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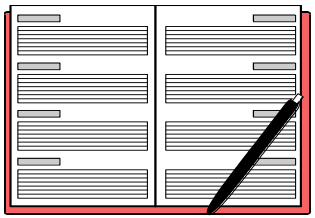

2017

August

9th	Autumn Leaves, A simple flower arrangement, Ann Hunter	2.30pm
Bank holiday weekend	Flower Festival for Cancer charities	

September

12th	Floral Group - Two of a Kind	2.00pm
13th	Autumn Leaves, Far Away Places, Allan and Andrea Smith	2.30pm
19th	WI, My Life on the Fairground, Kay Castleman	7.30pm
22nd	Pop in Place Macmillan Coffee Morning	10.00am - 12 noon

October

10th	Floral Group - Sallying Forth Again	2.00pm
11th	Autumn Leaves, Holme for Gardens, Simon Goldsack	2.30pm
14th	Pop in Place, an Evening with Rapport	
17th	WI, Cyber Crime, Jake Moore	7.30pm

November

8th	Autumn Leaves, Names on the War Memorial. Di Ventham	2.30pm
14th	Floral Group - TBA	2.00pm
17th	Pop in Place, Fundraising for Children in Need	
21st	WI, Christmas Cards, Jan Nurrish	7.30pm

December

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

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A LETTER FROM YOUR VICAR

My dear Friends,

Firstly I want to look back and express my warmest thanks to all of you who played a part in making our Christmas services so truly joyful. There are many things which need to be done in preparation for our Festival services (some of them noticed and some not) and I for one am very grateful those of you who helped in this way. I do hope that all who attended our services were also uplifted. Thank you, too, for all the cards that Felicity and I received and the warmth of your messages.

Secondly, whatever is said or written elsewhere, I should like to write something about dear Pastor Jim who died very peacefully at the beginning of the year. His life and ministry here in Bere Regis and the surrounding district has been that of a true Christian leader. He endeared himself to many, not only by being a man of great Christian faith but also a man of the people particularly through the Pop-In and its Performers (we shall never forget his acting as the dame in the Pantomime

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last year when we were very new!) but also giving a lot of comfort and help to people through his visits to their homes. He and I shared some lovely times in discussion about our faith, joint ministry and in prayer. May each one of us learn something from his life, his love and his faith as we surround Janet and their family and the fellowship of the Chapel with our love and hold them in our prayers. By the time you read this, we will have gathered for his funeral on January 27th, which I expect will be very well attended.

During the holidays I was given a look at our wonderful new school. I trust that many (all?) of you would agree that it fits so well into its surrounding and I have been enjoying seeing it from Black Hill and from other directions. The inside, though, is really stunning and will benefit the schooling of our children for years to come. It is good to rejoice in old things and places but it is also good to delight in what is good in the new!

One of the joys of a later Easter is that there is time to prepare for Lent, unlike last year when we had just recovered from the Christmas before it began. Ash Wednesday this year is on March 1st so there is time to prepare – yes that means no excuses though!

So many things must have been written about Lent in this magazine through the decades. It is not a time for feeling miserable because we have given up something we enjoy but rather a time for finding a new enthusiasm for our faith and for living as Christian people. We may, as we are encouraged to do, find a new sorrow for our sins but not if it makes us gloomy or even grumpy. It could be good to reflect on Jesus' parable of the two people who went to the Temple to pray, a Pharisee and a Tax-collector. The Pharisee thought so much of himself and the other humbly acknowledged his faults. We are told that the one who went home justified and at peace was the latter. In Lent we can reflect on the wonderful way that God forgives all who feel truly sorry – a love beyond our human comprehension. By all means use Lent in the traditional way of giving up something you enjoy (and it doesn't need to be food – this is not a slimming or health-based exercise) but let's be positive in finding some way we can draw closer to God and be of great benefit to other people. One small way can be to provide something for the Food Bank (boxes in both our churches) which brings real relief to those in need.

I should like to wish you all a Happy Lent!

Your loving Vicar and Friend

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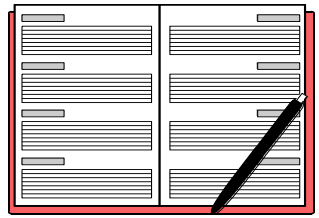

2017

14th	Floral Group - Women of Influence	2.00pm
21st	WI, Hair Care, Tracy	7.30pm

April

11th	Floral Group - Creative Creations	2.00pm
12th	Autumn Leaves, 'A Capella' singing by Wimborne Voices	2.30pm
14th	Pop in Place, Easter Bonnets, Easter Egg Raffle	10.00am - 12 noon
18th	WI, AGM	7.30pm
28th	Pop in Place AGM	10.30am
29th	Annual Church coach trip - Baliol College, Oxford	

May

8th	Pop in Place Village Quiz	7.30pm
9th	Floral Group - Fusion	2.00pm
10th	Autumn Leaves, The Doctor Detective, Mary Graham	2.30pm
16th	WI, WRAP, Kirsten Juniper	7.30pm
19th	Pop in Performers, A Western Musical	7.00pm
20th	Pop in Performers, A Western Musical	2.00pm

June

4th	Briantspuddle Open Gardens	
13th	Floral Group - Room to Room	2.00pm
14th	Autumn Leaves, Swimming the Channel, Bob Holman	2.30pm
18th	Garden Club - Open Gardens, Bere Regis	
20th	WI, members evening	7.30pm

July

11th	Floral Group - TBA	2.00pm
12th	Autumn Leaves, Where the Heck are We? David Gray	2.30pm
18th	WI, Safety in the Home, Rosemary Locock	7.30pm

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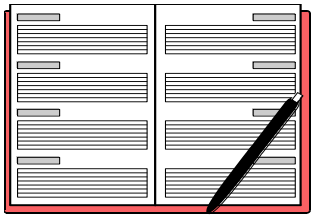

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February

8th	Autumn Leaves, Ian Fleming, Kathy McNally	2.30pm
10th	Pop in Place, Sing along songs	10.30am
14th	Floral Group, workshop - Hearts and Flowers	2.00pm
21st	WI, Pancake/Crepe evening	7.30pm

March

8th	Autumn Leaves, Great Hymn Stories. Bob Naylor	2.30pm
10th	Pop in Place, Fun Quiz	10.30am

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

10am	Parish Eucharist	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins & Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 12th February – The Third Sunday before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	Affpuddle
11am	Family Service following Junior Church at 10am	Bere Regis

Sunday 19th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bere Regis
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Wednesday 22nd February

11am	Midweek Holy Communion, followed by a simple lunch	Bere Regis

Please Note: We have decided to return to the last Wednesday of the month for this service

Sunday 26th February – The Sunday Next before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	Affpuddle
11am	Morning Worship	Bere Regis

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday

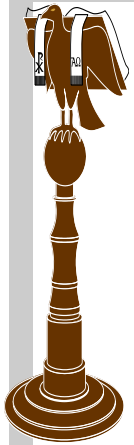
7pm	Benefice Eucharist for Ash Wednesday	Bere Regis

Sunday 5th March – The First Sunday of Lent

10am	Parish Eucharist	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins & Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES

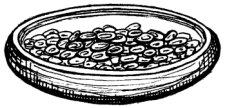
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Readers

Parish Communion

5th	Mr Booth/Mr England
19th	Mr Booth/Mrs Naylor



Sidesmen

5th	10.00am	Mr Bates/Mr House
	Chalice	Mr Lambert/Mr House
	Intercessions	Mr England
	6.00pm	Mr Gibbs
12th	11.00am	Junior Church
19th	10.00am	Mr Smith/Mr House
	Chalice	Mr Cox/ Mr Lambert
	Intercessions	Mrs Welton
	6.00pm	Mr Gibbs
26th	11.00am	Mr Scott

Cleaning and Dusting

	Cleaning	*Dusting*
28 January & 4 February	Mrs Jenny Clifford Mrs Heather Loxton	Mrs Margaret Miller Mrs Hazel Green
11 & 18 February	Mrs Annie Nicholson Mrs Diana Fairhurst	Mrs Jean Gibbs Mrs Cynthia Burden
25 February & 4 March	Mrs Pat Wharf Mrs Lorraine Butterfield	Mrs Sue Hazelrigg

Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th/11th	Mothers Union
18th/25th	Mrs Gibson/Griffin

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Mothers' Union	Nancy Gibson	472105	15 White Lovington BH20 7NF	NancyEGibson @msn.com	Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.
Mobile Library	Dorset County Council	01305 224440		dorchestermobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk	Alternate fortnights Car park Mondays 9.20- 9.50 Fridays 10.50 - 12.15
Neighbour Car Scheme	Brenda House	01929 471255		stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com	Community run transport option
Pop in Place	Alison Bennett	472023	3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU	paul@bennett3518.freeserve.co.uk	Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00
Purbeck District Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
Bere Regis Pre-School 'Pebbles'		471334	Southbrook Bere Regis BH20 7DB	preschool@beregis.dorset.sch.uk	Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 7.45 a.m. and after-school club until 5 p.m.
Rotary Club of Wareham	David King	01929 471087	Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7NT	david.king@gbpltd.co.uk www.warehamrotary.co.uk	
RBL Women's Section	Mrs Eileen Maidment	471616	9 Elder Road		Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
Salt and Pepper Lunch Club	Brenda House	471255		stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com	Monthly, Scout Hut, 3rd Thursday. 12.30p.m.
Table Tennis for Adults	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123			Mondays 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Twinning Association	Jackie Ahern	07876 577012		Jackie.ahern@hotmal.co.uk	Meetings and events arranged as and when.
W.I. (Bere Regis)	Mrs Dian Pitts	471322		pitts.dian @gmail.com	Monthly Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm
Woodbury Hill Singers	Mrs Kath Jeeves	471175	10 Turberville Court		Weekly Turberville Court Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts) General or group enquiries	Simon Hart Chris Gall	01929 472274 01305 772634			Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Kate Willis	01929 472787			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8– 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit	Helen Unitt-Jones	01929 472273			Tuesdays 7.30 pm-9.30 pm. 14-18 years, male and female. Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scouts Scout Hut Hire	Andrea Marshall	472588 or 07884 226445	2 Old Barn Cottages West Street	andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com	Hire rates from £7.00 per hour
Briantspuddle Book Swap Club	Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot	471002 472483	6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall
Briantspuddle village scrap book	Jenny Silavs	471577			Scrap book for Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle
Chapel Toddlers Group	Mrs Janet Morris	471270	The Manse Flat, Butt Lane	Jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk	Tuesdays - 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane
Cyril Wood Court Monthly Coffee Stop					1st Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00
Drax Hall (hire)	Lyn Simmonds	471528			
Dorset County Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	
Kingsbere Quilters	Mrs Dianne Edmunds	472331	10 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Scout Hut 1st Wednesday 9.30 am - 12 noon
Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society	Secretary: Sue Gould (28 Stileham Bank, MSA DT11 0LE)	01258 837575	Lane End, Milborne St Andrew.	Msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk	A new allotment site adjacent to the Sports Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year.

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On 10th January – Pauline Jenkins

CONFIRMATION – AND POSSIBLY A REFRESHER COURSE

I have had only one person interested in joining a group in preparation for Confirmation, and she has already been confirmed but wanted a 'Refresher Course'. If there is anyone interested in doing the same or indeed interested in the possibility of Confirmation then do please speak to me. For Confirmation, you can be of any age from 11 upwards.

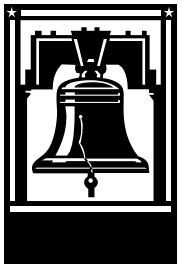
Of course it may be that you know of someone else who might be interested, please feel free to get them to speak to me. Such groups in my experience can be of great value to all, including the leader, as we look at various aspects of our faith and understanding of being a Christian. Showing an interest – or even joining the group – does not in itself show definite commitment, **so please don't be too wary!**

Charles

MISSION APOSTLE CHURCH ROOF UPDATE

Following the morning service on Sunday February 19th there will be refreshments and a brief presentation to update everyone on the current problem and the progress to date. Please join us so that the Fundraisers can give you some of the good news and bring you right up to date.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS



Practices will continue in February on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 to 7.30pm and anyone is very welcome to come up the tower to see what is involved in the art of bell ringing. Watch out for our publicity encouraging new ringers in the near future - it is a good exercise as well as a vital part of the life of your church and parish.

CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Coffee after Parish Eucharist has become a much appreciated tradition as a time when we can meet informally and chat. On the third Sunday this is organised by The Mothers' Union but on the first Sunday we have a rota of volunteers. So far I have the months up to and including September covered but am wondering if anyone would like to volunteer for one of the vacant months.

It is not very onerous and there are always people willing to help with the serving and clearing up. You would be asked to supply the milk and biscuits (tea, coffee and sugar are provided) and to get to church in time to put the urn on and get the mugs out.

If anyone is willing to do this I would love to hear from you. If you would like to help but the months available do not suit you. I am sure we can organise a swap.

Pat Chesney 471 519 email Chesney@towerhill.f9.co.uk

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Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@jonesfer.freeserve.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Sylvia Bayliss	472697		sbayliss194@outlook.com	Monthly - Scout Hut 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	John England Adrian Standfield Jenny Clifford	471469 471774	10, South Mead		Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Primary School and Pre-School	Wayne Roberts - Headteacher	471334	Southbrook Bere Regis BH20 7DB	office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk	Primary School for pupils aged 4+ to 11 years
Bere Regis Floral Group	Diane Edmonds Diana Holman	472331 01305 848262			2nd Tuesday at Winterborne Kingston village hall
Bere Regis Gardening Club	Sue Stone	472083	97 North Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD	Susan.stone97@yahoo.co.uk	Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Tuesday. 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Strollers	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.crisford@btinternet.com	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Junior Church	Pat Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage, West Street	peterwharf@btinternet.com	Second Sunday of every month in Church 10.000-11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Parish Council	Ian Ventham Chairman	471480	Wateredge, 5A Shitterton, BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Andy Kent Herbie Swann Luke White	471079 472812 472487	94 North Street	andy@contact.go-plus.net	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bob.holman@tiscali.co.uk	5.15 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Wildlife Group	Tony Bates Pat Chesney Sarah Welton	471563 471519 471562	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk	Meetings arranged as and when
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Liz Teather	01929 471216		lizteather@hotmail.com	Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5¾ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road

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A recent Housing Needs Survey was conducted by Purbeck District Council towards the end of 2016. The Parish Council understands that the findings of this survey will be used to determine the extent of the need for affordable housing in the Parish. A copy of this survey can be found on the community website, www.briantspuddle.info A paper copy can also be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Lindsay Hole. Contact details are woodlands20@hotmail.com or by telephone 07887 782005.

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Mike Menzies	01929 471263	Michael.menzies@talk21.com
Lizzie Guinn	01305 848916	lizzieguinn@hotmail,com
Lindsay Hole (parish clerk)	07887 782005	woodlands20@hotmail.com

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AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Piddle Valley Conservation Area Review

On Thursday 12th January 2017 Officers Benjamin Webb and Richard Wilson from Purbeck District Council attended the Parish Council Meeting as part of the consultation process associated with the Draft Piddle Valley Conservation Area Review 2016.

The Review proposes a significant change, to considerably shrink the boundary of the existing area, established in 1987.

Approximately 70 residents attended the meeting. A short introduction was given by Benjamin Webb, this was followed by Parishioners making comments and posing questions to Officers.

Public participation as a result of the consultation process ends on 31st January 2017. The Parish Council will be submitting its response to Purbeck District Council and once formulated will be reproduced on the Community Website www.brinatspuddle.info

Affordable Housing – Briantspuddle

The Parish Council has been made aware that a local landowner has offered a site in Briantspuddle which may have the potential for a local housing needs scheme as a Rural Exception Site.

Rob Aspray, Regional Head of Development for Hastoe Housing Association and Chris McDermott, Senior Housing Officer at Purbeck District Council will be attending the Parish Council's next meeting in order to hear views concerning the opportunity. This matter will be dealt with under the Public Participation item on the Agenda. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th February, in the Village Hall at 7pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council is, as yet, unware of the location of the site or whether it would be inside or outside of the newly proposed Conservation Area.

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

"Why don't you come and join us at the Family Service on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00 am"

A fresh new year and not a trace of January blues for Junior Church! Our theme this month was 'John the Baptist', as we were also thinking about how Jesus was baptised by John. Our parish church has the dedication of John the Baptist and there is plenty in the New Testament about him.

We started our service with 'When the saints go marching in', and the children marched round the church in great style! The young puppeteers gave us the song 'I fought the Lord and the Lord won'. The drama was in three parts highlighting three important times in John's life. We began with the story of his birth and how his father, Zechariah, doubted God's word and lost his power of speech. It was only after John was born and there was a discussion about his name that his speech returned after he confirmed that his name was to be John.

The second drama showed us how John lived in the wilderness and many people, including some Jewish leaders, came to listen to his message. He told them 'Change your ways and be baptised in the river Jordan!' Imagine such a thing happening here in Bere Regis!

The third drama was about the sad end of John's life. He spoke out about Herod taking his brother's wife as his own. She was called Herodias and at a party her daughter danced so well that Herod offered her anything she wanted. Prompted by her mother, she asked for 'the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' We were all taken aback when John's head was brought in!

Reverend Charles spoke about John but also asked how many people knew the date of their baptism? Or where they were baptised? Several members of the congregation had been baptised in our own font. He took this opportunity to thank members of the Holy Cleaners and Holy Dusters, who had been specially invited to this service, and were given a 'thank you' scroll. These are some of the saints of today.

A dance followed, to 'Have we made our God too small? beautifully performed by some of the children. Then ten puppeteers presented the song 'Christian believer' The congregation sang a well known hymn 'For all the Saints', very appropriate as we remember this remarkable man. Well done to everyone who took part in any way and a special thank you to the children!

Felicity Masheder

Bere Regis Junior Church

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT!

It was great to see so many Christmas lights, lanterns, lasers, polar bears, penguins, deer and a novelty Father Christmas on show in the village over the Christmas period. There were over 20 houses who were judged as part of the competition, so a big thank you for your participation!

The judging was performed by myself & Audrey and I'm pleased to say that we managed to agree on the outcome! It was a very close call for the 7 prizes but the main thing was that we all all had some festive fun.

The entertainment and drinks on the 17th December was also a great success and there was much enthusiastic feedback from the 75 attendees, many of whom also joined in the singing; there was also a positive financial outcome which of course goes to the village hall.

I must thank everyone who took part in the event, especially all of those who gave up their time to rehearse and perform on Ukulele, Harp, Pipes, Drums and vocals but not forgetting those who continuously support in preparing food and drink etc.

Finally, I have been asked by many who attended to ensure that we do a Christmas Lights competition in 2017.....of course we will!!

Thanks & regards

Phil

THANK YOU FROM THE BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS

Thank you to all who attended the Briantspuddle Singers' Community Carol Concert on 20th December 2016, the generous donations that you gave totalled £280.92, which has been sent to WaterAid.

The varied programme of choir pieces, individual performances and communal carols was enjoyed by a full hall. Special thanks must go to those who provided the refreshments, those who served them, and to all who prepared and cleared up the hall afterwards.

LENT GROUPS IN BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE PARISHES

As usual we will be running Lent Groups in the parishes this year, with interesting speakers (in person or recorded) and lively discussion.

Meetings in Bere Regis will take place on Tuesday mornings starting on 7th March; the intention in these is to follow the usual 5-session York Course format which has served us well for several years now.

In Affpuddle parish we shall meet on Monday evenings starting on 6th March, with a series of individual talks and discussion inspired by (mostly) well known paintings.

These meetings are open to all in the benefice, church-goers or not, and you can come to either or both venues and attend them all if you like, or be selective. See the March magazine, notice boards and pew sheets for further details, or for Bere Regis ring Brenda (01929 471391) or for Affpuddle ring Jonathan (01929 471768).

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Lesson Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
5th Feb	11am	A Grindrod	A Grindrod	1 Cor 2: 1-12
4th Sunday		S Wood	S Wood	Matt 5: 13-20
before Lent				
12th Feb	9.15am	D Coates	S Sanderson	1 Cor 3: 1-9
3rd Sunday		Allan Smith	Andrea Smith	Matt 5: 21-37
before Lent				
19th Feb	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
2nd Sunday				
before Lent				
26th Feb	9.15am	S Gibbs	D Buck	2 Pet 1: 16-end
Sunday next		S Sanderson	M Cropper	Matt 17: 1-9
before Lent				
5th Mar	11am	A Armitage	A Armitage	Rom 5: 12-19
1st Sunday		A Grindrod	A Grindrod	Matt 4: 1-11
of Lent				

Intercessions:	*12th February*	*A Smith*	*26th February*	*A Grindrod*
Chalice:	*12th February*	*J Haigh*	*26th February*	*S Sanderson*

sometimes required when people are feeling below par, but would still welcome a hot nourishing meal, so bear this in mind. Next months' offering will be a turkey and vegetable soup, followed by pear and chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce. Don't forget to tell us if you have special dietary requirements. Put your name down in the Village Shop or phone Jenny on 471498 to book a place.

Open Gardens

We have been disappointed to discover that on our revised date for the Open Gardens there will be a marathon event using the local roads. We cannot therefore hold the event on that date for a number of reasons, not least the access and safety of garden visitors, but also that of marathon runners whose route on "fully closed roads" (as currently made public on the Dorchester Marathon website) takes them through Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Throop,. Although we check local events before deciding a date, we did not imagine this as a possible scenario.

After a bit of to-ing and fro-ing we now have confirmation from the owner of the bus that will transport visitors about the three venues that we may return to our **original date of 4th June**. For any bus enthusiasts there will be details of the vintage bus and its history in a later mag.

Finally

If there is any resident or residents who would care to join the Hall Committee, or simply start up an activity in the hall, don't hesitate to contact a member of the committee, or phone Jenny on 471498.

ARTREACH EVENT IN BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

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BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hall Repairs and Improvements

The work has (almost) finished. The remaining electrical work to the outside lights is being carried out as I type this.

We have received Trevors' resignation. He was willingly co-opted for the duration of the repairs. Since he had begun the work, he was anxious to see it completed and the hall committee was pleased to welcome his return. He is owed a debt of gratitude for this work, not only from the trustees, but also from the wider community, as it completed the facelift afforded our hall over a considerable number of years by many willing volunteers. Thank you specifically Trevor, but also the many others who have laboured selflessly to make our hall what it is today.

Dr Nick Berry from Viridor Credits has been to visit the Hall and see the end result of the most recent funding round that they have awarded. He was told how thrilled trustees and parishioners were with the end result, and commented; "money well spent". RESULT!!

100+ club

There were 11 prize winners in the Xmas who received cash prizes or festive goods. Winners of the January draw were; 1st prize (£20) number 11, and 2nd prize (£10) number 107.

Burns night

We are feverishly preparing for this popular evening, and tickets are flying out. We are aiming for another fun evening and once more have a crack team providing the catering etc. Enjoy it while you can, we're all getting too old for this level of activity!

Village Lunch

The ham and lentil soup was a hit amongst the 26 who took part. We do a takeaway service for those who cannot attend for whatever reason, and this is

Flowers and Cleaning

Date:	Flowers:	Cleaning:
4 Feb.	Jean Clarke	Lindy Ventham
11 Feb.	Christine Ralls	Christine Ralls
18 Feb.	Christine Coates	Christine Coates
22 Feb.	**Wednesday morning**	**Special Clean**
25 Feb.	Andrea Smith	
4 March	Lent	Doreen Sanderson

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Thursday March 9 18.30 – 20.30

Thursday March 16 18.30 – 20.30

Thursday March 23 18.30 – 20.30

BERE REGIS WI

Autumn for the ladies of the WI was a busy time. Having 'chutnied', 'jammed' and 'pickled' they learned, at the October meeting, the art of felting. Under Mary Lilley's tutorage everyone made a "felted Christmas Pudding". Although this sounded rather simple when first suggested it was a craft new to the ladies - the simple method was very satisfying with professional results.

Christmas preparations began with November's meeting being given over to making Christmas table decorations with Elaine Standfield who demonstrated and helped produce some festive examples.

Christmas Party this year was lunch at The Oak at Dewlish where we were welcomed to a traditional menu with all the trimmings. A festive occasion enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

This year, as part of the WI Woodbury Hill Group, we hosted the annual WI Carol Service in St. John's church followed by refreshments. We were delighted to be joined by ladies of other group members as well as residents of Bere Regis. We would like to say 'thank you' to the Rev. Charles Masheder for conducting the service and to the Bell Ringers for 'ringing' us into church.

The skittles team ended the season without great success but all agree the matches are good fun and provide an opportunity to meet with other WI members and will be taking part in 2017. The ladies will be joining the newly formed Kurling league in 2017 – an indoor sport new to us all.

January's meeting to welcome the New Year – a party. Light refreshments [no scones or Victoria sponges] , a pantomime related hat competition and entertainment by one of our ladies.

Tuesday 28th February 2017 will be our annual Pancake Coffee morning in Bere Regis Sports Club.

Our programme is in the back of the Parish Magazine and guests and visitors are always welcome to our meetings. If you would like further information about the WI please do not hesitate to contact either:

Di Pitts on 01929 471322 or Eileen Salisbury on 01929 472022

raising funds for charity we have a very active social side, over the past 12 months we have been sailing on the Moonfleet out of Swanage, competed against other Rotary clubs at bowls, darts, boules, skittles, quizzes, and played croquet and promoted a Wurzels gig plus lots of meals out. If this is the kind of thing which may interest you please ring Ann, on 01929 553727 for more information or visit our web site.

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The clubhouse is available for functions e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Wakes.

For further info please contact Andy Kent, andy@contact.go-plus.net or Tel. 01929 471079

Notice to members

Forthcoming events at the Club:-

February 4 – Cricket Club Social (all welcome)

18 – Race Night

25 – Junior Football Social Evening

March 4 – Boxing (Haye v Bellew)

11 – Quiz Night

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Our next service at the Chapel will be our Covenant Service on Sunday 5th February at 3.00pm.This will be led by Rev Stephanie Jenner. Everyone is welcome.

The next "Buggies and Brunch" is on Saturday 11th 10.30-12.00.

Please contact one of the Stewards.

Karen Smith 471339.

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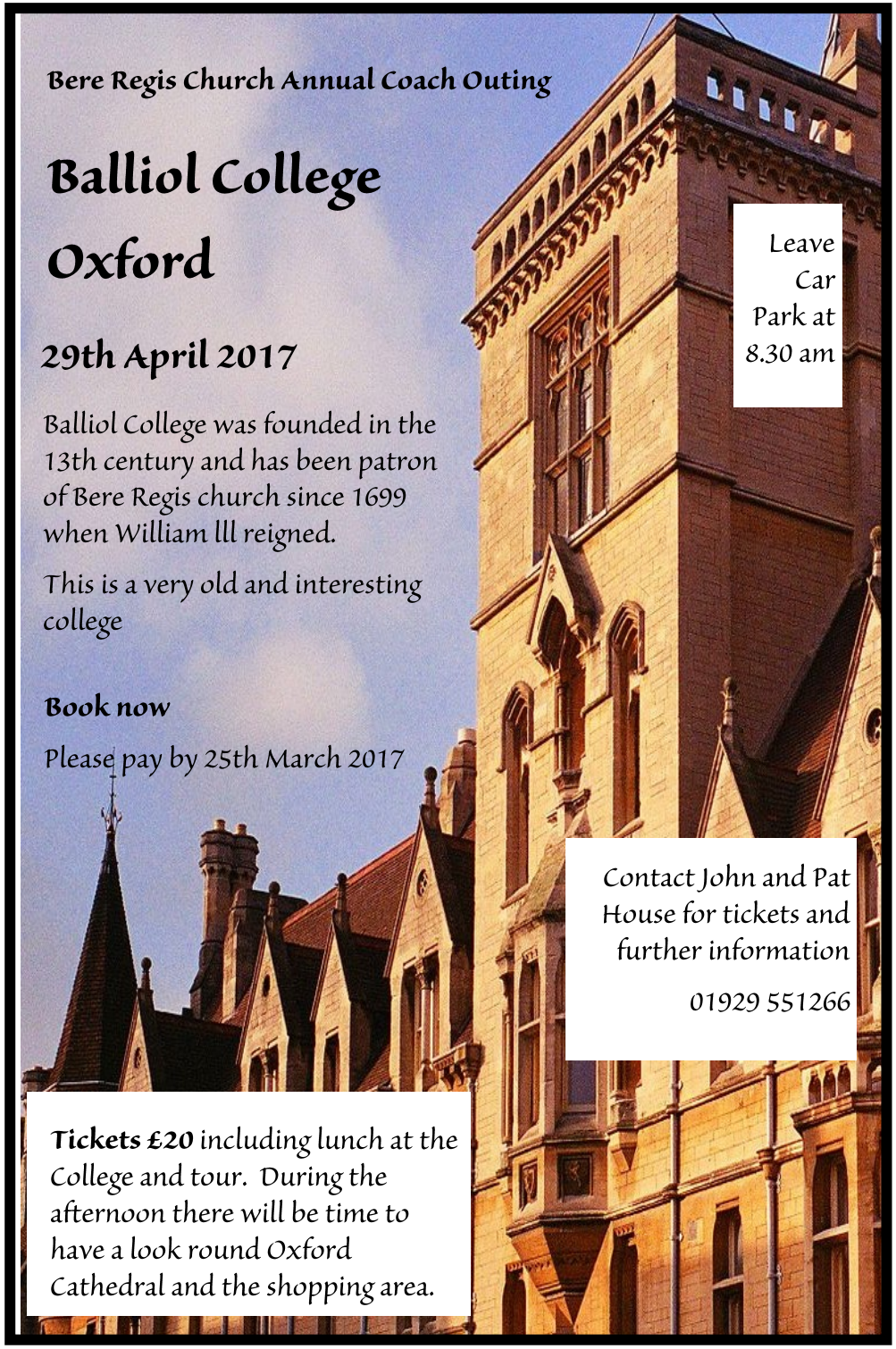

conclusion seems a fitting end to the battle between Mrs. Gereth and her son; poetic justice at its best. Whilst having a very simple plot and stereo-typical flat characters, the book is still quite humorous. The barrier to reading this book is James' use of language, including some sentences that are unintelligible to the reader. In our discussion of the book we described it as like reading Austin without the great plot and character development. *The Spoils of Poynton* is rarely considered one of James' greatest works, although most critics have enjoyed the entertaining and well-paced conflict in the novel.

The group's reaction to this book was mixed, some loved it but most felt it was not a good novel. Worth a read ?

ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM

Rotary Club of Wareham start their 2017 programme of events at the Springfield Hotel, Wareham on the 7th February where Chris Matthews, the Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator for Alzheimers Society is running an awareness session for us. This will take about an hour and at the end the people who attend become a Dementia Friend. Visitors are most welcome. For more information please contact Ann on 01929 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk.

The club would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Wareham, Wool, Bere Regis and surrounding areas for their fantastic support throughout the year.

Our recent carol collections around Wareham and Wool raised over £2,100. Every penny raised from public donations goes into our charity account and is distributed to worthy causes throught the year.

Our Tree of Light at Wareham Hospital raised funds for both McMillan Cancer and Friends of Wareham Hospital.

Our annual Rotary Dorset bike ride raised a total of £54,000 with £48,000 of that going to CRUK.

Other events included a tool collection which resulted in over one and a half tons going to Tools For Self Reliance. We planted 2,000 purple crocus bulbs in various locations around Wareham as part of Rotary Foundation's world-wide campaign to eradicate Polio. Local schools and individuals packed over 800 shoe boxes for deprived children which we arranged to be distributed.

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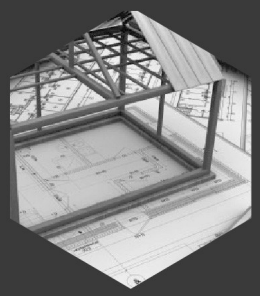

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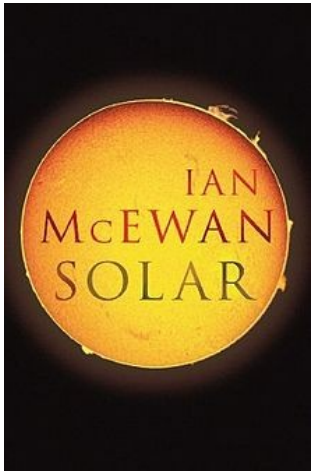
career. The events in this period of the book set the tone for the rest of the novel as it unfolds.



2005- Beard is now successful, but still a womanizer, with very 'interesting' views on women's academic abilities- McEwan's feminist comment in the book. During this period of the book Beard is in a relationship with Malissa, a much younger woman, who desperately wants to marry him and have children. Surprisingly Beard has avoided producing any children in his previous five marriages and has no desire to do so. Malissa of course gets pregnant resulting in the birth of a baby girl Catriona.

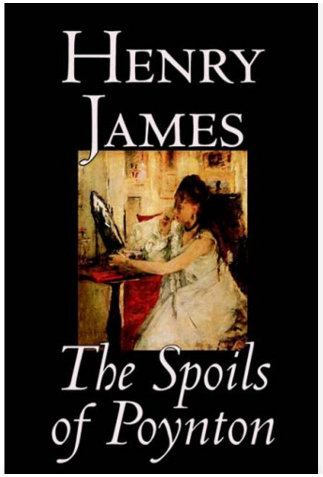
2009- The various strands of the book all come together with disastrous consequences for Beard. Read the book if you want to know more!

It was an easy read as a book and McEwan tackles the difficult area of the science of climate change in a humorous and comic way. This is a refreshing approach to dealing with a topic that we are constantly bombarded with from either the 'doom and gloom' narrative or the 'total denial it's happening' syndrome.

Overall the book club thought it was a good read but not as good as some of his other novels such as On Chisel Beach.

The Spoils of Poynton by Henry James 1897

For many of the group this was the first Henry James novel they had read. It was first published under the title '*The Old Thing's* as a serial in *The Atlantic Monthly* in 1896. It was a common practice for novelists at the time, including Dickens, Zola and Gaskill, to write for magazines. The book is quite short although the notes and comment in the Penguin edition initially lead one to think it is a weightier tome.



This novel describes the struggle between Mrs. Gereth, a widow of impeccable taste and iron will, and her son Owen, over a houseful of precious antique furniture. The story is largely told from the viewpoint of Fleda Vetch, a young woman in love with Owen but sympathetic to Mrs. Gereth's anguish over losing the antiques she has patiently collected. The final event that marks the book's

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BERE REGIS BOOK GROUP

Solar is a novel by author Ian McEwan, (2010)

The novel focuses upon three significant periods in the life of Beard, the central character. These are 2000, 2005 and 2009, interspersed with some recollections of his student days in Oxford.

Book Group

The book is a satire about a jaded Nobel-winning physicist whose dysfunctional personal life and cynical ambition see him pursuing a solar-energy/photosynthetic based solution for climate change.

2001 - We first meet Beard as an overweight, womanizing, serial divorcee, just as he learns his wife is having an affair with their builder Tarpin. Unsurprisingly, he cannot cope with this and by a stroke of luck manages to get the builder imprisoned for murdering one of Beard's young but brilliant research assistants, Tom Aldous. Beard then presents this student's work as his own, rekindling his own

BERE REGIS NEWS

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The Parish Council met on Thursday 12th January 2017 at the Drax Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th February at the Drax Hall, starting at 7pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to raise any matters or concerns.

Village Forum

Our Village Forum is now confirmed for Saturday 25th March at the Scout Hut, at 10am. This is a great opportunity for everyone to come along, meet your Parish Council, and listen to updates on plans under discussion. Topics for this year's forum are the proposed new Community Hall, the Purbeck Partial Review and the Unitary Council review and an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Wareham Hospital Consultation

The consultation on the proposed changes within the NHS in Dorset, including Wareham Hospital, continues until the 13th February. We would urge everybody who has used or benefited from any of the services at Wareham Hospital to complete the survey. Hard copies of this can be found at the Doctors Surgery and Post Office, or it can be completed on-line at:

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation

New Community Hall

We had a very informative and well-structured presentation from members of the New Community Hall working group, who put forward the information they had collected and their suggested proposals of how we might benefit from with a new hall and how to take that forward. The full report can be read on the Parish Council website at http://www.bereregisparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/BRISCFWG-Hall-Report-FINAL-Jan-2017.pdf. In summary though, the report suggests that the parish does have a requirement for a new community facility, largely to replace the existing Drax Hall which is no longer fit for purpose. The group proposes a venue with one larger function room and two smaller ones with catering facilities and ability to put on some sports and fitness as well. Having looked at all available locations in the village, their first choice of site is on Soul's Moor, just off the access road to the new school. The Parish Council thanked the group for their hard work and efforts so far, and will be discussing the proposal in more detail at a forthcoming meeting after which we will put forward our proposals as to how we will proceed.

Nature Reserve Working Party

With the help of the wildlife group volunteers, the large pile of cuttings produced from previous work parties have now been removed. The work carried out here is providing more light to create a more attractive aspect to Bere Stream and also improve the quality of the stream itself. On Souls Moor a small pond will be dug shortly to provide permanent water for the ponies when they return.

New School

The Council were delighted to see the opening of the new School at the beginning of January and would like to send our congratulations to everybody involved with getting it completed and opened on time. Initial monitoring of the traffic and parking in Manor Farm Road and Elder Road seemed to show very few issues or problems and we would just like to remind all road users who are in the area around pick-up and drop off times, to be cautious of an increased number of pedestrians crossing roads in that area.

DORSET ARTIST

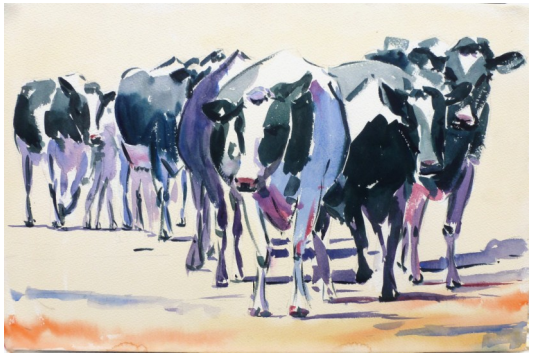
Popular TV artist Marilyn Allis born in Dorset, and coming from a long linage of Dorset folks, she decided it was time someone from Dorset wrote a book about Dorset. Being more than slightly biased felt that there was so much to offer in a watercolour book, she created 'Painting Dorset in watercolour'. Looking at events as well as historic places a County is as much about its people as its landmarks. As a Dorset girl she felt it was time her knowledge and ideas of Dorset were shared.

Marilyn has written 2 other teaching books, 'People aren't Scary, really' and 'Animals on the Loose' and made numerous teaching DVD's and numerous TV appearances. 2016 saw her launch 2 of her own watercolour paints, 'Rich Sepia' and of course it just had to be a 'Dorset Blue'

Some of you may know Marilyn from her time spent as a Deputy Superintendent Registrar in Blandford. On winning a major Art competition in 1999 she started teaching alongside her registration work until teaching became full time. Art has taken her all over the world teaching, sometimes on cruise ships and sometimes on Art holidays, always a great source of inspiration in her work.

Based in her studio on Rogershill farm Briantspuddle, enjoying views of rolling fields, often with cows, horses and a host of wildlife peering through the windows. There is never a shortage of inspiration. Marilyn runs regular workshops from here, teaching watercolour, acrylics. Drawing and mixed media.

So why not try something new this year if you have always wanted to try your hand at the art why not book a taster morning the run throughout the year, all materials are provided and a chance to take home a finished piece of artwork.



"I want to take the fear out of having a try. Its so brilliant to see the joy when someone finished a piece of work they are proud of." For more information look on www.marilynallis.com info@marilynallis.com or Tel; 07789026546

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It was lovely to catch the excitement of the children as they skipped on to the bus. The Christmas Holidays had begun. Upon arrival at Weymouth, passengers had a choice of Fish and Chip Lunch, (tables had been reserved in advance), shopping or having lunch at a place of their choice.

The panto did not disappoint, the costumes were vibrant and the scenery stunning as we were whisked away to 'cloud land'. After the curtain came down the principle cast came out into the auditorium to say 'hello' and to chat with us all. Lots of photographs were taken by the parents of the children with their favourite characters. The Saturday before Christmas for us is a brilliant way to start the festivities.

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Following the success of the Christmas Tree sales in 2016 and the decorations around the village, it was agreed to continue the scheme in 2017. Forms will shortly be available from the clerk and we will continue to offer trees at the reduced rate of £10 for outdoor display.

Bryan Benjafield

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Local Government reorganisation – Unitary

By the time you read this all Councils will have voted on the proposals. If, as I suspect, a majority vote for the proposals then within two years Purbeck District Council will cease to exist (in May 2019) and Dorset County Council will be a unitary authority. However if this does happen it is vital that we do not continue as before but that we devolve powers and budgets to as low a level as possible which will be Parish Councils or an amalgamation of them which in other Unitaries have been called local area Boards. More next month.

Local Plan Update – Partial Review

We will be holding a public question and answer session on Thursday March 16th at 6.00 pm – probably at Purbeck School. This will be an opportunity for anyone to come and ask questions as to how the project is progressing.

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 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

THANK YOU

Harry Brown

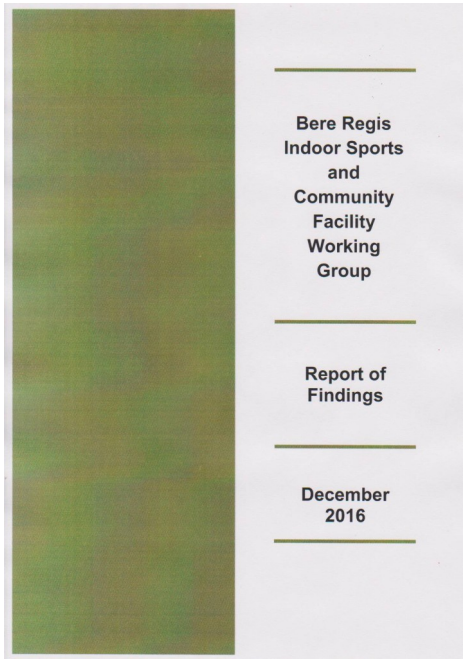
Many thanks to the Vicar and all who attended Harry's funeral service and who sent donations, letters and cards.

From Betty Brown and Family

INDOOR SPORTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITY WORKING GROUP

Following an analysis of responses to the community survey last summer and much other work our report is now complete. A copy of our report can be read on the Parish Council website 'Projects' page.

The report concludes that there is a good justification for a new community hall, sets out suggestions for the facilities that might be provided, examines possible sites, estimates likely costs and makes recommendations for how to take the project forward.



The Working Group presented its report to the Parish Council at its January meeting. The Parish Council will discuss our findings and recommendations at its forthcoming meetings and decide how to proceed. If you would like to attend those meetings you can, look out for further details on Facebook or on the Parish Council noticeboards.

It is expected that there will a further presentation of our work and the Parish Council's intentions at the Parish Forum scheduled for Saturday 25th March.

If you have any questions about the work of the Group, please contact Mike Gee at mike.gee@tesco.net

Parish Council website: bereregisparishcouncil.co.uk

Open Gardens

June 18th 2017

The Garden Club is organising an open gardens in June and a number of villagers have already offered their gardens. We are still looking for people willing to open their garden to help make this event even better.

Nearer the date we will be looking for volunteers to help on the day, make us some cakes or serve teas.

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DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Bere Regis New School

Well done to all who took part in this £5m project which came in on budget in spite of some major issues at many of the stages of the project. The Parish Council have been closely involved with County as we search for uses for the site but the old school building has not been of interest to organisations that we have approached and it is sadly likely that it will be demolished in due course as it is too expensive to refurbish the building and its state of current repair makes it wholly unsuitable for anything else.

Wool Footbridge

I am pleased to report that works to harden the verge at Wool Footbridge started in January and should be finished by mid-February. However the programme is weather dependent as the operatives involved may be required to complete highway salting/gritting duties.

Grants for Community Projects

Community projects can benefit from extra funds thanks to Dorset County Council's Community Innovation Fund. The council has a total of £85,000 available to community organisations to support innovative new projects in Dorset. Projects should support communities and local people to be safe, healthy, independent and prosperous. Groups can bid for grants of around £10,000. Bids for smaller amounts are also very welcome. Some groups may just need a small amount which will make a huge difference in getting their project off the ground.

The process is simple, but whoever applies needs to make sure it is those who are most in need who will benefit from the initiative. Successful projects will be those that target people with the greatest needs and support people early before they need help from council services. One of our aims is helping people stay healthy. Community projects can provide a vital link in helping people adopt healthy lifestyles and lead active lives.

To apply for the second round of grants from the Community Innovation Fund go to www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-community-innovation-fund

You can download the application form, read the guidance and get support material.

MILBORNE MOVIES

The Jungle Book 2016 (PG)

at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)

on Friday 17th February 2017 at 7.30pm

This latest incarnation of *The Jungle Book* is a stunner with its combination of live action in the form of the man-cub Mowgli, and uncannily realistic CGI for the talking animals. The panther, Bagheera (voice of Ben Kingsley), opens the film by saying that there are many stories in the jungle, but none quite like that of the man-cub Mowgli (Neel Sethi), who was raised by a pack of wolves. But when a tiger named Shere Khan learns of his presence, Mowgli must flee the jungle and search for the man village. Mowgli's guardian, the panther Bagheera (Ben Kingsley), starts to shepherd the child to safety in the "man village.", but along the way, the boy meets an affable, lazy bear named Baloo (Bill Murray), as well as a snake with hypnotic powers (Scarlett Johansson) and an orangutan (Christopher Walken) who wants to harness the power of fire.

In this reimagining of the classic collection of stories by Rudyard Kipling, director Jon Favreau uses visually stunning CGI to create the community of animals surrounding Mowgli. The special effects are amazing! The opening sequence, making use of the jungly depth of field of 3D, has young Mowgli leaping from branch to branch, racing through luxuriant foliage alongside his wolf pack, and you feel your eyes are deceiving you. The computer generated images in this movie are otherworldly, and the volume of work is undeniable. At times it is jaw-dropping and baffling to behold and the performances, the key-frame animation, and the virtual landscapes are seamlessly blended together in a shot so well that you forget you're watching an animated movie, and believe it's just some kid hanging out with his animal pals.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £3.50 can be obtained on the door.

sightings emphasise why our stream is so valuable for wildlife, which has no doubt been helped by the conservation work that we have been doing.

We are hoping that the pond planned on Souls Moor will soon be dug, courtesy of the Parish Council, providing yet more habitats for local wildlife.

In late January we had our second meeting to promote us as a Hedgehog friendly village. More news on this in our March article.

Conservation Working Party

Once again, many thanks to our volunteers that attend our first Saturday in the month work parties. Our conservation clearing work continues and we were pleased to help move the large pile of arisings created from the previous work parties at our January session.

Do come along and help us in our efforts to enhance the environment for a wide range of fauna and flora.

The next Conservation Working Parties will be held on the morning of Saturday 4th February and Saturday 4th March. We meet at the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am or you can find us along the river. We normally finish about 12.30.

If you some loppers or hand saws please bring them with you – if you don't, no problem we'll have some spares and various tools.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

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- Finish or become sustainable within 12 months of being awarded a grant
- Drawdown the grant within 12 weeks

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- Quality of plans
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Peter Wharf, County Councillor

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

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The next meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday February 14th at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. This will be a workshop tutored by Alison Finch entitled Hearts and Flowers. Visitors and new members are always welcome to come along.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

One of the important jobs of a Member of Parliament is asking questions in the House of Commons and speaking in debates. This is often seen by most people during Prime Minister's Questions on a Wednesday lunchtime, where it can be a rather raucous affair. But most of the time the House is quieter, with MPs listening respectfully to each other.

In order to speak in a Parliamentary debate, it is convention that MPs write to the Speaker in advance. If I don't, it is possible to contribute at short notice – and to do so requires me to "bob". This is the rather unusual process where MPs stand up and try to catch the Speaker's eye during a debate. If unsuccessful, I sit down again, and stand up again after the next question. This is far cheaper than going to the gym!

When MPs speak in a debate, the Speaker of the House specifies how long individual speeches by MPs may last, often revising his timings as the debate continues. This may mean changing a planned ten minute speech into a four or three-minute speech at short notice – which is why you might see MPs frantically scribbling notes before standing to speak! When an MP is making a speech, whether a back bencher, or Government minister, anyone can indicate that they would like to intervene asking "Will the Honourable Member give way?" These type of interventions must be short, and will then give the original speaker an extra minute of time for their speech. MPs do not have to give way, and may refuse to do so.

But debates in the commons are not the only way in which MPs can get answers about important questions from ministers. Questions can be asked electronically as "Written Parliamentary Questions". This can be particularly useful to find out about constituency issues that are specific to Mid Dorset and North Poole. For example I have asked questions about government support for people who cannot got a reasonable broadband speed, and about centralised government targets affecting local plans for house building.

You can find all of my speeches and intervention on my website www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk and to see details of all my written questions and answers on the Parliamentary website www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/

I continue to have regular surgeries across the constituency, and please do keep up with everything else that I'm doing by following me on twitter @Michael 4MDNP or liking my facebook page www.facebook.com/Michael4MDNP

- chest pain or tightness
- feeling confused and disorientated

then this does need the attention of a GP. Please call for a same day appointment or attend the Open Surgery sessions Wednesday mornings.

Surgery – New Automatic Doors

Patients may have noticed the new automatic doors. Hopefully you will find them easier to use, however some may have noted that it is necessary to stand back from the doors as they begin to open. Otherwise the sensors activate and stop the doors from opening fully. This will avoid patients having to squeeze through a narrow gap.

Seasonal gifts, cards and wishes

The Surgery Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all our patients for their gifts, cards and sentiments over the Christmas and New Year periods. It was very kind and thoughtful of you all and much appreciated.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2017!

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Take a look out of your window, a potter in your garden or a walk in the country and despite the winter cold signs of spring leaping into action are already there. The robin has uncorked its spring song finding high perches to make its presence known. Blackbirds can be seen squabbling in open patches. These activities are signs of the birds establishing and defending territories and wooing mates.

There have been some good wildlife sightings along the Bere Stream during the last month. We were pleased to see two Little Egrets (which seem to have become near permanent residents) and a kingfisher on the same walk. One can only assume that these birds are enjoying good fishing here! However, they have not stopped two sea trout which were seen spawning near Shitterton bridge. Fish spawn in shingle in the shallow faster flowing areas of the stream and the newly hatched fry then move to the slower moving deeper area of the stream. These

BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

Coughs and Colds

The Surgery is seeing a big increase in the number of patients suffering with coughs and colds and would like to take this opportunity to remind you of these common symptoms and how these can be self-managed without the need to see a GP.

A cold is a mild viral infection of the nose, throat, sinuses and upper airways. It's very common and usually clears up on its own within 7 to 14 days.

The main symptoms of a cold include:

- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- sneezing
- a cough

More severe symptoms, including a high temperature (fever), headache and aching muscles can also occur, although these tend to be associated more with flu.

Unfortunately, there's no cure for a cold and antibiotics will not help but you can look after yourself at home by:

- resting, drinking plenty of fluids and eating healthily
- taking over-the-counter painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen to reduce any fever or discomfort
- using decongestant sprays or tablets to relieve a blocked nose
- trying remedies such as gargling salt water and sucking on menthol sweets

Please remember a cold can take up to 2 weeks to settle so please consider this before requesting to see a GP.

If you have more severe symptoms suggestive of a chest infection such as -

- a persistent cough
- coughing up yellow or green phlegm (thick mucus), or coughing up blood, breathlessness or rapid and shallow breathing
- wheezing
- a high temperature (fever)
- a rapid heartbeat

LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

MUSTARD PORK CHOPS WITH PARSLEY MASH

- 600g floury potatoes peeled and cut into 1inch pieces
- 400g swede, peeled and cut into 1inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons crème fraiche
- 4 spring onions, finely sliced
- 20g pack of parsley roughly chopped

Place the potatoes and swede in a large saucepan, cover with cold water. Cover and bring to the boil. Simmer until cooked. Drain and mash until smooth, add crème fraiche, spring onions and parsley and season to taste.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon grainy mustard
- 6 sprigs fresh thyme roughly chopped
- 4 pork chops
- 250g pack of cherry tomatoes
- salt and pepper

Combine olive oil, mustard and thyme and spread the mixture over the pork chops. Season and sit the chops on a rack over a baking tray. Grill on the top of the oven until well browned, turn the chops and add the tomatoes to the rack. Return to the oven and grill until the chop is well browned and the tomatoes are cooked.

Serve hot with the Parsley mash.

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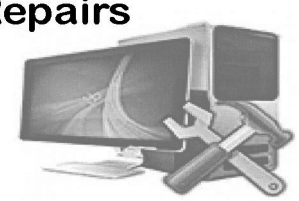

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NEWS FROM BERE REGIS PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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'It's been a long time coming, But I know a change is gonna come.' (Otis Reading)

We're in! After many years of planning, negotiating, building, negotiating, packing, negotiating, unpacking and yet more negotiating, the good folk of Bere Regis Primary and Pre-School are finally in their brand new school building.

Whilst we spent the days before Christmas at the old school ensuring that everything which we needed to take was ready to go, the final push to get everything installed and ready was happening at the new school. Furniture deliveries, systems installation, placing notice boards and laying carpets was happening alongside the (not always easy) task of packing crates and filling the skip with whatever could not be used.

In the first week of term after Christmas, whilst the children enjoyed an extra week of holiday, the staff were all in school making a gargantuan effort to get everything ready. It was almost overwhelming on the first day back to see the mountain of crates, boxes and equipment stacked in the entrance hall, corridors and classrooms but we set to work as a team to get it done. Within the first two days, most things had been allocated a proper place and were well on the way to being sorted. The image which came to mind was that of an ants' nest, where the eggs had been disturbed and the ants worked tirelessly to remove everything to a place of safety, moving as one to get the job done.

On January 9th 2017, the children returned to school. We invited parents, grandparents and carers to stay in school for an hour, to have a cup of coffee, meet members of the design and construction teams and have a tour of the building and grounds. Parents commented on how light and spacious the school feels and how, like the Tardis, it is much bigger on the inside than it looks from outside The central corridor is wide and high, and is such a light, airy space that it almost has the feel of a cathedral. Views from every window look out over fields, trees, Black Hill or May's woods. Perhaps most importantly, the school is quiet,

no longer having the constant rumble of traffic, and the very clever design gives the whole school a sense of peacefulness and calm.

The grounds have been beautifully laid out with grasses, lavender and rosemary. Wild flower seeds have been sown and shrubs and saplings – barely twigs at the moment – will grow and soften the lines of the boundary fences. We already have plans to extend our Forest Schools activities to make the most of the beautiful space around us, and to get the children involved in caring for the outdoor environment.

Julien Lightfoot's design of the Bere Regis school phoenix graces the main reception door, and Pebbles Pre-school have a fitting row of coloured pebbles on their main door. Charles Tibbey's wrought-iron sculpture of the profiles of Mr Roberts and one child from every year group stands welcoming all by the front pedestrian gate (he even sneaked my profile in there, too!). Both these local artists have given their work as a donation to the school community – a labour of love, if you will, for the children of Bere Regis.

So what do the children think? The youngest ones in Pebbles and Tyneham class are intrigued and excited by new places to explore – the new toilets are surprisingly popular! – and all have settled in so easily. The older children are impressed by the new interactive screens, the colour-co-ordinated classrooms and the underfloor heating. Our new hall is warm, spacious and light with plenty of room for PE, lunch and assemblies. There have been lots of smiles, lots of excited faces, and a very positive feeling in all of the classes.

We have been impressed by the amount of children walking and scooting to school despite the wet, icy, windy weather of January. It is obviously so much better for the children's health and for the environment if they are able to avoid using the car – so a big 'well done' is due to their parents.

It remains then to thank everyone involved in providing the new school building: The Governing Body and County Council; the design team and Architect; Morgan -Sindall, the construction company; Bere Regis Parish Council; the school's Head Teacher and all of the staff – including Steve Battishill, former Head; the children and their families; and the village community of Bere Regis for their support of this project and their patience with the building process.

Debbie Tibbey, Deputy Head Teacher, Bere Regis Primary and Pre-School

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The truth about dates: Use by date and best before, safety and quality

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The use by date is about safety and the most important date to remember! Foods can be eaten (and most can be frozen) up until the use by date, but not after, unless it was frozen before the use by date. You will see use by dates on food that goes off quickly, such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. For the use by to be a valid guide, you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The best before date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but may not be at its best. Its flavour and texture might not be as good. The best before dates appear on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The best before date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

After the use by date, don't eat it, cook it or freeze it. The food could be unsafe to eat or drink, even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine.

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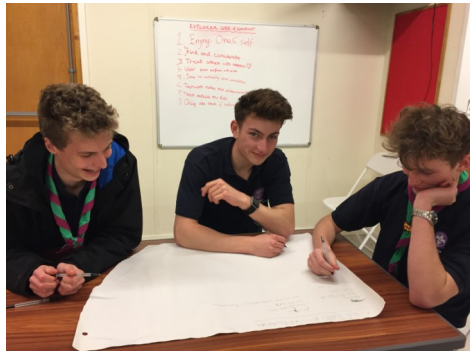
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

GROUP NEWS

If you have visited the scout hut recently you might have noticed that we have been undertaking some much needed improvements and maintenance work. The new floor has been put down in the main hall, there is new cladding to the exterior of the hut, we have a new oven in the kitchen, a new front door and windows, and the car park has been extended. The work will hopefully be completed by half term and this will include the new toilets and cloakroom area that we have worked hard to raise funds to improve.

EXPLORERS

The first meeting of the New Year started with the Explorers discussing and creating a new Kingsbere Explorer Unit Code of Conduct, along with some activity planning. A tribute was paid to David Bowie who passed away a year



ago. Some of the young people recreated his most memorable and iconic looks using face paints. Other activities planned for this term include a night hike, some stargazing and an evening of Scouting skills, old and new!

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Dan Miller and Tom Unitt-Jones were presented with their Bronze DofE awards. Amelia Axford and Olivia Jones have also completed this level of the award.

In November, Rowan Findler, one of our ex-

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Kingsbere Explorers attended a presentation at St. James's Palace, London, where she received her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award after sharing her experiences with Trustee for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), HRH The Earl of Wessex. During the Gold Award Presentation, HRH took the opportunity to congratulate over 100 young people from across the country who had all achieved their award through the scout movement, hearing about their DofE journeys, which took each young person 18 months or more of hard work and dedication.

Those who achieve a Gold DofE Award will volunteer, learn a skill, get fit, take part in a week long residential and plan and undertake an expedition in wild country. Widely acknowledged as the world's leading achievement award for young people, DofE programmes enable any young person, aged 14-24, to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working.

Rowan, who is the first in the Explorer Unit to achieve the award, had this to say about her DofE experience:

"Completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is very special. I have learnt a lot and made some amazing friends along the way. It was great to be able to volunteer with the village scout group and give something back to other young people and although there were some tough times (particularly wild camping on Dartmoor!) I'm very proud to be a Gold Award holder."

Congratulations to all our award holders!

SCOUTS

Scouts were welcomed back to the new term with a 'getting to know you' meeting and looking at their Code of Conduct agreement. There has been a craft evening and a trip to the BIC in Bournemouth to enjoy an evening of ice skating. We are looking forward to the warmer weather so we can enjoy the great outdoors with hikes and camping planned.

CUBS

The Cub Pack have been extremely busy already this year with learning Scouting skills such as pioneering and knot tying. They have been swimming and playing lots of energetic games including dodgeball.

BEAVERS

This term we welcomed five new Beavers into their lodges and started as we mean to go on with a busy January. The Beavers are learnt about Space and

Experiments, for their activity badges, and so we have been star gazing and doing simple experiments with sound, cornflower and beans. Many thanks to Jim Meaden for helping us with Astronomy! We are also covering the My World Challenge, which involves raising money for charity and learning about the local community and about the natural environment.

The highpoint in February will be the sleepover at Dorchester Museum for the older Beavers and Cubs, including torchlit museum tour, and sleeping on the Roman mosaic floor! All in all we are in for a busy term, with more indoor meetings to begin with and then more outside activities as the term progresses.

KENYA 2017 FUNDRAISING COMING SOON……. make a note in your diaries!

The cookbook for Kenya is now on sale so if you enjoyed the 'Nepal expedition' cook book 4 years ago, you will love some more recipes from the Explorers and their families. The suggested minimum donation is £5. Copies can be purchased from Bernie Lightfoot on 01929 472007. There is a limited print run so please order one soon to avoid disappointment!

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New members are invited to join. Contact Guy Storey – 471041 for membership forms and details.

V E N U E S 2017

Date	Venue	Trophy	Winner
24th February	Bramshaw GC	GRS Trophy	
31st March	Hamptworth GC	Members' Cup	
28th April	Malborough GC	Whitbread Pairs	
26th May	Bulbury Woods GC	Ex-Landlord's Cup	
30th June	Sidmouth GC	Captain's Cup	
28th July	Cams Hall GC	Memorial Cup	
25th August	Moors Valley GC	Jim Corbin Cup	
29th September	Ashley Wood GC	President's Cup	
27th October	Yeovil GC	Zoom Trophy	

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

At the Lower Drax Hall during Term Time

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

Coming up this month at the Pop In Place

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breakfast café for Kenya in January. If you fancy a full English or just a little bite to start your weekend, the Scout kitchen will be serving the community again on Saturday 11th March 2017 from 9.00am. More details are available from Kate on 07878 150670.

KINGSBERE EXPLORERS KENYA EXPEDITION 2017 – PRIZE CLUB DRAW

Twenty Explorer Scouts (plus four Explorers who participated in the Nepal 2013 Expedition) will be undertaking an expedition to Kenya in the summer of 2017. The KENYA 2017 PRIZE CLUB is now being launched for the second year as part of their fundraising challenge for the expedition. The prize club raises money to go towards their travel to Kenya and to assist the project that they will be running with whilst they are there.

The latest winners are 1st Caroline Loveless, 2nd Fran Morley, 3rd Yvonne Gray.

A 'ticket' for the year costs £12 (£1 per month). You can buy tickets for the rest of the year on a pro-rata basis (i.e. £11 for 11 months remaining). Application forms for prize club tickets are available from Gill on 01929 471242.

PRIZE BINGO NIGHTS AT THE SCOUT HUT

Prize Bingo is every other Friday at the Scout Hut, In February the bingo night will be held on Friday 3rd and 17th. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments are available.

SCOUT HUT HIRE

The Scout Hut is available for hire, particularly during the daytime – rates from £7.00 per hour.

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

CONTACT US

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

General enquiries and offers of help/assistance: Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

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Pop In Place Community Café (This café is for people of all ages)

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 and the Fruit and Veg and eggs on the stall in the Foyer run by Tony Shave. If you would you like transport to the Pop In Place

Telephone Max Saywell on 471062 he will collect you and take you home.

WANTED new volunteers for the tea rota and to drive clients

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team on the tea rota if you can spare a morning a month please do phone me on 01929 472023 or call in on a Monday or Friday and put your name on the rota. Also if you are able to help with transport to and from the Pop In Place please do get in touch.

WANTED Wool donations

double knit, to make into blankets for the Rivers of Living Water project. How about doing some knitting for this worthy cause here are the details.

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

WANTED Good Quality items for our sales table

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

PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBLISH AND RECYCLING TO THE APPROPRIATE PLACES MANY THANKS.

Pop In Performers Summer Production "Way Out West"

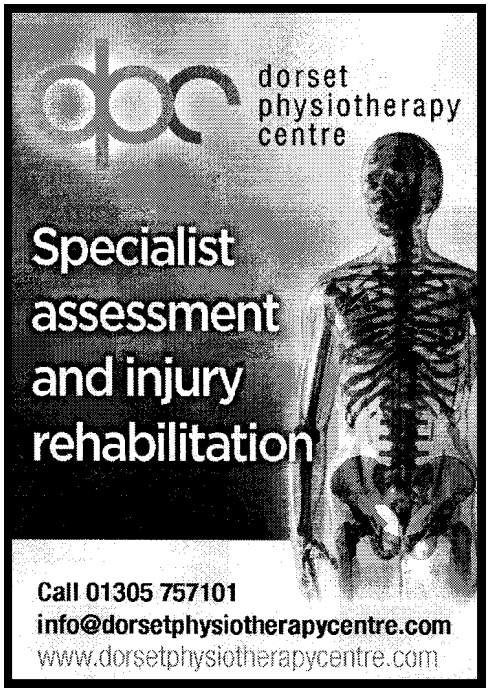
Our Summer Production being staged on Thursday 18th Friday 19th Saturday 20th of May will be a Tribute to Pastor Jim who wrote "Way Out West "set in a little old place called Bere Creek with characters such as Black Hill Bill and Southbrook Stan, it features lots of the well-loved songs from Calamity Jane and Oklahoma. Money raised from these productions will go to the Church Roof appeal

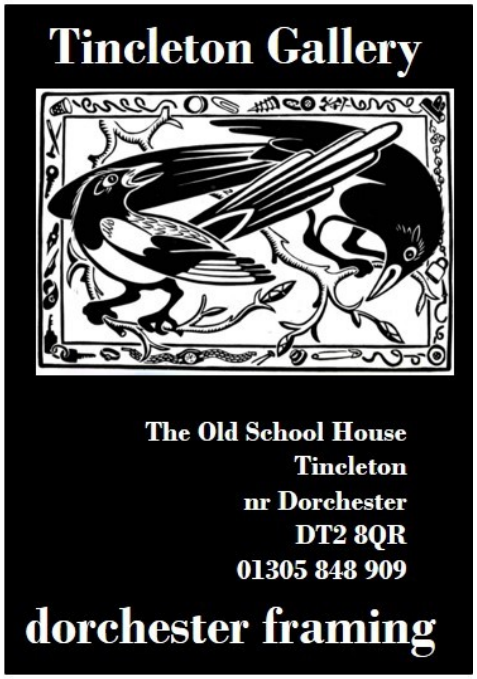
Defibrillator for Outside the Village Hall

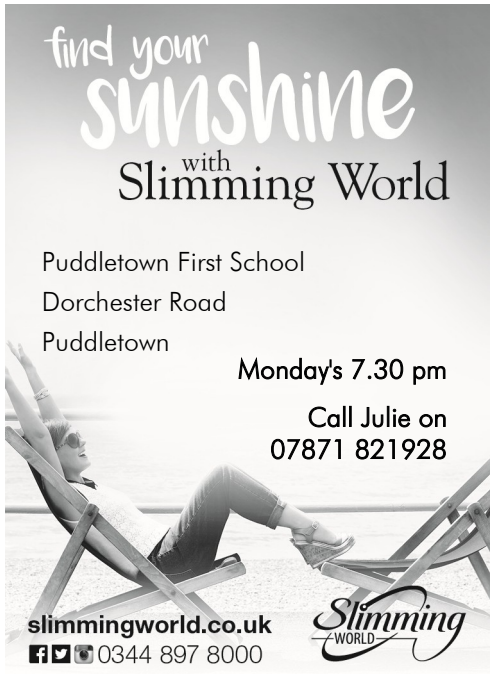
We have just had an email to say that our application to the British Heart foundation for a defibrillator was successful so we will be donating the money already raised to a charity or fund an item in Memory of Jim. We are currently working together with Janet to decide the best way to use this money.

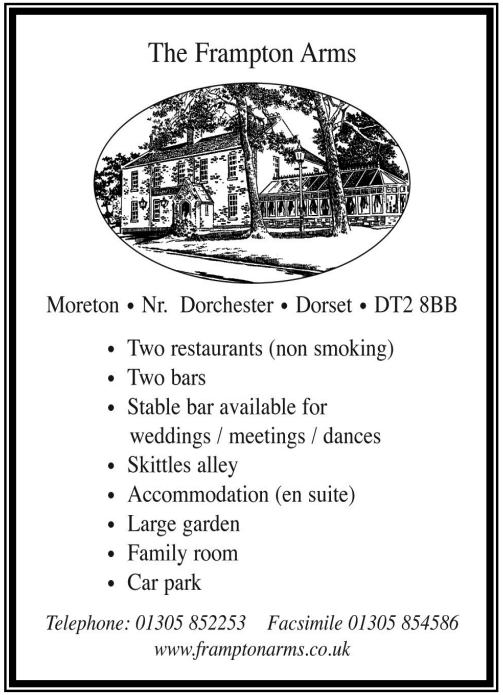
New Foot Clinic at the Pop In Place once every six weeks.

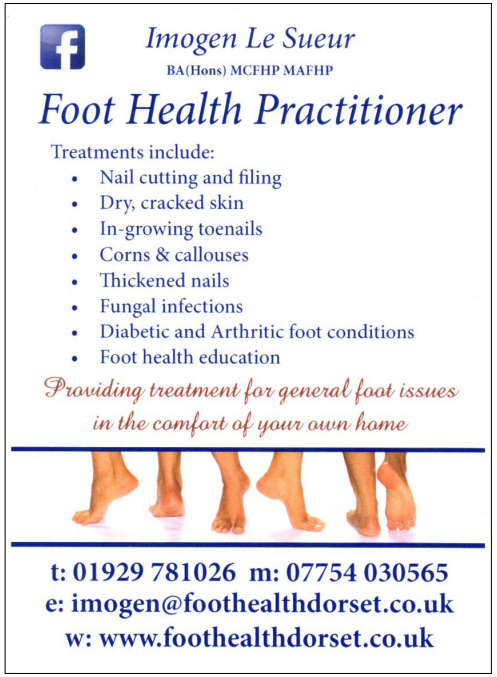
We are working with Age UK to try to problem solve some of the issues that surround the over 50's living in the village. Please if you are having trouble cutting your toe nails do come along and see Julie Clayton, we are holding a new foot clinic at the Pop In Place.











AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S

Members all agreed that Alex Bett gave us a very entertaining afternoon with a great range of songs played to his guitar and ukelel. Many people were able to join in the popular tune.

At the February meeting on Wednesday 8th at 2.30pm at the Scout Hut, Kathy McNally it talking about 'Ian Fleming' and his James Bond characters. Members are asked to bring an item concerned with 'Spying' or even come in disguise in your spy-outfit.

New members are always welcome and as well as a speaker or entertainment, are offered an afternoon tea and are asked to bring a small item for the raffle.

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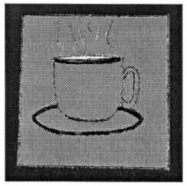

Pop In Place Community Café

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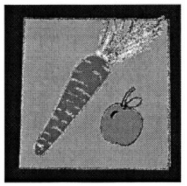
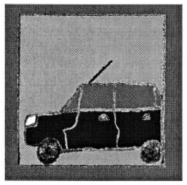


Fresh fruit and veg is available during the Friday sessions!



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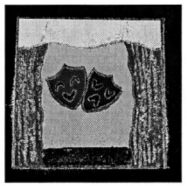
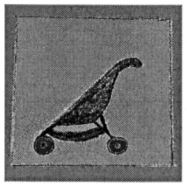
Pop In Place Performers

An all ages vibrant performing arts group that specialises in the staging of community productions for worthy causes, meeting Thursday evenings 6pm to 8pm in the Upper Village Hall





Pop In Poppets

A baby and toddler group meeting every Thursday 9.30am until 11.30am in the Lower Room at the Village Hall

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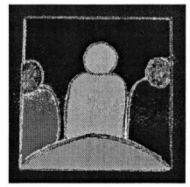

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'You make me feel so young' - that he sang to Kath.

Louis Armstrong's – 'Wonderful World',

From Fiddler on the Roof – 'If I were a rich man',

And especially 'Mistletoe and Wine' that he always sang with Janet.

We already know that we will never be able to sing 'White Christmas' without thinking of him singing it in Christmases past.

The 'Master of the House' duet from Les Misérables that he sang with Julie Lye was not just good, it was truly brilliant.

He played the most realistic and endearing Fagin in Oliver Twist and his version of 'Pick a Pocket' with Kath Jeeves at the piano, was fit for the Royal Albert Hall never mind the Drax Hall, Bere Regis.

Pastor Jim was a great performer no one would ever argue with that, but he was an even greater person.

Some would say it was his job, his duty. But Jim went far beyond this - he was a wonderful listener and a very astute, quick thinker, able to grasp exactly what people were trying to say even during their most difficult times.

He was an excellent 'people person', he made time to visit the sick, the lonely, the troubled and the bereaved. He was always there when people needed him, not only as a Pastor, but also as a friend.

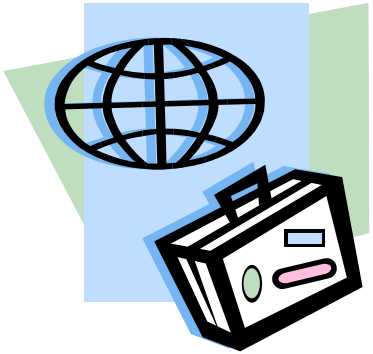
There is no doubt that his passing leaves a massive void in the lives of so many.

I know we will all feel that it has been a tremendous privilege to have known him.

I doubt that anyone will really be that surprised to learn that even as he lay in his hospital bed he was writing a play, "Way out West". This will be performed in May, later this year.

The Pop In Performers will make this a worthy and fitting tribute to a very special man, who even after his own death, will still be spreading happiness with his humour.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The Bere Regis and District Twinning Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Drax Arms Pub Hall (skittle alley).

This year we will be celebrating 20 years of Twinning with our friends in Cérences, Normandy, France and will be travelling to our hosts in Cérences to celebrate this event from 15th to 17th September 2017.

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Defibrillator News update

It is hoped that a defibrillator will soon be fitted to the exterior of the Hall and training will be underway, after a successful grant application to the British Heart Foundation.

Notice to all user Groups

Thank you for your continued support. Please do make sure the Hall's Chair Lift is always left in the charging position after use, if you hear a bleeping sound you have NOT left it in the correct position. Please also ensure that all heating in turned off when leaving the building. If it is very cold please do come in early and put the heating on in an effort to try to have the room hotter for your meeting.

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.

Outside the Hall at the front

Thank you to Liz and Mike Farley who will be keeping the flowers and tubs outside the Hall up together for us this year.

Alison Bennett Hall Chairperson

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Pastor Jim Morris

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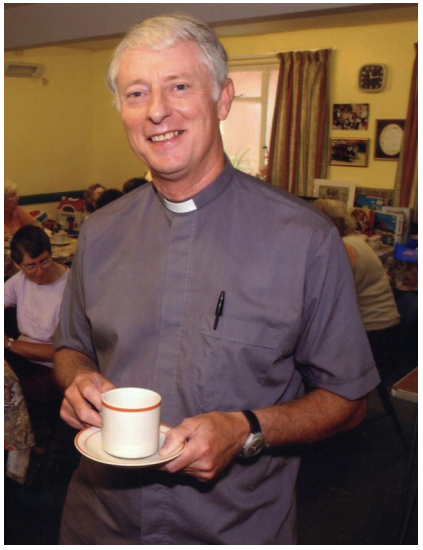

In 2002 there was a very special event in Bere Regis:-

A force for good in the community.

An overwhelming eye-opener on showmanship.

Most of all, and most importantly, a beacon of love and kindness.

Yes, Pastor Jim arrived... with his banjo!

His first meeting at the Pop In Place saw him immediately signed up and soon to become one of the leading lights within the Performers Group.

Writing plays as well as pantomimes, playing the banjo, the drums, acting and singing songs - his creativity was quite mesmerising!

The attention he would pay to detail with props and scenery to get the best reactions from the audiences was, well to be honest, borderline obsessive.

His stage roles have been many and he has shone in them all, from:

Captain Hook in Peter Pan,

The Jester in Robin Hood,

Wishy Washy in Aladdin, with the epic washing machine scene.

In 2014 Jim wrote a very moving play, "Sing as we Go." to commemorate World War One in which he played the Rev Bere and he dramatically read the original letters sent back from the frontline to the Parish Magazine here in Bere Regis.

There are so many songs that we will all remember Jim performing: