# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 2019

### November
- **2nd**: Affpuddle Church - Gift Day
- **5th**: GC: Roaming Free - New Forest Ponies, Suzanne Kemp - 7.30
- **12th**: FG: Mr Nicky Heal, Christmas at Home
- **13th**: AL: Glo Curtis, Advice for All Citizens
- **15th**: PIP: Children in Need, Lower Hall - 10.00-12.00
- **20th**: WI: Christmas Craft

### December
- **3rd**: GC: Charles Darwin and his famous plants, Caradoc Doy - 7.30pm
- **11th**: AL: Christmas Afternoon Entertainment and Singing
- **5th**: Pop in Performers Christmas Show
- **6th**: Pop in Performers Christmas Show
- **7th**: Pop in Performers Christmas Show
- **16th**: Pop in Place Community Christmas Party - 12.00 -4.00
- **19th**: WI: Christmas Festivities

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- To encourage everyone in the Christian faith through example, learning and spiritual growth;
- To make our churches open and welcoming to all, and supportive of those in need;
- To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

**A LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR**

**Team Work**

Last month you will have read an article by Rev Sandra who is to join us in the team as Associate Priest after her licensing in St John the Baptist Church on 2nd October. Behind the scenes, members of the three churches have been very busy making arrangements for the Licensing Service and decorating and cleaning the vicarage ready to welcome Sandra and Graham. Now, finally, we’re ready for them to arrive. Do come to the Licensing Service on 2nd October and stay for refreshments in the Scout Hut afterwards if you can.

At this point I’d like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported me and the parishes and worked so hard in so many ways during this time. In particular I wish to thank all of the Church Wardens, Deputy Wardens and my ministerial colleagues in the team for their support and willingness to undertake additional duties, often at short notice, cheerfully and without complaint. Without all of their help it would not have been possible to sustain ministry, with Services in every church each Sunday, as well as baptisms, funerals, school assemblies, PCC meetings and so much more.

**Church website:** www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
meetings and all the other things of a busy benefice, in the way that we have managed to do these past months.

As you know, we’ll be a benefice team and with this we need to establish a workable pattern for everyone with a good and healthy work-life balance; one of the reasons for our becoming a benefice is exactly for this reason. Revd Sandra’s usual working days will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday and we ask everyone to respect this please. If the benefice does go on to be extended, the priest in the Lulworths will work on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. This means that there will always be a priest on duty in the benefice, usually two, as I work six days (my day off is Tuesday) and Rev Jenny and Rev Judy will also provide cover as will our other colleagues. Those who work part-time will be able to do so and we can all properly take our day(s) off with everyone knowing when we are (and are not) on duty and available.

As you’ll understand, when a new team is formed things take time to settle and this will be the case with us for the next few months. Thank you to everyone for bearing with us in the past few months. In two of the churches, Wool and Bere Regis the number of Sunday Services has been reduced (Wool x 3, Bere Regis x 1) and in all three churches some of the times of Services has changed to enable clergy and worship leaders to cover the services and travel from one church to another. With this in mind it has been really lovely to see people moving around the churches when there isn’t a Service they can attend in their own church- this friendship and fellowship is to be very much encouraged. However, I also know that it may come as a disappointment to some that we’re not going to immediately return to the Service pattern that existed before Revd Charles retired. There are a few reasons for this which I explain briefly here:

After Revd Bob Naylor sadly died, Rev Charles hardly reduced his workload at all (only by 1 x 8am Service) despite the fact that both he and Rev Bob had worked together to cover Services and that Revd Charles was only supposed to work for Sunday +2 days. Such a pattern is unsustainable.

In order to ensure that all of the Services are able to be covered, timing is crucial. It is not possible, for example, for a minister to get from Affpuddle to Wool in time if Services are only an hour or even an hour and a quarter apart. In the main we would wish to model good practice, never rushing from place to place for worship, but having time for prayer and pastoral conversations too.

We need to give Rev Sandra time to settle in and for all of to work together to determine the best times, and forms, of the Services we can offer. This can only be done when we’re all in place.

The Thrive Questionnaires from all 3 churches have produced lots of really good feedback with suggestions for the introduction of new Services, stopping some others, and changing times and locations as well as, in a very few cases, keeping things just as they are. We need time to reflect on all this- the provisional feedback will be given on 29th September at the 10am Benefice Service at Wool.

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October

1st GC: Harvest Supper
8th FG: R Thompson, Up the Garden Path
9th AL: Tony Bates, Stunning Wildlife Photography
12th PiP: Presentation Evening with Shaun Marx
13th Harvest Lunch – Briantspuddle Village Hall
16th WI: The Watercress Company
25th Purbeck Film Festival at Briantspuddle Village Hall

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I have said before that our God is a God of surprises. Certainly I have been surprised at what He has brought my way in the past couple of years; I expect you have been surprised at some things too. To be fair, we don’t all always relish surprises or change but if we can see them as God-given opportunities for growth it helps. Personally, I find it life giving and exciting to see that God is always at work and on the move and I eagerly look forward to seeing what he has in store for us in the months to come.

With every blessing,

Rev Carol

THE BISHOP’S LETTER

Remembering our future

‘Little Imber on the down; seven miles from any town’. Like its better-known counterpart in Dorset, Tyneham, the ‘lost’ village of Imber was permanently evacuated in 1943, to provide a training area for US troops preparing for the allied invasion of Europe; one community’s quiet sacrifice for the war effort. Deserted and overgrown, today Imber is a kind of ghost village, about as deep into Salisbury Plain as it is possible to be.

Adapted as a stage set for army manoeuvres, with the well-preserved parish church of St Giles as its centrepiece, Imber has also become something of a pilgrimage site for thousands of visitors who flock there during the twenty days each year access is granted. What draws them in such numbers? Abandoned places retain a unique fascination and Imber is, for many, a potent symbol of lost community - what the writer Georgina Boyes called ‘the imagined village’. In this idealised and deeply nostalgic sense of place, the Anglican Church plays an almost iconic role – when the bells of St Giles toll, we are recalled to a longed-for common life.

The loss of place is perhaps the most powerful motive in modern social and political life. Globally, more people than ever before are uprooted from their home, by war and disaster; across the United Kingdom we are deeply unsettled and – whatever our allegiances - view the coming months with profound concern. Like the Psalmist, who writes ‘in time of national humiliation’ that ‘we do not see our emblems’ – the symbols of our belonging - as believers we are called by God to remember our future. Called back to the Lord’s faithful provision in former generations and forward in hope to the place assured for us – won for us – in the Lord Jesus.

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Everyone is, by different routes, seeking this way forward. As an enduring sign of faith, hope and communal resilience, our parishes and churches once again have a crucial part to play in signalling and settling the nation. In Christ is our way back - and our way forwards.

+Andrew Ramsbury
### CHURCH AND VILLAGE

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### BERE REGIS

**CHURCH ROTAS**

#### Readers
- **20th**
  - Gospel: Mr Smith
  - Epistle: Mr Wharf
- **27th**
  - Gospel: Mr Croom
  - Epistle: Mrs Gibson

#### Sidesmen
- **2nd** 7.30pm
  - Mr House and others
- **6th** 6.00pm
  - Mr Gibbs/Mr House
- **13th** 11.00am
  - Junior Church
- **19th** 6.00pm
  - Mr Gibbs
- **20th** 10.00am
  - Mr Smith/Mr Croom
  - Chalice
  - Mr Croom/Mrs Cox
- **27th** 10.00am
  - Mr House/Mr Bates
  - Chalice
  - Intercessions
  - Mr Smith/Mr Ward
  - Mr Wharf

#### Cleaning and Dusting
- **21st and 28th October**
  - Cleaning
    - Pat Wharf and Lorraine Butterfield
  - Dusting
    - Sue Hazelrigg
  - Tricia White and Alison Keogan

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- **6th** Harvest Festival
  - Arrangers - tidy own arrangement
  - **20th** Standfield / Edmonds
  - **27th** Standfield / Edmonds
### CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

#### Wednesday 2nd October
- 10am  Holy Communion, D’Urberville Centre, Wool  Wool
- 2pm  Holy Communion, Mothers’ Union Turberville Court Bere Regis
- 7.30pm  Licensing of Rev Sandra Williams as Associate Priest to the Benefice of West Purbeck Bere Regis

#### Sunday 6th October, 16th after Trinity
- 8am  Holy Communion Bere Regis
- 10am  Parish Communion Affpuddle
- 10am  Parish Communion Wool
- 6pm  Evensong with Harvest Supper Bere Regis

#### Sunday 13th October, 17th after Trinity
- 8am  Holy Communion Bere Regis
- 10am  Harvest Thanksgiving, Parish Communion Affpuddle
- 10am  Parish Communion Wool
- 11am  Harvest Thanksgiving Bere Regis
- 6.00pm  Service of celebration and thanksgiving Bere Regis

#### Wednesday 16th October
- 10am  Holy Communion, D’Urberville Centre, Wool Wool
- 2.30pm  Holy Communion, Turberville Court Bere Regis

#### Sunday 20th October, 18th after Trinity
- 8am  Holy Communion Affpuddle
- 10am  Parish Eucharist Bere Regis
- 10am  Harvest Thanksgiving, Family Service with baptism Wool
- 6pm  Evensong Bere Regis

#### Sunday 27th October, 19th after Trinity, Bible Sunday
- 8am  Holy Communion Wool
- 10am  Parish Communion Affpuddle
- 10am  Family Communion with baptism Bere Regis
- 6pm  Healing Eucharist Wool

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CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

Wednesday 30th October
11am Holy Communion Followed by simple soup lunch
Bere Regis

Sunday 3rd November, All Saints Day
8am Holy Communion
Bere Regis
10am Parish Communion
Affpuddle
10am Parish Communion
Wool
6pm All Souls Service to Remember
Departed Loved Ones
Bere Regis

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
18th August Harry Davies
25th August Isobel Vinton

Funerals
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
30th August Patrick Wall
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
12th September Frances Solly

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When you respond to advertisers, do please tell them you saw their advert in this magazine - it helps them monitor the effectiveness of their advert and helps us generate more advertising revenue!!
The Rector and Churchwardens Cordially Invite You to the Licensing of The Reverend Sandra Williams as Associate Priest in the Benefice of West Purbeck on October 2nd, 2019 at 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis and afterwards at Bere Regis Scout Hut

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Friday 25th October 7pm for 7.30pm

film

Finding Your Feet - a comedy/drama featuring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley made in the UK in 2017.

Beer, wine, soft drinks, teas, coffees and ice creams for sale.

Tickets - £6 (£5 for students and under 25s) purchased from Rex Cinema, Wareham; on line at www.purbeckfilm.com; or order at Briantspuddle Village Shop (am only) and pay at the door on the night.

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Running time – 111 minutes

Please note – contains brief drug use; brief strong language

Further enquiries to Maggie Hoyle on 01929 472733

Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

Harvest

Sunday 13th October

Bere Regis Church

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

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

And why not join us for the Family Service with refreshments for everyone afterwards!
A LETTER FROM THE MASHEDERS

Dear Friends,

Our news, which many of you may already know, is that we are moving....again!!

We have realised that we need to be much closer to Felicity’s Dad in Chipping Norton, not that he has become suddenly ill but rather to be available to support him better.

I then saw a role advertised for ‘an experienced Priest/Pastor wanting to extend their ministry’ in Abingdon-on-Thames. I applied – and was the chosen candidate! This will be a supportive, part-time, role within an established Team with two full-time Priests and an Administrator.

We will be moving towards the end of October and the Licensing Date is November 4th at 7:30pm in St Helen’s Church in Abingdon – so please pray for us as we do for you and for Revd Sandra, beginning her new ministry.

Our new address: Enock House, 2 Musson Close, Abingdon, OX14 5RE. Same mobile and email!

With our love to you all,

Charles and Felicity

ARTSREACH EVENT

Saturday 23rd November . Pentabus Theatre Company

THE TALE OF LITTLE BEVAN

‘It was a full moon so I suppose we should’ve known. Nothing good happens on a full moon. Well, not in our village.’

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Sunday 1st December 11.00am until 4.00pm.Stalls, refreshments and Father Christmas.

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The Christmas fair will take place this year on Sunday 1st December, you can book your stall anytime from now on but don’t leave it too late and find you’re disappointed because they’re all gone. It will be a great way to kick off the festivities as we head towards Christmas as it’s also the first Sunday in advent. The Christmas lights will be judged on 17th Dec. And they must be visible from the roadside. Please also be aware that the village hall cannot take any responsibility for your lights, please make sure they are safe to use. LED lights are a great way of lighting with very little heat given off. The lights awards party will be Friday the 20th and the Briantspuddle singers will be holding the Carol Christmas concert in that week as well so keep it free. There will also be the New Year’s Eve party, further details will be announced soon.

Along with all that don’t forget there’s coffee shop on a Saturday morning, great chance to meet up with others and enjoy this wonderful place we live in.

Any questions or to book a stall at the Christmas fair please feel free to ring me on 07818076191 or email me schorley30@gmail.com.

Stuart Chorley, Chairman Briantspuddle Village Hall Trustees

FUTURE EVENTS IN BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

Screen Bites – Second Slice
Saturday, 2nd November

Event showcasing local food producers, with stalls to sample and purchase gourmet and award winning foods plus a film with the narrative centred around food!

Romantics Anonymous
(2012) Director: Jean-Pierre Améris

A bitter sweet French rom-com set in a chocolate factory that chronicles the awkward romance between two painfully shy people, both suffering from ‘hyper-emotionalism’.

Tickets: £8 (Bookings will open mid-September) further details at www.screenbites.co.uk

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Well I hope that as we head on into autumn everyone has enjoyed the summer sun and found some space for a little rest and well earned relaxation. Things have been a bit quieter here at the village hall enabling us to get the annual deep clean well under way and a big thank you to all those who have helped so far in any way and also to those who will be helping as we wrap up by cleaning the kitchen and the floors in the lobbies and the jubilee room.

The hall has continued to be part of the hub of the village providing facilities for us to come to celebrate and be together. Personally it was great to see so many of you along with friends and family at Amelia’s 21st birthday celebrations in August. On a somewhat sadder note we have also seen the passing of two members of our community, Steve Webber, who had previously sat as a trustee on the village hall committee and Francis Solly who although she and John had fairly recently moved to be closer to family returned to the village for her funeral. It was a privilege to be able to make the hall available to both of their families to join with villagers and other friends in celebrating the lives of two much loved members of our community. They will be sadly missed.

Heading on into autumn we have a vast array of activities coming up for everyone to join in with. We have the regular short mat bowls, Pilates, yoga and keep fit.

Mike Menzies brings us an exciting new programme of talks there is sure to be something of interest for everyone along the way so keep an eye out for exactly what’s happening when. The church will be celebrating harvest with lunch on 13th Oct and a concert with the Wareham town band in November. We have the Purbeck film festival on 25th Oct and Screenbites on the 2nd Nov.

Artsreach will be visiting again on 23rd November, always very popular.

Looking a little further ahead but giving you all plenty of time to design and prepare we will be repeating the very popular Christmas lights competition so start planning now, will you win the best stable category or most fun lights or will you be the overall best in parish?
shortages, sickness and vehicle breakdowns meant that service levels could not
be maintained. Councillors have been advised that options to address staff
shortages are being explored with the Human Resources department.

For information, when scheduled collections cannot be completed, a service
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public are informed of the position when they try to report that their materials
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recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection.aspx) or by calling
Dorset Direct on 01305 221040. The service disruption should confirm the reason
for the missed collection and when the collection will be rescheduled by. Should
this happen, advice is to leave your bin out, unless the disruption stated that the
next scheduled collection will be the following week.

Co-Option of a new Parish Councillor
At its September meeting Councillors received a short presentation in support of
his application to join the Parish Council by Andrew Munro, a resident of
Affpuddle.

Councillors accepted Andrew’s application and offered him a warm welcome
as a new colleague.

There remains one further vacancy on the Council. If anyone is interested in
joining please contact the Parish Clerk.

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A NEW TENANT FOR THE VICARAGE IN BERE REGIS!

At the beginning of October, we welcome the Reverend Sandra Williams to our community. On the 2nd October she will be licensed and installed as an Associate Priest in the Benefice of West Purbeck of which St John the Baptist and St Laurence’s are now part.

Sandra and her husband, Graham, will live in the Vicarage and she will take most of the services in Bere and Affpuddle. However, she will be a member of the team and will also take services in other churches, usually once per month, in the Benefice in the same way that our Rector, Carol Langford and other Associate Priests, will take services in our two churches.

Sandra will not work full time. She will work 3 days in the week and on Sundays. On the three days a week she is not working, urgent duties will be carried out by either Rev. Carol Langford or one of the other Associate Priests. This means that from the community’s point of view, there will always be a priest available if needed. It also means that we do not ask our clergy to do too much but allow them time off, which we all need. Sandra will normally work Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. Contact details for the Rector and other clergy will be found in the Parish Magazine.

We all appreciate this has been a time of transition and change, something that will continue for a short while to come as everyone settles into their new roles and the future plans for the benefice emerge. Thank you for bearing with us. Please join us for the service on 2nd October to welcome Sandra as a new member of our team.

Elizabeth Whatley, Stephen Sanderson, Sarah Welton, Joan Naylor
Church Wardens

S137 and S133 Grants

Each year the Parish Council has set aside a sum of money which can be applied for by local organisations for projects which will be of benefit to residents within the parish of Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle. This year the Parish Council had budgeted £500 for such awards.

The parish Council received two applications a summary of both are produced below:

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<td>A new large mower to cut the grass in the large churchyard. The previous mower is beyond repair.</td>
<td>Local residents are buried in the churchyard and it is important to their families that the grounds are well maintained. It is a beautiful situation and a facility for all, people often take time to just sit and think by the river. Mowing and strimming is needed to maintain safe access to all areas.</td>
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<td>To purchase a floor scrubber to clean the non-slip flooring in the village hall.</td>
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Councillors voted to approve a grant of £200 to each organisation to support their respective applications.

Councillors would also like to take the opportunity to thank all volunteers who work so hard throughout the parish in support our community.

Refuse Collection – Recent interruption to normal services

The Parish Council has been in correspondence with Dorset Waste Partnership about the recent interruption to normal services. A combination of staff
Trialling a new approach to road verge cutting and other action to support sustainability.

The Parish Council has asked the Dorset Council Ranger service to trial “cut and collect” on road verges between Briantspuddle crossroads and the B3390. This means that instead of flailing the verges and leaving the cut material on the verge to decompose, it is collected for disposal elsewhere. It is early days for this technique and the current equipment only functions efficiently on fairly horizontal and even surfaces. However, the Parish Council looks to the longer term potential of cut and collect to reduce the plant nutrient levels in verges which have built up over the years because of nitrogen oxides from vehicle exhausts, agricultural inputs, and the mulching effect of the current approach. Certain plant species such as cow parsley and nettles thrive in large areas of the verges at present, but the expectation is that as nutrient levels are reduced a wider range of wild flowering plants will develop and vegetation growth overall will become less vigorous. This should result in less need to cut and greater biodiversity overall in the verges. More attractive verges with richer flora and fauna, safer road visibility, lower costs and lower emissions are outcomes we are looking to achieve. If worthwhile gains can be demonstrated, we will look to introduce the approach more widely.

The Parish Council is mindful of the importance of lowering greenhouse gas emissions, thereby supporting Dorset Council’s declaration of a climate emergency in May of this year. The Parish Council has consulted Low Carbon Dorset on the actions it can take to reduce emissions and is committed to having representation at events currently being planned specifically for Parish Councils. The groups who make use of the buildings on land owned by the Parish Council in Briantspuddle are currently considering whether to approach Low Carbon Dorset to have their eligibility assessed for technical assistance and possible grant aid to help them with actions to reduce carbon emissions.
I was wondering what to write in this month’s magazine when it occurred to me that there are probably a number of readers who know little about the Congregational Church, and maybe do not even know where it is, so here are a few facts and a little history. Please carry on reading, you will be surprised at some of this village history.

The church is at the top of Butt Lane, a turning off West Street. Butt Lane is a cul-de-sac, and so the building would not be passed on the way to somewhere else, but is tucked away out of sight. The church was founded in 1662 and so has had a place in this village for 357 years.

Here’s the history bit! The end of the civil war in England saw the Puritan cause in power, and culminated in the execution of Charles I in 1649. From 1649 to 1660 England was without a king, and during this period many Puritan clergy were instituted as vicars to various parishes. As Puritans they had not been ordained by a bishop under Charles II, and when the church again required Episcopal ordination, the non-ordained clergy presented a problem. Matters came to a head in 1662 upon the introduction of a new prayer book containing a clause requiring such ordination, and to which all clergy were required to consent in writing, with the alternative of resignation. As the ordination issue was a matter of principle to the Puritans, most of them, estimated variously between 800 and 2000, chose resignation. Many of them continued to hold services in private, a practice which was then illegal, and these private meetings in 1662 mark the beginning of Congregational Churches.

Philip Lamb, vicar of Bere Regis, was one of the Puritan clergy to resign, and he can therefore be regarded as the founder of the Congregational Church in this parish. He was a zealous minister and had a large place in the affections of the people, and there was great grief when he was silenced. In his farewell sermon he said, “I may not speak from God to you, yet I shall not cease to speak to God for you.” For some time he continued to preach privately, and undoubtedly it was under his guidance that the Congregational Church was formed. In 1672 he was granted a licence to be a “Congregational Teacher”, and a convenient meeting under his guidance that the Congregational Church was formed. In 1672 he was granted a licence to be a ‘Congregational Teacher’, and a convenient meeting

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL - EVENING LECTURE SERIES

Energy Economics
(or how much oil is your horse worth?)
– by David Sharman

A study of energy, from the industrial revolution to beyond. How it has affected us, employers, nations, wars, poverty, greed. Where will it go?

7:30 p.m. Wednesday 16th October 2019

Admission £3
Includes tea coffee biscuits. Wine is available at cost.

David has travelled the world as an engineer, mostly in the energy sector. Now based once again in Dorset he will talk to us about how energy has shaped our world, from the Tolpuddle martyrs, revolutions, wars, and even the landscapes we see before us, as well as in our own personal bank accounts. Two centuries of extraordinary change have passed, and humanity is only mid way through this epic drama. David will explain how the choices we are collectively making now will affect our own lives in years to come, and those of our descendants.

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A Photographic Voyage along the Inside Passage of Alaska
– by Graham Tarrant

An illustrated talk of a trip in a 68 foot yacht along the Inside Passage between mainland Alaska and its offshore islands, exploring the stunning scenery and amazing wildlife.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday 30th October 2019

Admission £3
Includes tea coffee biscuits. Wine is available at cost.

Join Graham and Sue Tarrant aboard the “Island Odyssey” as they sail from Prince Rupert Island in Canada to Petersberg, Alaska. The trip encompasses fantastic views of the mountains and glaciers together with images of Black and Grizzly Bears, Whales and more of the incredible Alaskan wildlife. Sue and Graham have travelled extensively in their quest to see iconic wildlife. A few of the photos have won awards and appeared in National Photographic magazines.
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There are still a few slots available so, if you or your contact have something to say to us then why not book a slot and tell us.

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house was provided for him in Winterborne Kingston, where people flocked from all parts to hear him. Persecution drove him to flee to London where he died in 1689. He was offered £600 a year, a princely salary in those days, if he would conform, but he was not tempted. He was a man of unaffected piety, cheerful temper and engaging personality.

For many years after 1662, private houses were used for meetings, one of these being a house in Blind Street. There are few records about the church until about 1750 when the church took a lease on a building in North Street, that we now know as the Drax Hall! The Church continued to meet there for the next 100 years or so, but as the lease was on a limited tenure it was decided to consider the possibility of building a new Chapel. In 1869 the only available freehold site in the village, in Butt Lane, was purchased by Mr. James Wood of Athelhampton and given to the church. On this site a schoolroom was built costing £400, and the Manse also was erected costing £400. This sum was provided by J.H. Mundell (proprietor of what became Bemister’s Shop). When the lease on the North Street Chapel came to an end it was decided to convert the Butt Lane school room into a Chapel, and this was formally opened on 9th February 1893. The North Street Chapel was then vacated and converted into the village hall.

(Our acknowledgements and grateful thanks are due to the late Mr. Fred Pitfield, who supplied the information contained in this historical account.)

The church has continued to be modernised and improved over the past 126 years. Across the top of the front wall inside the church is a beautifully painted ‘scroll’ with the words “O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9) It has been there for over 100 years, and still looks as good as ever. Beneath it hangs a large, plain wooden cross which reminds us of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Under the floor, and usually out of sight, is the baptistery. This is a large oblong pool that is used to baptise believers in Jesus by full immersion. The tiles on the floor of the pool also reveal a cross. Of these visible symbols of the Christian faith the cross is the most important. Jesus came to this earth and lived for 33 years to teach, and to show us what God was like, how much He loved us, but also how much our sin (that is all our wrong thoughts and actions) has separated us from God. When Jesus died on the cross He paid the price for the sin of the world and provided a way of forgiveness for us. Our part is to acknowledge that we need forgiveness so that our relationship with God can be restored. There is a familiar verse in the Bible that says, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) Have you responded to God’s amazing love by committing your life to Him?

As a church we are grateful to God for the thousands of people who have been part of sharing the good news about Jesus during the 357 years of its existence. We pray it will continue for many years to come.

As part of our work in the village, we have appointed a young man, John Williams, as a youth worker and evangelist. John and his wife Joanna, and two
young children Henry and Chloe, have recently moved into the village, we look forward to John’s work among us.

Although our building may be tucked away out of sight, we pray that its message of God’s love will be heard and seen throughout the whole village.

Now that you know a bit more about the Congregational Church in this village, why not visit us one Sunday morning at 10.30. We are a very friendly crowd and you will be very welcome.

Just a Smile

A young boy in the park reached out a friendly hand to a large shaggy dog. “Don’t touch,” said his mother, “you must not stroke dogs that you don’t know.” Quickly the boy knelt down and took the dog’s paw. “Hallo”, he said, “I’m Peter.”

Father, resting after lunch, firmly closed his eyes against his children’s pleas to “play a game, Daddy.” At last he felt small fingers move one of his eyelids, and heard one child confide to another, “He’s still in there.”

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

There will not be a Service during October at Bere Heath Chapel this month, our Harvest service having taken place late in September.

Our usual monthly ‘Buggies and Brunch’ will take place on a Saturday morning during October but the exact date has still to be confirmed.

Our next Service will be on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm, and this will be led by Rev John Walker.

MILBORNE MOVIES

are showing ‘Fisherman’s Friends’ in Milborne St Andrew Village Hall DT11 0JX

on Fri Oct 4th.

Doors and Bar open 7.00; film starts 7.30

A fast-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he’s pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy). He becomes the ultimate ‘fish out of water’ as he struggles to gain the respect and enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families (including Tuppence Middleton) who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he’s drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he’s forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

Mike McCahill of The Guardian said:

This gentle, sweet-natured comedy has warmth and a certain X factor of likability, helped by big-hearted performances from a cast including Daniel Mays and Tuppence Middleton.

Theatre Fideri Fidera - Ogg n Ugg n Dogg

Tuesday 29 October, 10am, in the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew, DT11 0JX

Tickets £6, £5 u18s, £20 fam.

Post show: arts & crafts workshop available for ages 4+, 40 minutes, places limited. £3 each.

A long time ago there were no dogs – there were wolves, but we didn’t like them and they didn’t like us. But then along came Yorkshire hunter gatherers Ogg ‘n’ Ugg to pal up with the wolves, invent our best friend, and save us all from a life of doglessness! Audiences can expect flying meat bones, sabre-toothed tigers, slug tastings, time travelling sticks, loads of scary howls and (if they’re lucky) even a chance to pat Dogg! Using Fideri Fidera’s characteristic rich mix of theatrical forms including physical comedy, clowning, puppetry, music and song, Ogg ‘n’ Ugg ‘n’ Dogg is for families and dog lovers of all ages. Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county’s touring arts charity, following a sell out tour last spring with ‘Oskar’s Amazing Adventure’. Suitable 4+
CASTLE PLAYERS - LYTCHETT MATRAVERS

It’s finally here!

Castle Players proudly presents The Elephant Man from October 9th-12th at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall. Tickets, priced at £10, can be bought in advance from www.castleplayers.com or on 01202 912351. Or alternatively, why not make a night of it and visit The Rose and Crown who are doing a special meal deal – have a tasty meal out, followed by watching the show, tickets available at the pub for that deal.

It’s a fantastic play, emotional and heart-warming, and the perfect night out now that the sun is setting that little bit earlier. Come and enjoy, refreshments and licensed bar available at the hall.

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THE BERE REGIS FOLK GROUP

This group was founded in 2015 and is a non profit making. It meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in The Stable Bar at the Drax Inn on West Street at 8pm. The group is run by Pip Evans. The artist are usually local and play for free, all are pre-booked for the evening. The Stable Bar is a quiet venue and not in the main bars of the pub.

There are no entry costs except on one or two occasions when we have to pay for the artist. As the landlord does not charge for the room the audience is requested to buy a drink at the bar (for those who do not drink alcohol, tea, coffee and a variety of soft drinks are available) and buy a raffle ticket any monies are used to keep the sound systems in good repair and various minor costs. A wide variety of acoustic music is sung and played on an amazing amount of different instruments. The evenings are low key and very friendly and all are welcome. Here are 3 dates for your diary:

Tuesday October 15th in the Stable Bar, The Drax Inn, at 8pm
An interesting and varied night of acoustic music by The Last Inklings (Cello and Mandolin), Sam Stockley, Sophie and Richard plus Kevin Anderson.

12th November at 8pm The Stable Bar, The Drax Inn
Alison Groot and Tatiana Hargreaves two talented ladies from Canada and North Carolina. Scintillating traditional music with a twist. Drawing on the roots of old time and bluegrass, this exceptional duo features 2 gifted young musicians who are already leading lights in the new generation of American roots music.
Tickets are £10 each in advance and £12 on the door. Tickets are available from Pip Evans or you can reserve from mail@draxfolk.org.uk.

Tuesday 17th December 8pm The Stable Bar, The Drax Inn
Our Christmas themed evening featuring McFlute, Robin Greenwood, Doc Clark’s Remedy plus another to be confirmed. It should be fun.

Looking forward to meeting you at our next evening in October.

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Thursday 12th September 2019 at the Drax Hall. 6 members of the public were present. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th October 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.

Allotments
The land on which the allotments are situated, opposite the Royal Oak is currently up for sale as part of a larger sell-off of land by the Drax Estate. In order to try and ensure the continued use of these allotments by residents, and to hopefully improve the process for those wanting to rent one, the Parish Council have recently submitted a bid to buy the land. We will keep you posted on any future developments.

Recreation Ground
We were happy to support the Sports Club in their efforts to purchase the part of the recreation ground which is also up for sale, and will continue to do anything we can to help their bid and ensure this vital part of the community facilities retains its current use.

North Street Gate Consultation
The Parish Clerk recently carried out a consultation with residents of North Street
and the Townsend Business Park and houses, in order to get feedback on the possibility of moving the gate which is currently at the edge of the Sports Club car park, further down to the junction with the last house in Townsend and the road to the Shell Garage. The reasons behind this are to hopefully improve the safety of the residents in those houses at Townsend, who have offered to pay some of the costs for moving the gate themselves. The consultation had a mixed response but we will continue to consider all options, take further traffic engineering advice and ensure that opinions from all those involved are taken into account.

Community Assets

In the light of recent events at the Sports Field, the Council discussed the possibility of adding some of the local businesses and amenities on to the Community Asset Register. This would ensure that in the hopefully unlikely event that any of these businesses could no longer continue, the Community would have an option to make an offer to purchase and continue to run them. The clerk is looking into the registration process and checking what type of assets can be registered.

Donation from Mid-Summer Bere Fest

The Council generously received a generous donation of £50 from one of the stall holders at The Mid-Summer Bere Fest and were asked to choose which local organisation to grant it to. We unanimously decided to award it to the Carers Group, run tirelessly by Mechelle who organises events and meetings for local carers to help them continue the fantastic support they provide.

Environment Group Reorganisation

We have now split our Environment Group into 2 smaller groups, to help give better focus to specific areas. The Wildlife Conservation Group will consist of Amy Yeats, Councillor Tony Bates and Mike Gee, with a new Parish Amenity Group formed, consisting of Councillors Robin Pitcher and Laurie Fairhurst, to focus more on the Park, Rights of Way and Street Furniture around the village, and to provide support to the Lengthsman. We always welcome more volunteers though, so if you wish to be involved with either of these groups, please contact the Clerk, Amanda Crocker, for further information.

Purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SID)

Recently we have been discussing the option of purchasing a portable Speed Indicator Device in order to try and reduce the speed of vehicles in certain areas around the village. In order to do so, we need to have some traffic surveys carried out by Dorset Council, who will shortly be fitting survey strips at various points

BERE REGIS WI

Like the schools, it was back to normal for Bere Regis WI in September. For our first meeting after the summer break, local artist, Marilyn Allis, gave us a short watercolour painting demonstration. In only an hour, Marilyn was able to convey the ‘rules’ for watercolour painting while effortlessly putting them into action producing a beach scene featuring her daughter as a child at Weymouth beach.

Following on from providing a short notice ‘emergency’ afternoon tea for 36 touring members of the National Trust at the end of September, October seems to be a food themed month. At our monthly meeting, The Watercress Company, will be telling us everything we didn’t know we needed to know about growing and selling watercress. Why not join us on 16 October 2019 at 19:30 at the Sports and Social Club to be learn more about this nutritious local crop and share a hearty bowl of watercress soup?

We’re also pleased to be hosting the Woodbury Hill Group Harvest Supper on 30 October 2019 at the Scout Hut. This event is held biannually for the Woodbury Hill Group of WIs (Bere Regis, Milborne St Andrew, Not Just the WI (Lytchett Matravers) and Sandford) and provides a great opportunity for members of our local WIs to get together for a friendly catch up and to share ideas.

To round off the food related activities for the month, the Lunch Club will visit The Scott Arms in Kingston on Thursday, 3 October 2019.

Stitch and Twitch will continue its new programme of open meetings on Wednesday, 24 October 2019 from 9:30am to noon at the Bere Regis Sports Club. Despite this author’s short but vocal campaign to continue the food theme into this session (appliquéd apple block anyone?), this month we’ll be continuing our more sensible and straightforward project to create a quilt for Project Linus UK – a charity that provides new handmade quilts and knitted blankets for sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers. As usual, all materials and equipment will be provided, together with light refreshments. Please do join us for what is usually a very jolly and enjoyable session.

For details of future meetings or further information about the WI, please contact Di Pitts on 01929 471322 or Moira Mathers on 07900 906278. You can see more about our past meetings and activities on our Facebook page @BereRegisWI.
Gluten Free Chocolate Brownies

No 'trick' about this, a real yummy 'treat' with hot drink.

- 150g (5oz) butter
- 200g (7oz) dark chocolate
- 4 eggs
- 150g (5oz) granulated sugar
- 75g (3oz) cocoa powder
- 100g (4oz) demerara sugar
- 150g (5oz) ground almonds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Method

1. Melt the butter and the dark chocolate together.
2. Beat the eggs and the granulated sugar together until light and fluffy.
3. Then beat the chocolate mixture into the fluffy egg mixture, followed by the dry ingredients.
4. Put into a lined brownie tin and bake at 160/Gas 4 for about 35 minutes

Leave to cool in the tin.

Communibus

We have had a great response to our trips for the community in our new bus, with more trips planned in due course. There are currently still 3 places remaining on the trip to Haskins Garden Centre on 24th September, leaving Bere Regis at 10am. To book a space please contact Brenda House on 01929 471255.

Village Tidy

Our next Village Tidy will be held on Saturday 12th October. We will be looking to work on areas around the village most in need of improvement and hopefully have a list of volunteers who we can allocate to certain areas. If you wish to be involved with the Village Tidy, please contact Cathryne Packham on cathrynep@outlook.com or simply turn up and join us at the central car park at 10am, for as little or as much time as you can spare. The tidy will be followed by complimentary light refreshments at The Drax Arms. Please turn out if you can to keep our village clean and tidy.

Bryan Benjafield
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DORSET COUNCIL- WEST PURBECK REPORT

Purbeck Local Plan

We sent the following letter to the Inspector which she has acknowledged.

Submission to Purbeck Local Plan Inspector - 6th September 2019

As joint ward members for West Purbeck at Dorset Council and previously Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Plan Steering Group at Purbeck District Council, we have been hugely involved in the development and preparation of this key document. We have met regularly with parish and town councils, interest and community groups and residents and held numerous open public meetings.

We understood that the inspector was there solely to review the legality and soundness of the preparation of the plan; but it appears to be being re-written. On the basis of our extensive experience and work with the plan, we see no reason for any substantive increases in the numbers of housing required in Purbeck by the Government, particularly in Wool, where the number of 470 houses must be seen as an absolute maximum. The housing numbers required have been through several calculations resulting in differing requirements and we believe that the numbers presented in the plan represent a reasonable and tolerable balance between requirements for housing and protecting our small communities and their often old and inadequate infrastructure.

The residents of Purbeck have been extensively consulted on the plan and we believe that any substantive changes to the plan should be the subject of a further full 6 week public consultation. For whatever reason, people may feel that they have not had the opportunity to voice their concerns on the proposed changes, and to understand how the changes sit within the overall plan.

We understand that a number of parish councils and individuals have made submissions, including in particular Policy SD88 on the inclusion of some small sites. We would like to highlight the submissions made by our parish councils, as they have been very involved in the whole process and in several cases are developing Neighbourhood Plans to support and work alongside the Local Plan. Their input cannot be underestimated and is incredibly valuable.

Our opinion has always been that the second homes policy should be
strengthened to a principal residence policy, including holiday lets as well as second homes. The detrimental effect on small communities is just as apparent with holiday lets and people intent on purchasing a second home need only advertise their property as a holiday let (but not necessarily actually let it) to avoid this. In addition, small business rate relief can then be claimed.

This policy must be a principal residence policy or there will be little point in having it. Continuing development and sale of second homes and holiday lets in our small rural and coastal communities runs completely contrary to the NPPF’s golden thread of sustainable development.

It is also important to keep the flexibility to review and amend the area that the policy covers should it become apparent that the policy is causing ‘creep’ of the effects of second homes/holiday lets into surrounding settlements.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Having led the development of this plan, we are keen to ensure that any changes are both viable and appropriate. We will therefore very much welcome the opportunity to speak with you when we believe you are consulting on changes in October. Please treat this as a formal request for us to be consultees.

This submission is made in our capacities as ward members on behalf of our communities.

Cllr Peter Wharf
Cllr Laura Miller
Dorset Council

Dorset Lottery

Dorset Council is seeking the views of local residents, community groups and local charities on the proposal to run a Community Lottery for local good causes in the Dorset council area. In order to determine if there is a willingness for this to happen we want to ask people to complete a short online survey. The survey only takes 5 minutes to complete. Please note that no decision to run a Community Lottery has yet to be made. We simply want to measure people’s thoughts (good and bad) about having one. The Survey closes at 4pm on Sunday 13th October.
Survey Link
https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=156328632851

The proposal is that a ticket will cost £1 with 60p going to local causes. Players will be able to nominate good causes they wish to support when buying their ticket. Of this 60p – 50p would go to the local cause and 10p will go towards a community grant. All players get a chance to win prizes of up to £25,000. Every ticket purchased has a 1 in 50 chance of winning and winners will be given the option to reinvest their winnings to their nominated charity or community group.

DORSET TRADING STANDARDS

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Dorset Council Trading Standards is a Friend Against Scams

Dorset Council Trading Standards has become a Friends Against Scams Organisation, committed to take a stand against scams in Dorset!

Scams are fraud and many people are contacted by criminals by post, phone, online or on the doorstep. Over half of people 65+ have been targeted by criminal scams. Age UK found that worryingly only 5% of people report scams, so 95% of people don’t. Silence is a scammers best friend as it allows perpetrators of these crimes to continue unchallenged and victims to remain unsupported.

There is a scam for everyone and anyone can be affected. Young people can be scammed when buying a first mobile phone or paying online letting agents for student accommodation. Older people may fall for fake lotteries, prize draws and catalogue scams. Others may lose money when contacted out of the blue by someone purporting to be from their bank.

People who are more vulnerable to scams can receive multiple contacts a day by fraudsters and there are many reasons why people reply. Some feel they have an obligation to respond to letters or enjoy the routine of opening and responding to post. Some people want to receive the cheque for their promised winnings.

Friends Against Scams aims to break the silence around scams, giving people information to be able to spot the signs of a scam, talk with and support others and report scams. It is a national and growing scheme that aims to recruit 1 million ‘Friends’ by 2020.

Anyone can become a ‘Friend’, many people are, and you could too. Visit the national website www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk to learn more about scams.

For advice about scams and to report something to Trading Standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.
Tickets will be available to purchase online for a weekly draw. Before a final decision is made we want to hear from local voluntary and community organisations, partners and local residents for their views on the scheme.

Ash Dieback

We have been asked by a number of people who are interested in the Council’s approach to the problems affecting the Ash tree population in Dorset much of which has suffered from this potentially deadly disease. Below is the response from our Senior Scientist.

The Council’s Tree Policy enables us to deal effectively with any Council owned trees which may pose a threat to the public. With regards privately owned trees, if we have concerns about these then we refer it to the appropriate Officer who then serves an enforcement notice on the landowner.

We regularly attend Plant Health update seminars which are run by the Forestry Commission, at which this disease and many others are discussed. The Forestry Commission advice, which the Council agrees with, is not to panic and not to needlessly fell ash trees. There are several reasons for not over-reacting. Firstly, due to the nature of the disease, the tree does not become dangerous or pose a hazard quickly. If it is a very young tree, it may die quickly, but due to its size it does not constitute a hazard. For many trees, the disease takes several years, often tens of years, to kill the tree, especially if it is large. Even when dead, the tree isn’t immediately dangerous as its roots will still be sound for several years. These trees do not become dangerous over-night. By monitoring the trees we can make an objective decision on when it needs to be felled or other action to be taken.

Secondly, not all ash trees are succumbing to the disease, therefore pre-emptive felling is not advisable as you may be removing naturally resistant trees. All official advice is against the whole scale mass felling of ash trees. Driving around Dorset it is easy to see which trees are infected and which are not. Quite often in the same road you will some infected trees growing amongst non-infected trees. As ash is a pioneer species, it readily seeds and re-colonises areas. Over a period of time the naturally resistant ones will prevail and re-populate the area. The disease is fairly widespread across England with some areas being more affected.
than others. As a very rough and non-scientific guestimate, based on my travels around the county, I would say that approximately 30 – 40% of our ash trees are affected. Unlike Dutch Elm disease in the 1970’s which killed virtually every elm in the landscape, it is not expected that Ash Dieback will have the same impact. History has shown us that fungal infections reach peaks and then recede. Should Emerald Ash Borer ever reach these shores from America then that would be much more devastating as the insect would end up killing every ash tree relatively quickly – large or small. In America it has wiped out billions of dollars-worth of commercially planted ash trees and caused huge problems for their timber industry. So don’t panic.

**Friends Against Scams**

Dorset Council Trading Standards has become a Friends Against Scams Organisation, committed to take a stand against scams in Dorset. Scams are fraud and many people are contacted by criminals by post, phone, online or on the doorstep. It is a huge problem with the UK detriment estimated to be up to £10 billion each year. Over half of people aged 65 and over have been targeted by criminal scams. Age UK found that worryingly only 5 percent of people report scams, so 95 percent of people don’t. Silence is a scammer’s best friend as it allows perpetrators of these crimes to continue unchallenged and victims to remain unsupported.

People who are more vulnerable to scams can receive multiple contacts a day by fraudsters and there are many reasons why people reply. Some feel they have an obligation to respond to letters, or enjoy the routine of opening and responding to post. Some people want to receive the cheque for their promised winnings, never stopping to consider all the monies already paid over time to receive those winnings. Others will be groomed into believing they are part of an honest relationship when they are not. Friends Against Scams aims to break the silence around scams, giving people information to be able to spot the signs of a scam, talk with and support others and report scams. It is a national and growing scheme that aims to recruit 1 million ‘Friends’ by 2020. Anyone can become a ‘Friend’, many people are, and you could too. Visit the national website www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk to learn more about scams, to find a local face-to-face session, or to complete 20 minutes of online learning.

Jon Harris, Principal Trading Standards Officer at Dorset Council said: “Being recognized as a Friend Against Scams Organisation will help us to spread the message about the benefits of becoming a ‘Friend’ to grow the scheme within local communities across Dorset. This is about continuing to raise awareness of scams to help people protect themselves against financial abuse by rogues. Anyone can take a stand individually against scams and become a ‘Friend’ and other organisations can show their commitment by becoming a Friends Against Scams Organisation too.”

**BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY**

We had our August meeting, on what was probably the last opportunity for a summer evening field-trip, on the 28th August. This was our first meeting since we changed the evening to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Finally we were able to complete the excavation of “Trench-7”, which was on my front lawn, on the lower slopes of the Western side of Barrow Hill. It was a wet evening, but we soldiered on and the light shower did eventually stop, but the umbrellas and wellies were essential.

The purpose of this seventh trench was to explore what might be the edge of Bere Regis’s earliest burial ground, and was one by one and a half metres in size. It was begun at the end of June, and this last part of the dig by the Archaeology Section was also to prepare the Society for future dig visits.

In the hour that we had we found 21 items ranging in age from a worked flint, probably over 4,000 years old to late Mediaeval pottery sherds, around about 500-600 years old, coming out right in front of us! There were also five pieces of Roman and Romano-British pottery, all small in size and luckily indicating the debris field of burial puts further up, so we have found the edge of the burial ground. One piece, the Roman ware, was a small piece of imported pot, Samian-like, and with a small piece of aqua-marine blue glaze, not before seen on this site, and unlikely to be funerary. The evening’s work brought the total of finds from this trench, since June, to 560, the oldest being the worked flint, and the most recent, the plastic cap from a toothpaste tube with the name “McCleans” moulded into it.

Our next meeting will be in the village hall, and on the fourth Wednesday. All are welcome. Don’t feel that not coming before excludes anyone.

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Dorset Council’s Community Impact Fund (Small Grants Programme)

Round 4 of Dorset Council’s Community Impact Fund (Small Grants Programme) is now open for applications. The fund is aimed at local community groups and charities who meet the funding criteria and are able to deliver local projects that improve the lives and wellbeing of people across the Dorset council area. Projects must meet at least one of the council’s priorities of helping people and communities to be Safe, Healthy, Independent and Prosperous. Full details of our priorities can be found on the application form contained within the web link below. There will be two grant pots that groups can apply to:

‘Micro’ Fund – awards up to and including £1,000 (applicants will have two opportunities to apply to this fund)
‘Main’ Fund – awards up to and including £6,000 (applicants will only have one opportunity in this financial year to apply)

Full details of funding criteria, guidance for applicants, priorities, closing dates and an application form can be found below:

Refuse collections

There have been missed deliveries and DWP (the body responsible) has made the following statement.

On behalf of the DWP, please accept my sincere apologies for the problems experienced with recycle for Dorset collections. Unfortunately the collection and street cleaning teams are being affected by a combination of vehicle issues (breakdowns/accidents) and staff shortages. We do not have local vehicle maintenance facilities in Wareham and we operate very limited spare vehicles this area. When vehicle problems/breakdowns occur, crews often have to attend Crookhill workshops in Chickerell, Weymouth. This causes a significant amount of downtime and can prevent rounds from being completed (service disruptions). In order to reduce the impact of vehicle problems/breakdowns we are investigating options to allocate a mobile fitter to cover the Wareham and Ferndown areas. Sometimes vehicle breakdowns prevent the crew from collecting glass. If resources are available we send a
second vehicle to collect the glass, ideally on the day of collection, if not at the earliest possible opportunity. Unfortunately, there are occasions when resources are not available to collect the glass until the next scheduled collection. When resources are limited, we have to prioritise collections in terms of waste type and as a very last resort, glass might not be collected. Glass is an inert material that isn’t adversely affected by the weather, while both rubbish and food waste cannot be left uncollected for a long amount of time as organic material breaks down. We will accept extra amounts of recyclable material at the kerbside provided it is separated properly and placed in a sturdy container that can be lifted by our crews.

We are currently experiencing difficulty recruiting/retaining LGV drivers to crew frontline vehicles. We are working with our HR department looking at options to address this moving forward. However, in the interim period we are relying on agency drivers and drivers from other depots when available, to assist with collections from the Wareham depot. However, these drivers have limited knowledge of the rounds which can impact on service standards. We currently rely heavily on the local knowledge of crew members to ensure rounds are completed. We also rely on paper based systems to illustrate rounds at the present time. We are moving towards an electronic in-cab systems as part of our vehicle replacement programme (however this will take several years to implement across the whole DWP vehicle fleet). The benefits of the in-cab system include:

♦ Rounds are illustrated to crews on a screen in the vehicle cab.
♦ The system, highlights specific issues at properties, for example details of assisted collections or properties that have been persistently missed.
♦ Confirms exactly which roads have/have not been completed.

Thank you for offering to assist with advising parishioners of service disruptions via Parish noticeboards and your website. Perhaps the webpage and contact number (below), could be referenced on Parish noticeboards and the website. When scheduled collections cannot be completed, a service disruption is logged electronically by the depot. This ensures members of the public are informed of the position when they try to report that their materials have not been collected either online ([https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection.aspx](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection.aspx)) or by telephoning Dorset

The members of the Autumn Leaves Club were very pleased to welcome Rob Curtis to their meeting this month. Rob gave another of his interesting series of talks, this time telling us some curious facts about Dorset, and showing photographs of some of the interesting churches and objects mentioned.

The Club celebrated its 48th Birthday with a beautiful cake presented by the president of the Bere Regis WI, Mrs Dian Pitts who joined us with Nancy Gibson for the afternoon.

The cake, which was delicious, was cut by the founder and leader, the wonderful Kath Jeeves, and enjoyed by all the members.

Next month we shall be delighted to welcome Tony Bates again. He always produces an interesting picture show of the wonders of nature as seen, and captured by himself.

If you come and 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 October at 2.30.
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Direct (01305 221040). The service disruption should confirm the reason for the missed collection and when we plan to conduct collections by. Unfortunately residents will have to leave their bins out, unless the disruption states we will not return until the next scheduled collection.

We cannot guarantee service disruptions will not occur, but assure you we are doing all we can to limit the number and scale of service disruptions and to rectify the situation at the earliest possible opportunity. We employ limited frontline resources at the depot and don’t employ spare resources to rectify service disruptions. When we are faced with a high number of service disruptions, we use all resources available (including Supervisors and resources from other depots/areas when available) to try and clear the backlog at the earliest possible opportunity. Often the frontline crew will go back to complete a service disruption from a previous day, but you will appreciate this impacts on the scheduled round that day. If we send multiple vehicles/crews with no/limited knowledge of the round, this can cause confusion. On occasions due to human error, streets that we believe/understand have been collected, in fact have not been collected. We will continue to work with crews to try to prevent this from happening.

Recently the depot experienced serious staffing shortages due to a combination of annual leave and high sickness absence. Every effort was made to complete all scheduled rounds, but unfortunately a few rounds were completed late. Please extend my sincerest apologies to any residents that have had their collections delayed recently.

Funding

Dorset Council welcomes the Chancellor’s spending round announcement to increase funding for council-run services. These include adult social care and services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Chancellor Sajid Javid promised access for councils across the country to £1.5bn new funding for social care, and an additional £700m to support children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). He also outlined plans to increase school spending by £7.1bn by 2022-23 and £54m of additional funding to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping.

Dorset Council will not find out its local allocation of this promised funding until December. However, the council’s finance officers estimate that the funding could be as much as £10m from government for the next financial year. This is against current funding levels of £295m.

Leader of Dorset Council, Cllr Spencer Flower, said:

“I am pleased to see that the government has recognised the need to rebalance the past cuts in funding for essential local government services. I wrote to Chancellor Sajid Javid on 20 August with a plea for fairer funding for

Funding

Dorset Council welcomes the Chancellor’s spending round announcement to increase funding for council-run services. These include adult social care and services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Chancellor Sajid Javid promised access for councils across the country to £1.5bn new funding for social care, and an additional £700m to support children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). He also outlined plans to increase school spending by £7.1bn by 2022-23 and £54m of additional funding to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping.

Dorset Council will not find out its local allocation of this promised funding until December. However, the council’s finance officers estimate that the funding could be as much as £10m from government for the next financial year. This is against current funding levels of £295m.

Leader of Dorset Council, Cllr Spencer Flower, said:

“I am pleased to see that the government has recognised the need to rebalance the past cuts in funding for essential local government services. I wrote to Chancellor Sajid Javid on 20 August with a plea for fairer funding for
Dorset. I explained to the Chancellor that the recent local government reorganisation in Dorset, which he approved in his former role as Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, is indeed achieving significant efficiencies and cost reductions. We are on track to achieve a £10m reduction in our salary bill resulting from de-duplication of roles. And we will make further significant budget savings next year and in ongoing years through service redesign and economies of scale.

“However, despite this, Dorset Council still faces a challenging budget position due to growing demand for children’s services (both children in care and SEND services) and adult social care, both of which we have a statutory duty to provide. This growing demand is due to demographic changes such as our ageing population and more children being diagnosed with special educational needs. Due to these pressures, we find ourselves forecasting a budget overspend of £12.6m for this financial year, which we are working hard to address. This is despite an increase in our 2019/20 budget provision in both adults and children’s services of about £10m.

“Councils have extremely limited tools at their disposal to deal with such demographic and demand pressures. With the lack of funding provided by government over recent years, we have to rely on income from council tax to provide 82% of the council’s funding to deliver essential services for residents. I also want to be absolutely clear: the financial situation for local government in Dorset would be significantly worse if we had not gone ahead with local government reorganisation and the creation of Dorset Council.

“The government’s promise this week of additional funding is very much welcomed and should help to address our budget pressures. We look forward to seeing the detail of what additional funding Dorset Council will receive from Wednesday’s spending round in December.”

Surgery

Meetings with our constituents will be held by one or other of us during the month and we are currently trying a number of different approaches. For October we will respond to any email or telephone request to meet which we will hold either at a local village hall or at your home. Please ring or email us with the subject matter so that we can prepare ourselves. Peter’s email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com 07986600799 and Laura’s is clrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk 07814 569563.

Peter Wharf & Laura Miller, Dorset Councillors for West Purbeck

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The next meeting of the floral group will be on Tuesday 8th October at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. The demonstrator is Jennifer Thompson, and her title is Up the Garden Path.

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The Ex Landlord’s Cup 2019

31 ROGS enjoyed a leisurely round of golf among the lakes, streams and fairways of Crane Valley Golf Club. The course was in good condition when we started, but probably a bit hacked afterwards.

Some good scores were achieved with just over half of the field with 30 points and over. Coming out on top was Sir G beating Brett Standerwick on countback with 38 points. Well done to Sir Geoff. Third was Triston Gale with 37 points.

NP on the 6th was Middlo, NP on the 16th was Jim Corbin, NP in two on the 18th was Mark Teed, LD on the 14th was Josh Eastwood.

The Captain had the only two on the 6th. Thanks for the game!

A special mention and thanks to Teedy, who managed to get round the course whilst recovering from his broken leg, albeit in a buggy. Thanks Teed for sponsoring the day with some very appropriate prizes (Drink).

Again, without sounding boring, thanks to everybody who participated and dug deep to help the charity. Another very lucrative amount earned. Thanks again.

See you all at the next meeting, 27th September at Meyrick Park Golf Club for the Whitbread Pairs. 1st tee is at 11.58
NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

As regular readers will know, one of the challenges of writing this column is that the deadline for submission is around 2-3 weeks before publication. I am writing this in early September, and events in Parliament are fast moving and uncertain. We have had one unsuccessful vote on having a general election – we are due to have another vote very shortly!

Our current Parliamentary session has lasted longer than any in almost 400 years, and parliamentarians on both sides of the political divide have called for a Queen’s Speech. This requires that Parliament be prorogued for a period to prepare for the new session and allow the State Opening to occur. Parliament was due to rise in mid-September for three weeks for conference recess, and prorogation adds a few more days onto this.

During the conference recess and as always, I will spend most of the time when Parliament is not sitting in the constituency. Many constituents have also asked me to meet charities in Manchester at the party conference, which I am planning to attend. It may seem that conference season is a time to be particularly tribal in terms of political parties – here in Dorset that is far from true for me. It is always a pleasure when the Lib Dem conference is in Bournemouth as we host an old friend to stay so that he can attend – which raises a few eyebrows!

My inbox has been very busy recently – of course many emails about Brexit, but also concerns about a rage of local issues. I have held meetings with constituents about many of these, including concerning the Wareham level crossing, pollution and environmental damage in rural areas, protection of community assets and anti-social behaviour including stalking. Many people have also been in touch about international matters, in particular following worrying reports from Hong Kong. Having been part of a delegation to Hong Kong last year, I know that the government is unwavering in its commitment to the Sino-British Declaration, and that this position has been made clear to the Chinese government.

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eggs; over-use of fertiliser can introduce nitrates and nutrients into the stream which will lead to excessive weed and algae growth choking the water course; and incorrect connections of such as washing machines into surface water sewers can pollute the water course.

Village Tidy

The Wildlife and Environment Group will be supporting the Village Tidy on Saturday 12th October, working in conjunction with the Scouts to clear some invasive weed in the Souls Moor pond, clearing weeds from Souls Moor (keeping the fertility of the soil low and thereby encouraging wildflowers to flourish) and building bug hotels.

Join Us on our Conservation Working Parties

Our first Conservation Working Party of the Autumn season will be held on the morning of Saturday 2nd November. We will meet at the bridge near to the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am. We normally finish about 12.30.

Our main task will be to carry out some scrub clearance in the wooded areas alongside the stream. This work is carried out on a rotation over three / four years. It allows light to reach the woodland floor and for a wider variety of wild flower plants to flourish. With support and guidance from Dorset Wildlife Trust, our work is helping to 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.

Please come and join us. Many hands make for light work; all are welcome (under 16s should be accompanied by an adult). No experience is required, there’s a friendly crowd, it is great fun and good exercise too! If you have some clippers, loppers or a hand saw please bring them with you. If not, don’t worry – we’ll have some spares.

A further Conservation Work Party will be held on Saturday 7th December. Further dates in 2020 will be announced nearer the time.

Contact Us

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

Tony Bates at tonymbates19@gmail.com / 01929 471563 or Mike Gee at mike.n.g@outlook.com / 0775 988 4942.

Whatever happens next in Parliament – whether a general election or not, I will continue to do all I can to deliver a successful Brexit. I do not believe that it is in anyone’s interest to delay further. This will simply increase uncertainty for residents and businesses alike.

I continue to hold regular surgeries in the constituency so please do get in touch if there is something you need help with. 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 or on my website www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk

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BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Autumn and the season of morning mists and mellow fruitfulness is now upon us. It’s a time when swallows and other birds prepare for their migration to warmer climes and nature generally slows down as it prepares itself for a rest over the winter months. Nevertheless, there are plenty of birds that over winter here and mammals that are active throughout the winter season. It is vitally important that they have a good food source. So, please don’t be over tidy in your gardens – leave some seed heads and dead foliage. This will provide food for birds and refuges for various insects like ladybirds. Also, if you have a bird feeder keep it topped up and if you don’t, why not consider getting one – the birds provide a great spectacle.

Brown Trout

We are very fortunate to have a healthy population of brown trout in the Bere Stream. They can often be spotted from the bridges ‘hanging’ in the water with their heads up stream and on the lookout for prey, darting to safety under the bridge if they spot you. Their title ‘brown’ doesn’t do them justice as they are a beautiful fish with golden yellow-brown appearance, yellow belly and many black and red spots all over the body. Their attractive appearance belies their predatory nature always on the hunt for prey – be it insect larvae, small fish and insects – and they sport a fearsome row of teeth. Brown trout can grow to over 50cm (18 inches) in length and can have a lifespan in excess of 15 years. That said, it is estimated that in excess of 95% of young fish die or are predated within their first year. You may ask what is it that brown trout like about Bere Stream. Two things – one, the water is relatively clean and, two, the stream has a gravel bed. Trout are dependent upon a gravel bed into which their fertilised eggs are buried in the early months of the year. The young fish, called ‘fry’, hatch and feed on the nutritious yolk sac before moving on to feast on insects. It is vitally important that the cleanliness of the stream is maintained or, ideally, improved. Run-off from fields and roads can lead to a build-up of silt in the base of the river, covering gravel and preventing the fish from burying their eggs.
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POP IN PLACE NEWS
Community Event this month :-

Music and Presentation Night Saturday
12th October 7.30

Each year the Pop In Place recognises it volunteers this year we have arranged a special evening with Music to celebrate the wonderful contribution all volunteers make to the organisation. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles we will provide the entertainment. Tickets are £5 per adult and £3 for under 16. Form Alison or the Pop In Place all are welcome to come and enjoy this great evening, buy your tickets early.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Memory Walk

Thank you to all the walkers everyone who donated cakes or raffle prizes all the helpers that made the memory walk such a great success.

Thank you to Paul Martin who played the piano at the Coffee Morning.

Bere Regis has united against dementia, we had a record number of walkers on this year’s Memory Walk and raised an incredible £932.00 for the Alzheimer’s Society. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last month

Memory Boxes

Last month we saw the start of this new initiative at the cafes it an opportunity to look at Memory Boxes, these contain a variety of items that will evoke memories and
encourage a whole new conversation. Come down and see what is in the next box on the Friday 18th of October or Monday 21st of October no charge but tea and coffee are on sale. Everyone is most welcome you can even bring your own items to show.

More Volunteers
Pop In Place needs more volunteers to serve teas or drive clients and welcome visitors.

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

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
Would you like to make a Donation of cash to help our set up cost?

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

There are “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 now currently working on renovation of the building hope to open it as a shed as soon as possible in the spring next year.

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 Julie Lye who has a choreography background and designed routines 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.
UK. At Hawthorne Crater nearby, we met Andy Robertshaw, the well-known WW1 historian, who explained the results of the battlefield archaeology going on there by a team from Stafford University. We then called in to the Newfoundland Park preserved battlefield site to be taken around by a young Canadian student guide working as an intern for the Canadian Government. An exhilarating downhill ride into the Ancre valley took us back to camp at Autheille. Meals were cooked in turn by the two teams who also bought the food ‘on the local economy’, where ‘school French’ seemed to produce the right results.

On Thursday, we went by vehicles to Arras via Bullecourt, the scene of a small tank action in April 1917, where battlefield archaeology is underway to throw light on what actually happened there. We paid a brief visit to Vimy Ridge, where one of our members, Cam Fletcher, a geology undergraduate, briefed us on the technicalities of mining before going to Arras to go underground in the vast Wellington Quarries complex. This housed some 24,000 troops before they emerged to fight the Battle of Arras in April 1917. The planned ‘free-time’ in the city of Arras was thwarted when we discovered that it was a French national holiday and most shops were closed.

So the next day, Friday, we returned to Vimy to view the hugely impressive Canadian Memorial and the rather disappointing Interpretation Centre before going underground for the second time in the tunnels beneath Vimy Ridge, used by the Canadians in their successful attack on Easter Day in 1917. This time, the look ahead - to ‘free time’ in Arras was accomplished. Waffle and chocolates consumed, we returned to camp to begin the process of loading the bikes and striking camp before our move north to Ypres the following day. A final barbecue at Autheille ended our time in the Somme sector.

An early start the next day saw the final packing up of the camp before we headed north for the next two days to be spent in the Ypres Salient. On the way to our hostel accommodation in Ypres, we called into the ‘Paaschendaele Experience’ museum and recreated trenches at Zonnebeke. Here we met an extremely well-informed guide who was apparently impressed by the prior knowledge of the team. Perhaps all those pre-expedition talks had paid off?

We then went to the Tyne Cot Memorial and Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world with nearly 12,000 graves, and the names of 35,000 men who have no known burial site. At Tyne Cot, Dan Miller read some biographical details of his great-great-uncle, Frank Miller, who is commemorated there and the Lightfoot family found the grave of a predecessor. We returned to Ypres and checked in to our hostel and unloaded the bikes and kit before going out for a meal in the town.

The planned cycle ride on Sunday was cancelled because of bad weather and we went instead by minibuses to visit Hill 60. This was the scene of another Dorset action where the 1st Battalion suffered numerous casualties in the first gas attack on British troops on 1 May 1915. Details of Private Lucas from

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### 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 Performers Group

Is working on Santa’s Holiday Adventure in aid of the Community Shed Project.

Please not the date of our Christmas show.

### Date for your diary for November

**BBC Children in Need coffee Morning** 
Friday 15th November 10am until 12 noon

### Dates for your Diary In December

**Santa’s Holiday Adventure**

Please note a new date for The Pop In Place Christmas show it will now be on

Thursday 5th December 6pm
Friday 6th December 7pm
Saturday 7th December 2pm

**Pop In Place community Christmas Party**
Monday 16th December 12-4 pm

### Please Check out Pop In Place Website popinplace.org

Thanks to Rod Osmond who has updated our website and it is looking great.

Alison Bennett, Telephone 01929 472023
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

KINGSBERE EXPLORER SCOUTS
BATTLEFIELD TOUR AUGUST 2019

At 7.30am on the 1st July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, some 300 men of the Dorset Regiment became casualties as they attempted to break out of Autheille Wood and attack the German trenches only 200 yards away. 103 years later, 23 members of the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit camped near Antehille Wood and followed the fortunes of the Dorsets on that fateful morning.

The Explorers’ Summer Expedition this year was a week-long trip to France and Belgium visiting First World War battle sites, cemeteries and memorials associated with the men from Bere Regis. The expedition was partially cycle-based to appreciate the topography of the battlefields. The first five nights were based on a campsite in Autheille, a small village in the heart of the Somme battlefield, where the Dorsets spent a fitful last night before going into action the following morning. For many of the Dorset men it was literally their last resting place.

Following a long drive and the setting up of our campsite the day before, the next day we set off on bikes in heavy rain to follow the route taken the Dorsets. At Lonsdale Cemetery, Phil explained the circumstances of the Dorsets’ attack and the reasons for its failure, graphically illustrated by personal eyewitness accounts. We then looked at the situation from the German perspective at Leipzig Redoubt before moving on to the nearby Thiepval Memorial, where some 72,000 men with no known graves are commemorated. Biographical details of two of our men commemorated there were read by members of our team before laying memorial poppies and crosses. Then we went on to Mouquet Farm, the scene of another Dorset action three months later and further heavy casualties.

There, we were fortunate to meet the great grandson of the owner of the farm at the time who explained what he knew of the action and of the underground bunkers which still exist beneath the farm. Next we visited the Lochnagar Crater, the largest existing crater site on the Western Front and one of 19 exploded at the start of the Somme battle. The significance of underground warfare was explained by Phil. Then it was ‘downhill all the way’ back to camp and tea and the evening meal.

The following day was another cycling tour. We stopped at the Ulster Tower and were taken around the recently excavated trenches in Thiepval Wood. Next was the famous ‘sunken lane’ at Hawthorne Ridge depicted in the contemporary ‘Somme 1916’ documentary, which we had viewed back in the...