some massive ash stools (see photo below), these are trees that have repeatedly been cut back for wood over the centuries and have re-sprouted from the base. Our findings will be recorded on the national Ancient Trees Inventory. If you know of any old trees you think are valuable let us know and we will take a look at them.

Our next recording session will be held on Saturday 19th January, meeting at the Cemetery gates at 10am. Please come along, we need your help – no prior knowledge of trees is required.

Butchers Broom

During our first survey of veteran and ancient trees along Cemetery Lane we found a number of shrub plants of Butcher’s Broom (Ruscus aculeatus) within the hedgerow. This is a most interesting and rather unusual plant, now quite rare. It grows up to about a metre high in ancient woodland and along old hedgerows. The rather strange name is thought to have come from branches of the spiny ‘leaves’ being used by butchers to sweep down their meat cutting blocks. The roots have also been used as a herbal medicine for treating blood circulation and other medical problems [but don’t try this at home!]. The plant is most unusual in having spiny ‘cladodes’ that look like but are not leaves but are actually flattened stems with a sharp point. The small flower and then subsequently the red berry fruit form in the centre of the cladodes, see the photo below of these stages of flower development and
BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Conservation Working Parties – Come and Join Us

The December conservation working party was a battle with the elements, with pouring rain. The volunteers planted some trees near to the school gates. These trees were donated to us by the MP as part of the Queen’s Commonwealth Canopy project. This is a unique network of forest conservation projects across the Commonwealth family of nations. The initiative is committed to raising awareness of the value of established indigenous forests, to help conserve those natural habitats for future generations, as well as planting new trees and forest.

As well as planting trees the volunteers concentrated on tidying up some streamside fallen / broken trees near to Souls moor Bridge. Thanks to the few brave souls that came out to help.

Hopefully the weather will be better for our next working parties. Do come and join us. They will be held on:

- Saturday 5th January 2019
- Saturday 2nd February 2019
- Saturday 2nd March 2019
- Saturday 6th April 2019

We have a range of jobs to do alongside the stream, including coppicing trees, laying hedges, clearing undergrowth and planting a few more trees. It is a great opportunity to blow away the post-Christmas / New Year blues – do come and join us. All of our work is to help conserve the best of what is already there and make the stream and its environs even more wildlife friendly. Our work over past years has certainly enhanced the riverside area for plants, birds and animals.

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 12.30. 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.

Recording Ancient and Veteran Trees

We held our first recording session on Saturday 17th November. Our initial focus is

POP IN PLACE NEWS

New Year! what about being a volunteer?

Happy New Year to all our supporters, could this be the year you pop into our regular Monday or Friday morning cafes for a coffee or maybe even become a volunteer help to 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 £3 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 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**

Your kind donations of small items for our pound shop. Kim has been running our new pound shop from January this year and it is going really well, 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**

**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**

10am -4pm in aid of Bere Regis School (see poster in this mag for more details.)

**Good Friday Pop In Easter Events on Friday 19th April**

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 Team Leader 01929 472023

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**BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY**

We had our second meeting at the Drax Hall on 21st November 2018, and despite decidedly chilly weather and a number of apologies for coughs-and-sneezes, it was announced that during the summer, and with confirmation during the last month, that Bere Regis does have a Roman Villa.

From field crop marks visible this summer, followed by field-walking, there was found on the surface 153 pieces of Roman pottery, brick and tile. This is after 1,600 years of the original building becoming disused.

Also almost a hundred pieces of Iron Age pottery was shown, which is about 2,500 years old, also found at Bere Regis this summer, about a metre deep on the slopes of Barrow Hill. These were once burial urns and some pieces fitted together to help establish their shape and age.

Philip and John gave a talk on progress with their book on “Bere Regis during the Great War”, with November 2018 commemorating the centenary of the ending of that war. The book is anticipated to appear next year.

Two new poster-prints have been made of aerial photographs of the village, one from 1947 and the other of 2006, and together with other research material and documents, there was plenty to peruse during the more relaxed parts of the meeting.

We have an attendance fee of £1 to cover our basic costs, and for this one now gets a free badge with Bere Regis History Society emblazoned.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th December when a local musical group will play some Christmassy music and some nostalgic numbers after our normal first part of the meeting, until we finish.

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If something on sale seems to be too good to be true then it probably is. Organised crime groups play a large role in the supply of counterfeit goods and they obtain significant financial benefit from doing this.

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2. Look to see where the trader is based and whether they provide a postal address – just because the web address has ‘UK’ do not assume the seller is based in the UK. If there is no address supplied or there is just a PO Box or email be wary.

3. Deal with reputable sellers – only use sites you know or that have been recommended to you. If you have not bought from the seller before then do your research and check online reviews.

4. Get the trader to tell you if they provide an after-sales service, warranty, or guarantee.

For further advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINDING ASSOCIATION

There was an error in last month’s remembrance report. Judy Newton has confirmed that the correct number of young men that Cérences lost in WW1 was, in fact, 136. That number, in a place the size of Bere Regis, is quite devastating.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINDING ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND QUIZ FEBRUARY 2019

The Bere Regis and District Twinning Association are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7 p.m at the main Sports Club, North Street, Bere Regis. Straight after the AGM, at 7.30 p.m we will be holding a quiz and raffle. All are welcome. Drinks and nibbles can be purchased from the bar.

We will be visiting our Twinning friends in Cerences in September 2019. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association, please email jackie.ahern@hotmail.co.uk for details.