

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

6th	RBL Gardening Club, New Year Party	8.00 p.m.
14th	Autumn Leaves, David Andrews, Drax Hall	2.30 p.m.
16th	Pop in Place Bring and Buy Sale, Drax Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
17th	Mother's Union social morning, Turberville Court	10.30 am - 12.00 noon
20th	Bere Regis W.I. (Simon Goldsack, East Holme Nurseries)	7.30 p.m.
24th	Bere Regis Sports Club Quiz Night	7.30 p.m.
24th	Pop in Place Family Disco, Drax Hall	7.00 p.m.

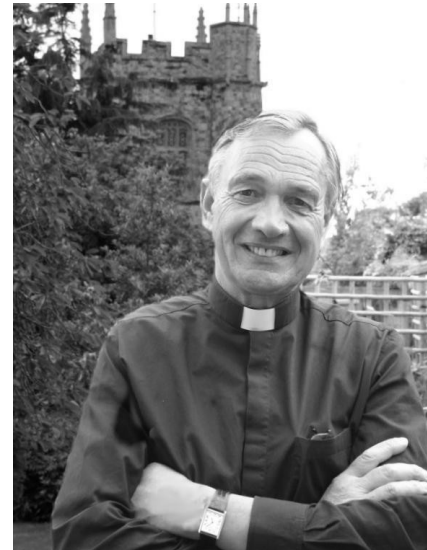
February

4th	Kingsbere Quilters - Stories Behind a Quilt, Drax Hall	10.00 a.m.
10th	Bere Regis Wildlife Watch - Chalk Streams (John Wright)	7.30 p.m.
13th	Pop in Place - Danny and his Accordion, Drax Hall	

April

25th	Bere Regis Church annual coach outing to Dartmouth	8.00 a.m.
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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE



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 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.*

JANUARY 2009

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

I wonder how many of you have 'resolved' to make some changes for this New Year of 2009?

Resolutions can sometimes be similar to 'Revolutions' if the changes we make are indeed life changing for ourselves or perhaps for others. But most often they are changes we think we can accomplish and live with. Giving up smoking might have been a popular resolution in recent times, or today to take more exercise or find more time for our families and loved ones or more pragmatically to finally sort out all that junk in the loft. I think my first resolution is likely to be to 'declutter' - we all have too much 'stuff' most of which we don't really need except books and music of course! Less preoccupation on acquiring things can make life simpler

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and more meaningful. But with our economy sliding into recession many of us will not have very much choice in what we spend our money on. Instead we need to concentrate on essentials and more than ever ask ourselves 'do we really need this?'

I imagine that many of you will know the joke about '*the at least five opinions you will get if three expert economists are asked to forecast what might happen in a given economic climate*'. I learnt pretty early on in my studies that Economics is not an exact science and the arguments about whether we should follow the advice of the great mid 20th century economist John Maynard Keynes and 'spend' our way out of a crisis, or be more 'prudent' as the Prime Minister used to be famous for and just spend what we truly need. It's true that the former policy has worked in the past, particularly in the United States. But there are great risks and should we be taking them? And yet money flowing through the economy is essential if we are to sustain employment and vital services, and return to responsible prosperity. With all this in mind I suspect that many of us if not most of us are looking at this New Year with perhaps a greater sense of uncertainty than we have for many years. At the heart of this dilemma especially for Christians and those with a sense of moral responsibility is that it is those on the edge of society – the unemployed and those who cannot work, the elderly the sick and those on very low fixed incomes – who are likely to suffer even more painfully. Other consequences are the likely reductions in charitable giving and less help for those in need overseas. We might just be able to justify a two year delay to our new aircraft carriers but can we put off supporting people suffering from cholera in Zimbabwe or famine in Sudan?

So what can we do, confronted as we are with such dilemmas? Economic history shows us that in times of constraint and hardship we are able to reassess our values and priorities and we may become more aware of others in need. For many people around the world Peace is amongst the greatest of their needs.

This season at the beginning of a New Year on the 6th January is known as 'The Epiphany' – it's a Greek word meaning 'revealed' or made manifest – the showing of God as the baby Jesus at Bethlehem to whom the three wise men came to pay homage and bring their gifts symbolic gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

So this New Year I hope we may all be more aware of God, and make him a reality in our lives and the lives of others in spite of our own difficulties.

A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all

With love and prayers.



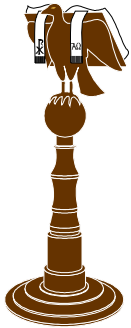
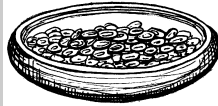
Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Drax Hall (hire)	Sally Cheeseman	471022	4 Elder Road BH20 7LY		
Dorset Latvia Link	Jenny Silavs	471577			Fundraising for youth of link village of Ikskile in Latvia
Kingsbere Consort	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	choir@tacmusic.com	Set rehearsal dates for each performance
Kingsbere Quilters	Miss G Miller	471745	3 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am
Kingsbere Music Trust	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	kmt@tacmusic.com	Charitable trust supporting devotees of real music
Lenny's - Bere Regis Youth club	Terry Vine	471693	The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP	terry.vine@fiscali.co.uk	Weekly. RBL Club 1st Wednesday and following Tuesday evenings Juniors (8-11) 7.15-9.00 Seniors (12-17) 7.15-10.00
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
Pop in Place	Angela Jones	472261	7 Boswells Close BH20 7JE		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
Ragamuffins Playgroup	Manager - Mrs Tracy George	472125 405440	c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7LP		
Royal British Legion Club	Mrs Glo Curtis	472620	32 Old Barn Road	Glo.curtis@dorset.probaton.gov.uk	Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.
RBL Gardening Club	Mrs Megan Stone	471627	2 Manor House		Monthly. RBL 1st Tuesday. 8.00 p.m.
RBL Women's Section	Mrs Eileen Maidment	471616	9 Elder Road		Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
Twinning Association	Mrs Ann Robinson	472424	3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU	southbarn@fiscali.co.uk	Meetings and events arranged as and when.
Briantspuddle village scrap book	Jenny Silavs	471577			Scrap book for Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle
W.I. (Bere Regis)	Mrs Arlene Duncanson	472141		duncanson@tcp.co.uk	Monthly Drax Hall 3rd Tuesday @ 7.30 pm
Wildlife Events	Mrs Tasie Russell	471414			Talks in winter. Briantspuddle Village Hall. Also field meetings in Parish in summer
Woodbury Hill Singers	Mrs Kath Jeeves	471175	"Larkspur" Snow Hill		Weekly "Larkspur" Snow Hill Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS					
Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@jjon.eser.freeserve.co.uk	Monthly RBL Club 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Margaret Dann Kath Jeeves	472734 471175	4 Bitchams Mead "Larkspur" Snow Hill		Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Church Choir	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	choir@tacmusic.com	Rehearsals weekly. 7.00 p.m. every Friday in BR church
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Roger Duncanson Herbie Swann Dave Rigler	472141 472812 471728	April Cottage, Southbrook	duncanson@tcp.co.uk	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Parish Council	Jim Parsons Chairman Ian Ventham Vice Chairman	471050 471480	14 White Lovington BH20 7NF Shitterton Farmhouse BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bob.holman@fiscal.co.uk	5.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Health Walks	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.crisford@btinternet.com	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	John England Adrian Standfield Jenny Kinahan	471469 471774 472161	10, South Mead		Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis First School	Steven Battishill - Headteacher	471334	Rye Hill BH20 7LP	office@bereregis.dorset.sch.uk	First School for pupils aged 4+ to 9 years
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Kim Benjafield Beaver Leader (scout hut hire)	471170	6 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	kimbenjy@yahoo.co.uk	Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5½ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Greta Richardson Carl Grigg	01258 489131 472670			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)	Mike Whitfield Scout Leader	472159			Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
General or group enquiries	Chris Gall Christine Whitfield	01305 772634 472159			
Bere Regis Toddler Music group	Liz Teather	471216	The Old Mill, Doddings BH20 7NJ		Fridays 10:00 a.m., including school holidays, Age 0 - 4, Scout Hut,
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
Bere Regis Wildlife Watch, Nature Conservation group	Tony Bates Pat Chesney Sarah Welton	471563 471519 471562	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates@thebeeches.f9.co.uk	Meetings arranged as and when

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The Rev'd Canon Ian Woodward The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ Tel 01929 471262 (revianw@btinternet.com)		
Church Officials – Bere Regis		
Licensed Lay Minister	Brenda Pitfield, Hillbutts, Bere Regis, BH20 7HZ	471391
Church Warden	Bob Croom, 1, Bitchams Mead, Bere Regis, BH20 7ND (rjlcroom@yahoo.com)	471905
Secretary of PCC	Chris Maunder, 15 North Street, Bere Regis BH20 7LA (ctmaunder@aol.com)	471342
Treasurer of PCC	Gordon Phillips, 102, North Street, Bere Regis BH20 7LD (gphillips@fiscal.co.uk)	471525
Organist & Choir Master	Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill, BH20 7NH (tac@tacmusic.com)	471360
Weekly Pew Sheet & Gift Aid	Geoffrey Booth, Tower House, Bere Regis BH20 7JA (gwbooth@gwbooth.free-online.co.uk)	471586
Flowers	Jenny Kinahan, 13, White Lovington, Bere Regis BH20 7NF (jkin64@aol.com)	472161
PCC Members Roger Angel, David Gibbs, John House, Paula Kent, John Scott, Richard Smith		
Church Officials – Affpuddle		
Licensed Lay Minister	Jonathan Haigh, Hazel Cottage, 25, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HS (jandphaigh@waitrose.com)	471768
Church Warden	Sandy Moriarty, The Hollow, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HX (sandymoriarty@hotmail.com)	471747
Secretary of PCC	Elizabeth Whatley, (elizabeth.ew@talktalk.net)	01305 848959
Treasurer of PCC	Mike Menzies, Starmoor, Throop, DT2 7JD (michael.menzies@talk21.com)	471263
Organist	Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12, Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2BN (jmullins1@sky.com)	01202 889227
Sacristan	Erica Moriarty, The Hollow, Briantspuddle DT2 7HX	471747
PCC Members - Christine Coates, Janet Cropper, Sue Gibbs, David Griffiths, Audrey Grindrod, Richard Killer, David Nesling		

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Bere Regis Evensong Readers

11th Mrs Jutting
25th Miss Frampton

Bere Regis Sidesmen

4th 9.15 am Mr Bates/Mr Malcolm
Chalice Mr House / Mr Smith

11th 11.00am Junior church
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

18th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
Chalice Mr Croom/Mr House

25th 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton



Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

Dusting

3rd and 10th January	Mrs C Clarke and Mrs M Comben	Miss D Le Maistre and Miss P Le Maistre
17th and 24th January	Mrs Rachel Brown and Mrs Bernie Lightfoot	Mrs S Brady and daughters
31st January and 7th February	Mrs H Day and Mrs K Abbott	Miss S Frampton and Mrs J Spicer

Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th and 11th January	Mrs K Smith	Mrs L Butterfield
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18th and 25th January	Mrs C Burden	Mrs J Gibbs
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MOTORS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
4 Jan	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
2nd Christmas	11am	A Grindrod R Prideaux	R Prideaux A Grindrod	Eph 1: 3-14 John 1: 1-18
11 Jan	9.15	E Moriarty S Moriarty	S Moriarty H Menzies	Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11
Baptism of Christ				
18 Jan	8am	P Badcock	P Badcock	BCP as set
2nd Epiphany	2pm	<i>Epiphany Service Turnerspuddlet.b.a</i>		
25 Jan	9.15	D Reed R Killer	P Neill R Killer	Rev 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11
3rd Epiphany				
1 Feb	8am 11am	R Killer S Sanderson S Wood	R Killer S Sanderson S Wood	BCP as set Heb 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
Candlemass- Presentation of Christ				

Intercessions:

11 Jan E Arkell.

25 Jan E Whatley.

Chalice:

11 Jan S Moriarty.

25 Jan M Menzies.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

Sunday 4th January

8am Holy Communion
 9.15am Parish Communion
 11am Mattins and shortened Communion

Second Sunday of Christmas -

Epiphany
 (white)
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Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ – Plough Sunday

8am Holy Communion
 9.15am Parish Communion
 11am Family Service
 6pm Evensong

(white)
 Bere Regis
 Affpuddle
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Sunday 18th January

8am Holy Communion
 9.15am Parish Communion
 2pm

Second Sunday of Epiphany

(white)
 Affpuddle
 Bere Regis
 Turnerspuddle

Sunday 25th January

8am Holy Communion
 9.15am Parish Communion
 11am 'Young Voices' – service of song and praise
 6pm Evensong

Third Sunday of Epiphany

(white)
 Bere Regis
 Affpuddle
 Bere Regis
 Bere Regis

Sunday 1st February

8am Holy Communion
 9.15am Parish Communion
 11am Mattins and shortened Communion

Candlemass – Fourth Sunday of

Epiphany
 (white)
 Affpuddle
 Bere Regis
 Affpuddle

CHURCH SERVICES

To all regular advertisers

My apologies, I'm very behind with the advert renewals for 2009. I will be contacting you during the first couple of weeks in January with your invoice for the forthcoming year.

Editor

ADVERTISING RATES for the year 2009

(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

Full page, full year	£190	Full page, one month	£30
Half page, full year	£110	Half page, one month	£15
Third page, full year	£90	Third page, one month	£11
Quarter page, full year	£75	Quarter page, one month	£8.50
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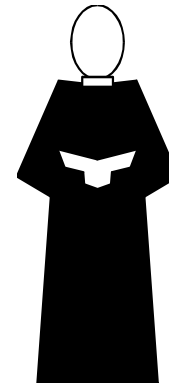
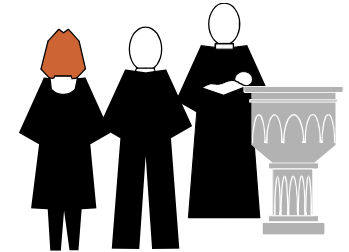
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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS
FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

At St John the Baptist Bere Regis on 30th November

Ruby Tabitha Goff-Bee



Funerals

At St John the Baptist Bere Regis on 26th November

Bernard Clive Young followed by cremation at Poole

At St Laurence Affpuddle on 16th December

Olive Ridyard Sheppard followed by interment in the Churchyard

Interment of Ashes

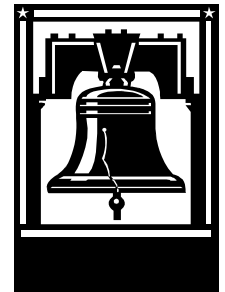
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis

Corinne Pamela Cuff on 1st December

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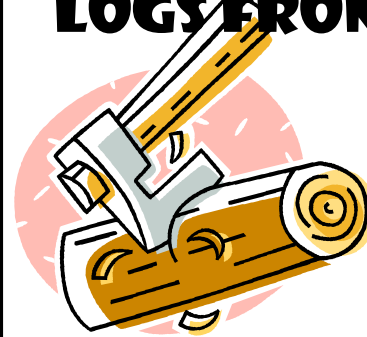
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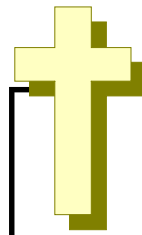
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Neville Tuck

Neville – a true gentleman; quiet, honest, kind, thoughtful but with a mischievous twinkle in his eye!

Neville was born at Belle Vue, Bere Heath on 22nd October 1933, the only son of Neville and Beatrice Tuck who perhaps surprisingly were not farmers.

He grew up on Bere Heath and attended Bere Regis School until the age of 15., where he first met Val. He then moved to Higher Stockley Farm where he worked with his Uncle Harold and Aunts Ethel and Elsie running a dairy herd.

It was during this time that his courtship with Valerie began as Valerie was by then the housekeeper.

Neville loved to tell a good story, especially humorous ones involving Val, two of which were during their courtship:

'One of the tasks Valerie was set by Harold was to clean his car from top to bottom. Thinking that there must be a special reason for this to be done Val took extra care and spent ages cleaning and polishing it but was surprised to find later that evening that the car had disappeared and that Harold was still at home. On asking where the car was, Harold told her that Neville had borrowed his car to take out a young lady!

Another of his favourites was when his Uncle told him' that he had a new painter at his other dairy at Seven Barrows and that Neville should come over and take a look as they were due a dairy inspection and he needed to check up on the work. On arriving at the dairy he found that the new painter was Valerie covered in black bitumen paint!' Obviously not put off by what he saw they became engaged not long afterwards.

In 1960 Neville lost both his father suddenly in the February after a heart attack and in July his Uncle Harold. This brought an enormous change to his life as the farm was taken back by the estate and he had to find new work. It was then that he joined Maidments at Poole, a civil engineering company where he started as a labourer.

In March 1962 Neville and Valerie were married at Bere Regis Church.

True to form the honeymoon taken in Cornwall was eventful! There had been terrible storms across the country and two days into the holiday they were woken at 5.30 am and asked to evacuate the hotel as



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it was flooded! Neville went to fetch the car leaving Valerie to grab up their belongings. As Valerie came out of the hotel with their cases a gust of wind took her and the cases towards the sea railings and if it wasn't for the local postman grabbing hold of her, she would have been washed out to sea!

Luckily things settled down and they moved into Belle Vue and had their first son Andrew in 1963 followed by Barry in 1967.

Neville continued working for the same company, who were eventually taken over by Tilbury Construction and he worked his way up to a foreman until he was finally made redundant. He soon found more work with H Y Arnolds at Holton Heath until his early retirement due to ill health at the age of 58.

Neville had many passions one being for sport that he was proud to share with Andrew, taking him to watch the Saints play at the Dell on Saturdays and also taking him to school football and cricket matches all over the county.

His other passion remained farming which he was able to share with Barry.

Barry's interest in vintage tractors soon became Neville's and they went to their first steam rally in 1985. Neville bought his first vintage tractor with Barry, a Massey Harris which was like the one that he had used when he worked at Higher Stockley. The rallies became a big part of Neville's life and he bought a caravan so that he and Valerie could stay together. He also enjoyed going to farm sales with Barry where he frequently came home with a bargain – even if they didn't really need it!

In July 1992 Neville was delighted to hear that he was a grandfather to Alex.

Throughout Neville's retirement he kept active helping Barry with his Aberdeen Angus cattle. They went to the markets to buy the calves and Neville helped to rear them on at the Haven. He would drive miles going to check them through the day. He kept up his interest in farming, often bringing in the cattle for Barry and Brenda – he always knew what to look for to ensure the cattle were well and content.

In 1999 Neville became ill and had to have a kidney removed, but he still continued to work although not so much in the tractor now! He had also lived with diabetes for twenty years and although often in trouble for not keeping to the diet he could often be caught sneaking a pudding!

Neville was also an active part of the Bere Heath Chapel



Valentine's Night Supper

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee is making tentative plans to hold a Valentines Night Supper on Saturday 14th February. Keep that date free and all you old and young love birds come along for one of the Village Hall Committees suppers.

(It does not have to be couples who attend, singles are most welcome – who knows cupid might be on hand with a lucky arrow).

So far all tickets available from Philippa Thorniley.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 10 December 2008 and received a presentation from Mr Steve MacKenzie, the chief executive officer of Purbeck District Council on the impact of the district council's investments in Icelandic banks. Mr MacKenzie explained that the district council had a total of £2m invested in Icelandic banks, split between two different institutions. Mr MacKenzie was hopeful that at least some of the money would be recovered and that there would be no adverse impact on Council Tax. Whilst there would be no reduction in services provided by the district council, Mr MacKenzie could not rule out some impact on medium term capital programmes.

Members continued to raise strong objection to the loss of car parking at Moreton Railway Station. Following representations made to the district and county councils along with South West Trains and Network Rail, the Parish Council will also be writing to local MPs Jim Knight and Oliver Letwin.

The Parish Council were also concerned to learn of a fresh planning application to West Dorset District Council for clay pigeon shooting at Shakes Hole. As in the past, the Council will be making strong objections to the proposal, chiefly on environmental and highway issues.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 January, 2009 at 7pm.

For more information, look at www.briantspuddle.info

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Artsreach – “Striding Edge”

On Friday 12th December 2008 the Briantspuddle Hall Committee combined with the Bladen Social Club to host a Concert and Ceilidh given by a Cumbrian band “Striding Edge”. The evening which started with a concert and was followed by dancing was a resounding success and made a lovely start to the Christmas Season. In the interval a finger buffet supper was served in the Bladen Social Club. After all the expenses were paid £316 has been raised for the Hall building fund.

And Now Ezekial Taylor!

On 31st January 2009 the Village all is hosting the last Artsreach production for the 2008/2009 Autumn and Winter Programme. Richard Derrington who has presented “Taylor’s Tickler”, “My Kingdom for a Horse” and Shakespeare’s Other Anne” at Briantspuddle is returning with his new show “And Now Ezekiel Taylor!”. This is an update of “Taylor’s Tickler” when we find out what happened to Ezekiel Taylor, the not very successful poacher who produced a fantastic fishing fly admired by none other than the then Prince of Wales. Richard is a versatile and talented actor, who has been a member of the Royal Shakespeare, National Theatre and Old Vic Companies and also played Mark Hebden in The Archers before he was bumped off some fifteen years ago.

Tickets costing £6.50 will be available from the beginning of January. Early booking is advised.

Film Night

The Film Night. On Saturday 10th January 2009 we are starting off what we hope will be a regular monthly film night. Our first film is Mama Mia. Tickets costing £4.00 will be available from the beginning of January. Thanks to those of you who responded to my request for suggestions for what to show. I think we will go for a selection - bit of this and a bit of that. We hope to have another film night in late February.



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where his father had been a lay preacher and his mother played the organ. His support at the annual Harvest Auction never went unnoticed as his generous outbidding always gained him the largest bunch of flowers to take home to Valerie. He was a true countryman with a marvellous even wicked sense of humour.

Neville's heart and soul were very much here in Purbeck and it is good to know that he has been laid to rest within view of the Church and the community he loved and content in his countryside.

FRED PITFIELD 1931-2008

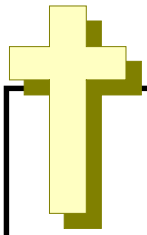
Fred was born on 21st March 1931 at Manor Farm Cottages, the only child of Louisa and Perce Pitfield. He attended the village school until the age of 13 when he was transferred to Dorchester Grammar School. As a young boy, he joined the church choir, became a boy scout and explored the countryside with his friend Ron Ricketts. Fred was taught how to draw by a serviceman billeted with the family during the war.

As soon as he was old enough he acquired a motor bike but, unfortunately, he soon had a misunderstanding with a bus and found himself in hospital with a broken leg. Convalescence was long and boring until his life-long friend and next-door-neighbour Jim Hann took him along to join his particular friends in the village. These included Gilbert Griffin and Gordon Phillips. Fred often said in future years that his accident was a blessing in disguise.

Gordon was already a member of the Blandford band and he persuaded Fred to accompany him to band practice along with Gerald Garrett. Fred was given a trumpet and soon became quite proficient. Another member of the band gave Fred a book on composition and he was hooked. His first composition was a march for the band called "Kingsbere".

After mastering the trumpet, Fred turned his sights to the cello. He attended classes which were being run by the Dorset Rural Music School in Briantspuddle Village Hall. When the hour-long classes ended, the Briantspuddle Singers would come into the hall for an hour and this was followed by country dancing for another hour. Fred joined in both the singing and the dancing becoming quite an expert in both activities. Country dances were regularly taking place in various parts of Dorset at that time and Brenda was invited





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along to one of them. She found the music, the dancing and the company very agreeable so didn't take much persuading to come along again. Quite soon, she and Fred became regular dancing partners and became friends as well.

Their first date was on 1st December 1951 when they attended the first concert given by the newly formed Dorset County Orchestra. Little did Brenda realise at the time that that would be one of the very few occasions when they would actually sit together at a concert. Fred was quickly snapped up to play trumpet in the Dorset County Orchestra and went on to play with the Dorset Chamber Orchestra and the Tarrant Brass group. He also played in orchestras for the Bach Cantata Club, Milton Abbey Music Festival and Dorchester Choral Society as well as being a member of the Durnovaria (Dorchester) Silver Band where he played solo comet. Over the years, Brenda often referred to herself as a brass widow!

Several people in the benefice have recalled Fred playing the Last Post and Reveille at Briantspuddle war memorial and from the top of the church tower of Bere Regis church.

In the early days of their friendship, Brenda's mother was not happy with the situation. She did not like her barely-out-of school daughter keeping company with, as she saw it, a much older man. Then Brenda discovered that Fred's birthday was on the same day as her mother's. When told this, her mother said, somewhat reluctantly "Well I suppose he'd better come to tea." Fred managed to charm his future mother-in-law and after that, they always spent part of their birthday together.

Fred had left school at 18, and had become articled to Jackson & Steel, a firm of architects in Dorchester. On completing his articles, he worked for Rex Thorne and Alan Sharpe in Wimborne, then returned to Dorchester to work for Magnus Austin. In about 1960 he joined the County Architect's team at County Hall, working there until his retirement. He had studied architecture the hard way, through a correspondence course and part time studies at Bournemouth College of Art, eventually qualifying in 1966.

Fred and Brenda were married in 1955 and began their married life at 78, West Street. Just after Mark was born in 1957, they moved to the top of Butt Lane, remaining there for the next 51 years. John was born in 1960 and as the boys grew up, their friends would visit very regularly and there would often be several friends in the house and garden. Fred was always welcoming and even reasonably relaxed on the many



Morden	10	11
Windgreen CM	10	6
Bere Regis	8	4
Broadmayne	11	0

For more up to date results, tables and fixtures log onto to the Bere Regis Sports Club website www.bereregis.com, which has links direct to the DCFA website and more information on Bere Regis FC.

FOOTBALL TRAINING

Adults

Wednesday nights: 7.00 at Bere Regis Recreation Ground

All footballers are welcome to come along and show us what you've got!



Corfe Castle	11	9
Mere Town	13	9
Piddletrenthide Utd	12	8
Crossways	10	4
Lytchett RT	9	1

Adult Sundays – DIVISION TWO

Results

16th November

Bere Regis 2: Upton Working Mens Club 7

Scorers: Nick White, Pete Macklin

30th November

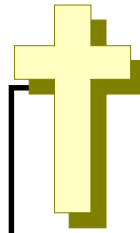
Bere Regis 3: Dumpton Academicals 10

Scorers: Pete Macklin (2), Matt Bennett



Table (as at 15th December)

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Points</u>
Upton WMC	12	33
Harbourside	10	25
Dumpton Academicals	8	19
Wallisdown Sports	11	17
Wool RBL	9	16
Harrys Sports Bar	11	14



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occasions when windows were broken by boys playing football on the lawn.

With his studies behind him, Fred began doing the things he really wanted to do. He had always had a passionate interest in the village and the church and he set out to find as much information as possible about both. This culminated in his *Book of Bere Regis* which was published in 1978. His architectural studies had heightened his interest in church architecture and this resulted in a very ambitious project where he hoped to draw every church in Dorset and research their histories. As yet, the project has not been published in its entirety but *Purbeck Parish Churches* and *Dorset Parish Churches A-D* caused considerable interest when published. He was an acknowledged expert in the field of church architecture and was employed by the WEA to give lectures on the subject in many parts of the county.

Fred's abiding passion for the works of Thomas Hardy, plus the perceived family connection, resulted in the publication of *Hardy's Wessex Locations*. The research involved much detective work, discovering exactly which parts of Dorset (and beyond) Hardy was referring to in his books, then photographing them as they are today.

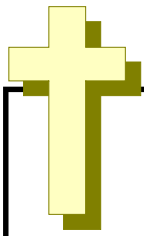
He was a life-long part of the worshipping community in Bere Regis church, having been a member of the choir for 70 years. He became a member of the PCC at the age of 21 and was a very prominent member of the fabric committee. As such, he probably knew every stone in the church as well as every window, arch and monument. He shared his knowledge with the church guides who now do an excellent job informing visitors of the special features of this magnificent building.

His own faith was very strong but of the traditional nature. Sometimes we could catch a glimpse of his true feelings through his church music. Two of his compositions are being sung today and there are many others which we could have chosen. In recognition of his contribution to church music, he was recently elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Liturgical Musicians.

In his spare time he was a crossword addict, particularly enjoying *The Times* crossword. In fact, John said that Dad could complete the crossword quicker than he could cut them out for him. Not content with just solving crosswords, he also compiled them for the Dorset County Magazine and the Exmoor Magazine.



Health-wise, Fred had been quite fit until 1998 when he suffered a stroke. He made a good recovery but was



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no longer able to play his trumpet. Although he made light of that, we knew that he missed all his former friends in the orchestras he had played with in the past.

He was a somewhat reluctant gardener, looking after it because it was there, rather than having an overriding interest. Nevertheless, the results were a credit to him every year despite the on-going battles with cabbage white butterflies and the like. He loved the wildlife in the garden, especially the many birds who found pickings in the compost heap, and in particular, several generations of robins who would make their presence felt when he came out into the garden.

Fred's latest project has involved much research both in local libraries and the British Library in London. If completed, the work would include a record of every published illustration of Dorset from 1650 to 1900

Latterly, some of his more active interests have been curtailed but he made up for it by enjoying his family, the grandchildren in particular having given him enormous pleasure.

When the time came for him to meet his maker, the end came quickly. For Fred, life was for living and he would have hated to have had to endure a long drawn-out illness. We can imagine him checking out all those measurements in heaven as recorded in the book of Revelation and we love the idea expressed in one of the letters of sympathy we received. A friend wrote "I am sure Fred is joining in already in rehearsals for the Last Trump, and perhaps providing a new arrangement for it."

Yes, that's the man we all knew and loved and we give thanks that he used to the full, all the talents that God had given him.

Olive Sheppard

Olive died peacefully of heart failure in her sleep at some time in the small hours of the morning on Monday 8th December. It was as if she just faded away, having at first seemed to recover well from a fall she had two weeks beforehand. Physically there had seemed to be less and less of her in the last few years, such were her problems with eating. This disorder had affected her since the age of 18, but it had become noticeably worse due to her unhappiness since her beloved husband, Duncan, died seven years ago.

Olive was born in Surrey in 1930, the second daughter of



clean sheet bonuses resulting in Bere's first away win of the season.

Bere Regis 3: Stalbridge 1

Another win for Bere as they appear to have got over their bad start to November. Having hit the bar on a number of occasions during the first half, a delightful move culminated in a even more delightful chip by Pappa Maklin to give Bere the lead. This was shortly followed by a typical Oli Waight toe poked goal to leave Bere leading 2-0 at half



time. Playing their first home game in the league for over a month, Bere appeared to be more interested in playing to the crowd (7 in total) rather than concentrating on the matter in hand. This was duly explained to them during the break by head coach Russ Hewitt, but despite the warning Stalbridge scored soon after half time to make the score 2-1. A flurry of substitutions ensued to up the Bere work rate. These paid dividend when Dan Watts arrived unmarked at the back stick to despatch the ball left footed into the net and make sure the points were safe. Final score BRFC 3 Stalbridge 1.

Table (as at 15th December)

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Points</u>
Upwey & Broadwey	11	31
Chickerell Utd	12	27
Wool RBL	12	24
The Balti House	12	22
Bere Regis	10	18
AFC Bluebridge	9	16
Ferndown Sports	12	15
Stalbridge	9	12
Child Okeford	12	11

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Adult Saturdays – DIVISION ONE

Results

22nd November

Piddletrenthide Utd 0: Bere Regis 1

Scorer: John Sanders

29th November

Bere Regis 3: Stalbridge 1

Scorers: Oliver Waight, Pete Macklin, Daniel Watts

Piddletrenthide Utd 0: Bere Regis 1

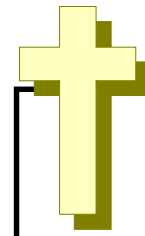


Following a run of poor results, Bere got back to winning ways with an impressive team display at the *sheepfield* at Piddletrenthide. After a number of late cry offs due to the *skivalitis* virus, Beres first half formation appeared a bit different to normal, but still produced a number of clear cut chances that were either saved or were wide of the mark. At the other end Deano Rogerson produced a number of fine one handed saves to keep the score 0-0 at half time.

Following a reshuffle of the formation at half time, Bere dominated the second half. After a few words of encouragement from the management team, Jonny Sanders re-earned his nickname 'Robinho' with a magnificent strike from 25 yards that was still rising as it hit the stanchion of the piddletrenthide goal. This followed clever link up play with pappa Macklin, who ran tirelessly all afternoon (but not as fast as his pig in the 8th race later that evening!). Beres defence stood strong and fully deserved their



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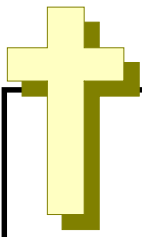
Peter and Winifred Birchall. Her father was a headmaster who taught Music and English, and played the organ. He chose names for his family from literature, and so she was christened "Olivia" after the character in "Twelfth Night". To get further away from London in the Second World War, Peter Birchall moved jobs and his family to Dorset, first to Litton Cheney and then to Winfrith Newburgh. As Olive grew up, she learnt to play the piano and acquired a great love of reading.

When she started her working life she had various office jobs. One of the early ones was at Lee Motors in Dorchester. Clearly her travelling to work and elsewhere would be eased if she could drive, and a young man at the garage by the name of Duncan Sheppard kindly offered to give her driving lessons – such effective lessons, in fact, that she passed her test first time. They kept in touch after Duncan changed jobs, and in due course, in 1965, they got married. They always enjoyed joint activities, and started in a big way by building their own house together - Tweeds, in School Lane, Briantspuddle, on a site where previously concrete blocks had been manufactured for the Debenham estate. Those who have only known Olive in later life may have difficulty in imagining her up on the roof with Duncan in cold weather, nailing down the roof tiles, and on one occasion getting her coat nailed down with the tiles!

In due course their daughter Leonora ("Lee" to many of us) was born. Olive continued to develop her interests through her adult life, and encouraged Leonora in many of these, particularly drawing and reading. With Duncan she loved visiting old Dorset churches, and they were both very keen on their garden; they were keen readers, passing books they had read to each other to read – Charles Dickens being a particular love; the mobile library was always in demand. They worked hard also at welcoming newcomers, generating community spirit and smoothing out any difficulties among the other residents in and around School Lane. Knitting, embroidery, papier-maché masks, photography, wine making were other examples of her skills and interests. She made wine not only from the grapes of her own vine but out of almost anything that grew. As recently as this autumn she started to try her hand at *digital* photography. She joined in with the big parish project some years ago to make new kneelers for Affpuddle church, and only this year she offered to make one of the last few that are required, although her deteriorating eyesight limited her progress.

Apart from her family, cats were a lifelong love. Any written communication from Olive always had a





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picture of a cat on it somewhere. The most recent cat in her life was Caspar, belonging to neighbours but forcing his way daily into Tweeds whenever he could and taking up prime position in the most comfortable spot in the house; amazingly he seems to know she has died and has not come back since.

In her working life Olive worked in various offices in the area and, after two earlier spells at the Atomic Energy Establishment at Winfrith, eventually came there to work for UKAEA full time. She was the secretary for various senior members of the staff, and had many friends among her fellow secretaries and other colleagues. She continued to organise a periodic lunch gathering at the East Dorset Golf Club for her secretarial friends until as recently as October, and was due to meet one of these friends for lunch in the week she died; some soup (it had to be really hot) and a glass of red wine was all she had on these occasions. She also met Brenda Pitfield for a meal from time to time, having done secretarial work for Brenda who was then working for the Church Army.

So although Olive had her eating disorder, and was unhappy following the deaths of her beloved Duncan and other close family members in recent years, as you have heard she did not give up on life as others might have done. She kept up with her friends, with her reading and her creative interests and, though regretting she could not keep the garden in the way she always had, she still managed to create a display of plants in pots and baskets. Not a frequent worshipper in Affpuddle church, she was nevertheless always interested in and ready to support its projects and events. All of us who knew Olive are the better for it, having experienced her friendship and enjoyed the results of her creativity. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Leonora and Roger, and to all Olive's wider family.

The love she bestowed on others, her work of reconciliation and the creativity she exhibited are all reflections of the character of God – our God who loves his own creation so much that in the person of Jesus Christ he lived on earth, died and rose again, to show us what he is like and to give us a way back to him despite our sins, our weakness and failings. That's for Olive and for all of us.

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Wednesday Early days Café – this popular meeting point for young mums and mums to be is held from 10.30am-12 noon in the Manse long Room, Butt Lane. A great time to get together for a chat and some refreshment under the supervision of midwife Lynda Essex. For more information contact Lynda .



Friday Sonseekers Club during term time in the Chapel from 6-7.30pm – for youngsters aged between 7 and 12 years. Games, songs, Good News and Tuck Shop. Admission free – come and get to know us! New youngsters always welcome. The Sonseekers Club restarts in the New Year on Friday 9th January at 6.00pm.

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past but they need not be open wounds.

2. Straining towards what is ahead. Having received God's forgiveness through the blood of Christ on Calvary we can indeed move forward! A Christian should be an upwardly mobile person! The word strain here again does not carry with it the sense of anxiety or desperation, but is rather a conscious act of discipline and determination. The successful athlete learns how to use the tension and adrenalin to bring out the best performance possible.

3. I press on toward my goal. What was the goal for Paul? "To win the prize for which God has called me heavenward" This may be a good moment to ask you what goals have you set for yourself in 2009? Have you included God in those plans ? The Bible is very honest and blunt about the danger of trying to forge our own destiny and set our own goals. It simply says there is a way that appears to be right for man, but actually the outcome is disaster and death! God has a blueprint plan for every life – including yours! Are you interested in finding out what it is? This first century spiritual giant we call Paul the apostle eventually found his place in God's heart. His life had meaning and purpose - a purpose that extended far beyond the feeble confines of this mortal life!

Here's a prayer he might have prayed. "Heavenly Father, I accept the challenge of focusing more on the signposts than the landmarks. Forgive me if I prefer to look back to the past rather than ahead to the future. Lead me on, Father and let JESUS be my vision and Your glory my goal. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Have a blessed 2009!

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Family Worship and Junior Church - every Sunday at 10am in the Chapel. This is a time for families and individuals to gather together for worship, prayers and praise and an inspiring, challenging message from God's Word. The atmosphere is loving, informal and yet reverent. Our songs are a blend of traditional and the more contemporary . The services are led most weeks by our Pastor . The youngsters share in our worship for the first half hour before attending their own Junior Church down in the Manse Long Room.



Chapel Toddlers Group – every Monday during term time 1.30-3.00pm. Here's a chance for mums and carers to come together for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, whilst the youngsters interact and play together in a friendly environment. New mums and toddlers always welcome. Our Toddlers restarts in the New Year on Monday 12th January at 1.30pm.



A VIEW FROM THE LOFT
An occasional series by the village organist

THE ANTHEM

Those who glanced at this column last June, July and/or August, will be aware that I asserted that choral music has played a dominant (*sic.*) part in the services of the Christian church, but with occasional interludes of enforced musical silence or cultural disinterest! Sung in our services today are hymns, psalms and canticles (to either Anglican chant or as settings), versicles and responses, full service settings such as the Requiem, and Eucharist settings such as the popular version by Merbecke (c.1510-1585), and the equally popular but contemporary setting by David Thorne, the Assistant Organist at Portsmouth Cathedral from 1978 until 1999 (used regularly at Bere Regis). Where there are choirs it is usual to include an anthem appropriate to the day, feast or festival.

The anthem may be considered as the English-speaking Protestant Churches' equivalent of the Latin motet, from which it has sprung. The motet is a form of church choral harmony. It superseded a type of musical composition known as "conductus", the art of adding one or two voice-parts to an existing melody line (*canto fermo*). From the 13th century and into the early 16th, both were in use, then the "conductus" gradually died out and the motet continued and, in a greatly developed form, may be said to be alive today. The motet from the first had more contrapuntal (harmonic) sophistication and freedom than the "conductus". Its parts moved in different lengths of notes according to the rigid rhythmic schemes of the day. Sometimes a motet would be constructed by the crude experiment of putting together different existing tunes (sacred or secular), with perhaps some little adjustments, and driving them along the same road in double, triple, or quadruple harness. Frequently, however, the plan was to give the tenor a piece of plainsong or folk song to sing, and to place above it two other parts ('motetus' and 'triplex') moving in quicker notes. Usually the different parts had different words! By the 15th century the form had taken on modern refinements. The conflict of words had gone, and the form might be described simply as that of a not very long piece of unaccompanied choral counterpoint to Latin words. When we come to the period of Palestrina (1525-1594) and William Byrd (1542-1623) we find the motet grown into "a great medium of the most able expression of the finest musical thought". Palestrina wrote about 180 motets. An alternative for "motets" frequently used at this period is "*Cantiones Sacrae*".

The motet was not a setting of any part of the "Ordinary" or "Proper" of the Mass but had its place as what Protestantism today calls an anthem. Indeed, we may say that the anthem is but the motet turned Protestant, and the most suitable distinction, so far as the English Church is concerned, is that the older anthems in Latin we call "motets", and motets in English we term "anthems". It may be said

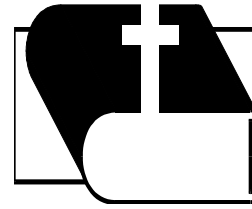
that at the time when it attained maturity (16th century) the motet was the church counterpart of the domestic madrigal. Both were unaccompanied choral compositions with very freely moving voice parts woven into a contrapuntal texture, and a serious madrigal to sacred words would be a motet - indeed, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), and one or two others so used the word.

So the anthem is an "Anglican" creation. In the liturgy of the Church of England there is a place provided for it (see Book of Common Prayer 1662, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer "*In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the Anthem*"). Other churches too have given it an equivalent place, somewhere after the middle or towards the end of the service. It constitutes in ordinary churches the one occasion of the service when the choir alone undertakes the duty of song, and when an elaboration impossible and unsuitable in other parts of the service becomes proper and effective. In a cathedral or large church, when a 'service setting' is sung there are, of course, other opportunities. It is usually accompanied by organ, so differing from the motet which is unaccompanied. Often it has passages for solo voices, individually or in combination.

The anthems of the English Tudor composers often differed from motets in little but the use of the English language. The development of solo passages (recitatives, arias, duets, quartets, etc.) largely took place after the Restoration (1660), and in the Chapel Royal (see this column of September 2008), where Charles II demanded a brighter music such as he had heard when in exile at the court of Louis XIV, including accompaniments for strings. Henry Purcell (1658-95) composed some in the old serious motet style, and others in this new "anthem" style. When, a little later, Handel came to England he wrote large-scale and fine works of this class, such as the 'Chandos Anthems'. These compositions tend towards the type and manner of the "Church Cantatas" of Bach and other German composers of the period.

The English anthem repertory is large and varied, and includes many noble works, as well as a great deal that is trivial. The principal styles of anthem composition can be set forth in "periods" somewhat along the following lines:-

Period of Contrapuntal Unaccompanied Anthems (the motet, but with English words, as one might say). This lasted from the time of the Reformation until (roughly) the end of the great English choral school, say 1550 to 1625 (i.e. the late Tudor and early Stuart period). Some great names here are Robert White, William Mundy, Tallis, Tye, Farrant, Byrd, Gibbons, and Weelkes. Some of these composers introduced solos and independent instrumental accompaniments, so leading the way to the next style. (Even the music of this period which we speak of as 'unaccompanied' seems often, in practice, to have been supported by organ and viols doubling the voices.)



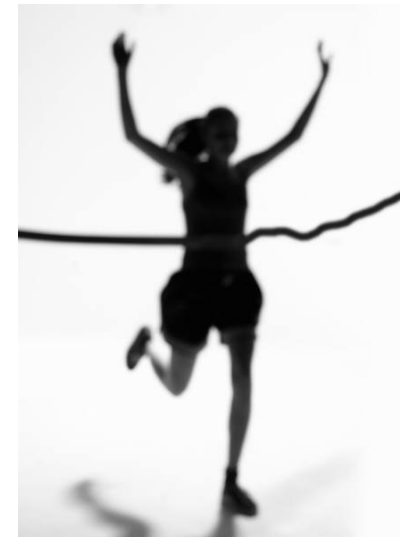
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Pressing on !

"Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:14

The apostle Paul, in the above verse of Scripture, outlined his personal ambition as he moved forward in his life. He was passing on some valuable life lessons he had learned to the next generation of believers in Philippi. A New Year is always a good time to take stock of our life - we try to do this collectively also as a church- and see how we can move forward into a year that for many will be increasingly difficult as the financial recession kicks in. It's always good to remember that God's Word is contemporary in its assessment of human nature. After all human nature is exactly the same today as it was in Roman times. Here are a few pointers the Bible gives us about going into a New Year.

1. Forgetting what is behind. For the Christian this means focusing on the Person of Christ - looking ahead to Him in everything we do. Like an athlete fixing his gaze on the winning tape, he strains forward with all his might. But can we really forget the past? Does this mean we go round in a state of constant denial about things or people or situations that have hurt us and left us emotionally scarred? Of course not! The biblical usage of the word forget here does not mean 'to fail to remember'. Apart from senility, dementia or some other brain malfunction no mature person can forget what has happened in the past. In biblical terms it means, "no longer being influenced by or affected by something". God's healing and forgiveness through the work of Jesus on the cross can take away the hurt of whatever it is that might cause us pain. Maybe someone reading this is haunted or taunted by failure, regrets, disappointments or mistakes of the past. Only in Christ can you find real relief and lasting healing. Forgiveness is such a liberating experience for both the giver and the one to whom it is offered! We may always carry the scars of the



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Period of the Handelian Anthem; (with a certain 18th century solidity and dignity), say 1730 to 1800 - Handel, Greene, Boyce, Battishill, William, Hayes, Kent, Nares, B. Cooke, Arnold.

Early 19th Century Anthem; (with a more modern tinge), say 1800 to 1875 - Crotch, Attwood, Ouseley, Walmisley, S. S. Wesley, Goss, Elvey.

Later Victorian Anthem, early 20th century; (with an added grace and tunefulness but sometimes a tendency towards prettiness and sentimentality) - Garrett, Stainer, Barnby, Sullivan, Stanford, Parry, Charles Wood, Edward Elgar and a host of others.

Modern and Contemporary Anthem; (Second World War to present day) - Herbert Howells, William Walton, Gordon Jacob, Edmund Rubbra, Michael Tippett, Leighton, John Rutter and Malcolm Archer to mention but very few.

The word 'Anthem' is often loosely used as, for instance, in 'National Anthem', here meaning an "emblem", "badge" or "symbol". The 'Easter Anthems' of the Book of Common Prayer, which will be sung throughout the Anglican Church on 13th April 2009, is a collection of Biblical passages of relevant character, nowadays usually sung to Anglican chant (see this column of July 2007).

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Sunday	MASS	9.00 am	WOOL	
Sunday	MASS	11.00 am	WAREHAM	

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.



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On Saturday 17th January 2009 we are holding a Social Morning at Turberville Court between 10.30am and 12noon. As well as refreshments we will also be running a raffle and a bring-and-buy sale.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105.

May we wish you all a Happy New Year from Bere Regis M.U.

Angela Jones – Magazine Secretary

Date of Next Meeting

7th January Turberville Court Wednesday 7.30 pm

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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	Flowers	Cleaning
4 Jan	Sue Taylor	Sue Taylor
11 Jan	Audrey Grindrod	Audrey Grindrod
18 Jan	Erica Moriarty	Erica Moriarty
20 Jan		SPECIAL CLEAN
25 Jan	Elizabeth Whatley	Elizabeth Whatley
1 Feb	Anne Forty	Erica Moriarty

Coffee

11 Jan	(9.15 a.m. Parish Communion)	Doreen & Steve Sanderson
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Alison Bennett Pop In Place Team Leader 01929 472023

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

We are most grateful to Mike Hancock of Hollands Barn, Tincton who once again very kindly donated the Church Christmas Tree, and thanks also go to Lindy and Phil Ventham for decorating the tree so attractively.

AFFPUDDLE MONDAY GROUP

From 5th January until Lent, we'll be following a series of studies on Prayers of the Bible. New members and enquirers are always welcome. We meet at the home of Mike and Hillie Menzies at Starmoor, Throop, on Monday evenings starting at 7.45 for 8.00 pm and finishing at 9.30.

CHURCHYARD MOWING FOR 2009

Visitors to the Church invariably admire its setting and praise the appearance of the Churchyard which, in large measure, is due to the 50 volunteers who cut the grass and generally keep the Churchyard tidy. Without their commitment the Churchyard would rapidly become a wilderness. Placing the work out to contract is not a viable option.

The commitment of volunteers is exemplary, but increasingly we rely on people well past retirement age, so we desperately need more volunteers to come forward. The problem is exacerbated by the milder climate which has forced us to extend the mowing season at each end. The commitment amounts to about 2 hours work. We have two new mowing machines, both mulchers, which make light work of cutting the grass provided it is kept reasonably short and is dry.

In February, I propose to circulate the mowing rota for 2009. I would like to know, by the end of January please, who would like to join the mowing team for the first time and who may wish to leave the rota. As for the remainder of the team, if I do not hear to the contrary, I will presume all are happy to remain on the rota.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Kasia Robbins and Philip Saunders for the storage of our mowers.

Sandy Moriarty

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Happy New Year to you all!

A Big Thank You to everyone who supported our Pantomime and thanks to all the Performers and helpers that worked so hard to produce it, well done everyone you are all fantastic, oh yes you are!



There is a warm welcome to everyone at our Pop In Place Sessions on Monday and Friday Mornings, so why not Pop In and see us you will be made very welcome.

Bring and Buy Sale Friday 16th January at the Drax Hall lower room

Here is your chance to get rid of some of those unwanted Christmas gifts and buy something different you really do like and all in aid of a worthy cause.

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Family Disco Saturday 24th January 7pm at the Drax Hall

Tickets are £2 per person from Alison Bennett 01929 472023 this includes refreshments. We hope to lift your spirits this New Year and give you all something to look forward to. Dancing to the popular Julie Lye Disco A J Sounds it's sure to be a lot of fun and everyone is most welcome. As it is a family Disco and we hope that people will come out as a family with the children therefore we have made it a non alcohol event but we will be providing a soft drink bar.

Danny and his Accordion Friday 13th February at the Drax Hall Upper Hall

Looking forward to next month we have, as part of our Funday Friday Programme, Danny and his Accordion this is part the Pop In Place ethos to bring you live entertainment at no cost to yourselves helping to bring the community together and address rural isolation. This will be a lot of fun and everyone will be made most welcome, we hope to see you there, if you need help with transport phone Alison Bennett 012929 472023

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Vice Chairman:	Ian Ventham	01929 471480	ian@shitterton.com
Parish Clerk	Mr Jim Ruddock	01929 556263	

Your Parish council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 11th November.

Public Participation

Four parishioners were present. Matters raised included comments about the gate at the end of North Street being left unlocked (Dorset County Council to be asked to repair and replace the lock); speeding in North Street (to be raised again in February when Inspector Weeks should be present); and concerns about the new PACT initiative (see below).

The PACT Initiative

We were grateful that the vicar was attending the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the North Wareham PACT Panel. He explained that PACT Panels have their origins in the Crime and Disorder Act 2002, as part of the government's objectives to oblige local authorities and Police Forces to work together to address the issue of creating safer communities.

Groups of 3 or 4 parishes are combined into Panels under an independent chair, and hold about 4 meetings a year. These meetings should involve Parish Councils, Fire Service representatives and other community representatives, to decide upon a set of priorities to do with safety, policing and crime prevention, and to try to find solutions to these problems.

The three current priorities in this area are:

1. The new school crossing at Sandford
2. Speeding in the High Street at Lytchett
3. Graffiti on the Youth Shelter at Bere Regis

In addition, regular PACT meetings are held in order that parishioners may voice their concerns about safety issues to members of the PACT Panel. The next such meeting will be in the Drax Hall on 15th January from 1pm to 1.45pm. If you have any concerns about safety or security, please come along and voice them.

Allotments and Composting

The council was continuing to talk to the Drax Estate, and to Grainger's, the landowners to the South of the village, about possible allotment sites and a possible green waste composting site.



Play Park

A formal consultation exercise will be underway soon to gauge views about possible future sites for the children's play area.

Village Environment

The double yellow lines at the Shell Garage are completed. North Street road edges and bushes have been

cut back. The long-awaited zebra crossing at the school should be installed before half-term next year, and yellow lines near the surgery and in West Street should be in by February. New car park signage is near to agreement.

By the time you read this article the new benches near the stream and the boardwalk should be in place and in use.

Council Vacancy

We are continuing to look for new councillors, to co-opt to the two vacancies we presently have.

County Councillor's Report

Malcolm Shakesby, our county councillor, reported on the schools consultation presently being carried out, on the subject of the middle school system.

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1. Environment Team Leader Councillor John Pitts
2. Housing and Planning Team Leader Councillor Laurie Fairhurst
3. Youth Team Leader (unfilled at present)
4. Police and Community Team Leader Councillor Peter Wharf
5. Village Organisations Liaison Team Leader Councillor Ian Ventham

Council Surgery

On Saturday 3rd January, a Parish Councillor will be joining Peter Wharf, our District Councillor at his regular monthly surgery at Turberville Court at 9.30 am. Any parishioner who wishes to raise any matter with either the parish or district councils is very welcome to come along.

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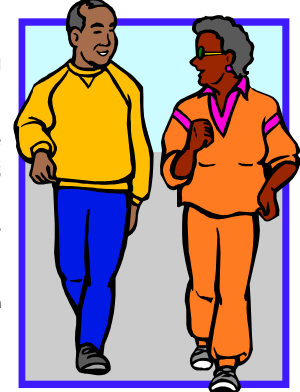
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At the last meeting members heard about Landscape Gardening from a very interesting speaker Tom Penny. He was able to answer all sorts of questions and gardening problems raised by members. This was followed by Yuletide snacks and hot punch to end a good evening.

The January meeting is to be at the RBL HQ on Tuesday 6th January at 8.00pm which will be a New Year Party. Names to Megan Stone or Susan Stone to give some idea of numbers please.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP



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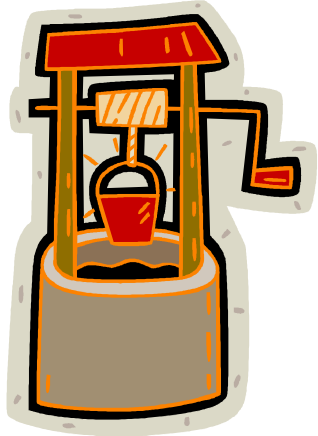
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DRAX HALL

No news from the Drax Hall for this month.



WELL, WELL, WELL!

Thankyou to all those people who kindly contacted me with their memories of the many wells and pumps in the parish. Contact was even made from Mr Harry Applin all the way from Cheshire (it is surprising where our parish magazine travels to) who remembered one near his brother's house next to the present school. I have also had a photo of one person carrying buckets back from their daily task and have obtained copies of the 1902 OS map from the County Record Office, as suggested by Fred Pitfield, which marks many wells and pumps which were there at that time. Any more bits of information would ve very welcome.

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No doubt there will be other changes as the year goes on – education rarely stands still – and there will be other new things to write about. Before we know it, the Spring bulbs will be peeping through and the Winter will seem like a distant dream, but for now on behalf of all of the staff and children at Bere Regis First School we wish you a very happy new year!

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

On November 26th the Women's Section of the RBL held their get together enjoying Fish and Chips, Bingo and a few Carols.

On December 1st we held out Carol Service and were joined by the Mothers' Union., Women's Institute, Autumn Leaves and the Tuesday Club.

Pastor Jim conducted the service and provided music with his wife and Kath Jeeves at the piano.

A good start to Christmas and to remember from the readings the true meaning of Christmas.

As usual a most enjoyable evening and our thanks to Pastor Jim, Janet and Kath for the entertainments. [I'm sure everyone enjoyed the evening.

Cenotaph for January - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee



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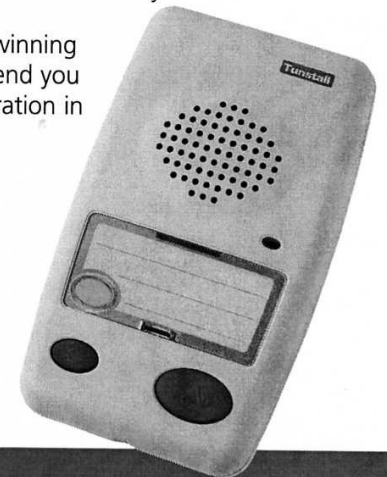
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BERE REGIS W.I.

The November Meeting was held in the Drax Hall on Tuesday 18th. November 2008

The guest speaker was Liz Harrison who brought copious quantities of flowers and foliage in tubs and boxes of various sizes. She produced stunning wreaths and festive displays of flowers which were then given to several lucky WI ladies by means of raffle prizes.

The group then proceeded to arrange a personal festive display of flowers using whatever material they did so choose. A very enjoyable evening was had by all with barely little time for any of the normal business. Jan Nurrish thanked Liz for providing us with a very enjoyable evening.

The first 2009 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th 2009 at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall and the guest speaker will be Simon Goldsack from East Holme Nurseries.

We wish you and yours a very happy, peaceful and interesting New Year and look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

The December meeting was made entertaining by the willing joining in of the members with carols played by Kath on the piano and John on his violin. Readings and poems about Christmas were read by Mary and John England. This was followed by a special tea with sandwiches and mince pies and a Christmas cake

made by one of the members.

Everyone eventually went home with a raffle prize.

The January meeting will be in the Drax Hall on Wednesday 14th at the usual time of 2.30pm when we are to have another visit by David Andrews who will surely keep us entertained.

their handicap fall which is the aim of the game after all. Well done to all members who truly believe in the practise will one day make perfect principle... I look forward to reporting on our continued improvement next season.

Captain Flower

BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

A Brand New Year

As the New Year starts, we at the First School are thinking ahead to some changes in the coming months. Though the days may still be cold, dark and gloomy, there's always something to look forward to in school. From January, our Reception children will be staying all day and judging by the way they coped with staying until 3.15pm a few days leading up to Christmas, they should settle in easily. One of our teachers will be taking maternity leave, and a new member of staff will join us until the end of the summer term. We would like to wish Mrs Bennett, 'All the best!' and extend a big welcome to Mr Wealthy.

A first for us at the school will be the visit in January of the Space Dome – a travelling interactive exhibition on the theme of space and the planets. This will kick-start a brand-new topic for the Key Stage One / Early Years children, and all of the school will go into the Dome. This promises to be a fantastic experience.

After considering our place amongst the stars, we will be brought back down to earth in February with a whole-school themed week on Environmental Awareness. In these themed weeks, we mix up children of all ages and from all classes to work together on creative and challenging projects designed to make them collaborate and consider the world in which we live. We plan to be working not only within the school grounds, but also in the nearby village community, seeing what we can do to improve and preserve the environment around us.

Both the Rainbow Initiative, and Community Cohesion, which we have mentioned before, will be given a higher status in the coming year, and we will be working for the Unicef Rights Respecting School award. All of these initiatives help our children to grow into good citizens and valued members of the community, aware of their responsibilities as well as their rights.





humble pie it was time to shake hands declare the match a draw and move on to the evening festivities.

In the evening, ROGS members were joined by family and friends for our presentation night, the night saw the formal presentation of all the seasons trophies, a raffle and disco accompanied by an extremely tasty Christmas lunch. The raffle raised a magnificent sum of £380.00

that will be donated to the Bere Regis Scouts and Youth Football Team. Many thanks to all the ROGS members and local businesses who kindly donated some great prizes allowing us to raise the sum we did.

Congratulations to all the individual winners from today's event. Peter Foster and Graeme 'pantsdown' Price both won the nearest the pin prizes. Tich 'wildthing' White for winning the longest drive prize. Over £60 was in the kitty for the 2's. 3 fortunate golfers shared the fortune, Robert Debenham, Peter Foster and Geoff 'pottymouth' Adams, and yes Geoff did not buy a drink with his winnings!



Pride of place on the day went to Graeme 'ishouldbewearingamask' Price who won the stableford competition with an incredible 48 points, closely followed by Simon 'worm' Scott and Dean 'tiny' Merritt.

Although we highlight some of the humorous, less fortunate circumstances that fall upon us members whenever we venture onto the golf course, the past season has seen a sharp increase in scoring and overall improvement in the level of golf played, a high percentage of members have seen



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Pasta with Mushrooms

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- knob of butter
- 2 garlic cloves
- 8oz small mushrooms, sliced
- 10oz double cream
- juice of half a lemon
- 3oz fresh spinach, washed trimmed and shredded
- 3oz blue stilton
- grated nutmeg



Cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water

Melt the butter in a large deep frying pan, add the garlic and cook for a few moments, add the mushrooms and cook for a few minutes. Stir in the cream and allow to boil until coating consistency,

Add the cooked pasta to the mushrooms and cream and stir well, mix in the lemon juice and stilton and spinach, season well with nutmeg and pepper. stir well and serve with a green salad.



Christmas Cup of Good Cheer

East Dorset Golf Club

Torrential rain, freezing temperatures, yes the ROGS are playing golf again. The extremes men will go to, to get out of Christmas shopping. It was thermals out, waders on and hip flask fully laden with that something special to give you that warm feeling inside. December typically brings the traditional Christmas fixture and brings down the curtain on another successful ROGS golfing season.

Led superbly by Martin Debenham throughout 2008, the ROGS have continued to go from strength to strength, with membership up and record attendance from members at many of the monthly fixtures, Martin is handing over the captaincy with the Society stronger than in any other season. The captaincy has now been handed over to me and my able understudy Shaun 'brew' Brady. Martin will prove a hard act to follow, showing fantastic dedication, enthusiasm and organisation (not to say patience with some of us!). Thank you very much from all ROGS members for a memorable season.

Traditionally the Christmas fixture is played at Bulbury Golf Club. This however was not to be the case as an early course inspection meant the course was unplayable and only suitable for marine wildlife. A course closing this late would normal mean certain panic and hysteria. It was time for the ROGS very own Fairy Godmother to work his magic. Guy 'tinkerbell' Storey within a flash of his wand and several hundred phone calls had us booked in and ready to tee off at East Dorset Golf Club.

Over 30 Members turned out to brave the winter elements. Naturally, as so often happens at ROGS fixtures it wasn't so much a case of tee to flag but tee to woodland, tee to lake, tee to sand or in the case of some, tee to ladies tee!. With both Stableford and a ROGS Ryder Cup matchplay format being played during the round, competition was tense, notably between the Ryder Cup captains, led by the outgoing Captain, Martin 'Faldo' Debenham and incoming Captain, Julian 'Azinger' Flower. New Captain Flower chose a team with a mix of talents, a subtle blend of experience and old age, enthusiasm and drunk! A team on paper that looked very good, and with 3 games to come in, Team Flower were 3 up and unbeatable. All that was needed was a half from any of the last 3 games to claim a deserved victory and bragging rights for the year.

It was at this point the new inexperienced Captain made his first school boy error of his reign. On his third chorus of 'We are the Champions' all remaining games went against the Captain and the match ended in a tie! After several helpings of

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 Captain - Julian Flower
 Secretary - Guy Storey

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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from February through to October.

VENUES 2009

DATE	TROPHY	VENUE	WINNER
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ROGS mini tour - De Vere Wokefield Park, Reading (12th - 14th June 2009).
 Annual Cricket Match and BBQ -
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 Christmas Cup of Good Cheer/Dinner Dance - Bulbury Woods -

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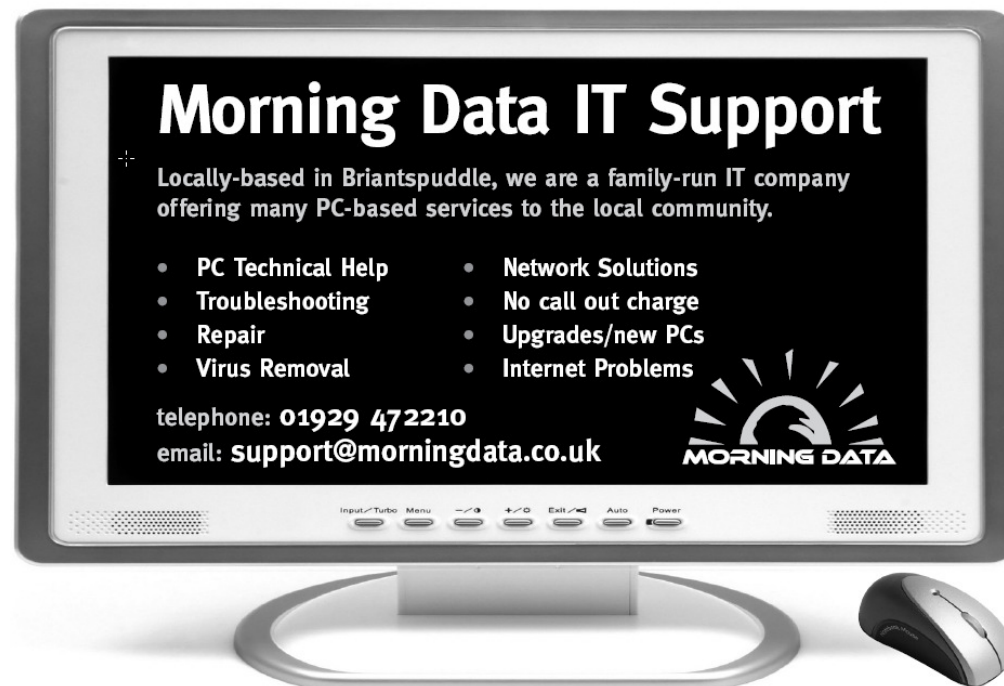
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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Demolition of the Toilet Block

Below is a letter from the District Council's engineer which will be delivered to the properties near the toilet block. The work is due to be carried out starting from January 5th and hopefully should be finished by early February. However if you are affected by any of the demolition work please contact the Contractors on the telephone number shown.

Dear Occupier

Conversion of Toilet Block to Recycling Facility, Bere Regis

You may be aware that it is proposed to convert the old toilet block into a recycling facility. This will free up some car parking spaces and make use of a site which has been redundant for many years. The proposal involves partly demolishing the toilet block but retaining three of the four external walls to offer some screening to the recycling banks. The work will also involve alterations to the footpath, services and lighting and the site will be re-surfaced. The work is due to start in week commencing 5th January 2009. Inevitably there will be some noise and disturbance but the aim is to keep this to the minimum.

The contractor who will be carrying out the works will be Herbert H Drew and Son Ltd and they can be contacted by phone on 01425 614546. Their representative on site will be Joce Matthews who can be contacted by phone on 07824 0690889. It is expected that the work will take about four weeks.

If you have any particular issues or personal requirements which you feel may be affected by the work please would you contact me so that we can find a way to overcome this.

Additionally, should you have any queries or require further information, then again, please feel free to contact me by phone, e-mail or by visiting the offices at Westport House in Wareham.

Yours sincerely

Mike Goater

District Engineer, Environmental Services,

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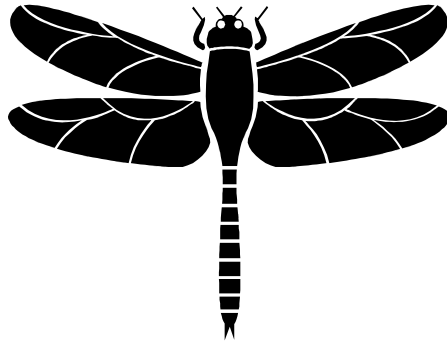
Beavers - Kim Benjafield on 01929 471170

Hut Booking enquiries to Kim Benjafield 01929 471170

General or Group enquiries to Chris Gall 01305 772634 or Christine Whitfield 01929 472159

Christine W

BERE REGIS WILDLIFE WATCH



A large and appreciative group joined Bryan Edwards for a "Virtual Walk" around our Parish on 25th November.

We were shown familiar areas, but in a new light, such as the lichens on the church walls, but we all also discovered something about our Parish that we didn't know before. It was a fascinating evening, and we were all made very conscious of the amazing diversity of the natural environment all around us.

Following Bryan's talk, we had some discussion about possible future activities and we will now try to organise some events for spring and summer based on the various suggestions. So WATCH THIS SPACE!

Meanwhile, we have arranged another indoor meeting for February when John Wright will talk about "Chalk Streams" with particular reference to Bere Stream. John is a retired Freshwater Ecologist, author of the "Rivers and Streams" booklet in the "Discovering Dorset" series. We look forward to learning more about this central and significant feature of our village.

Date Tuesday 10th Feb.

Time 7.30

Place Drax Hall - downstairs room.

Cost £1

All are welcome.

Insulation

The attached article has been requested by a number of people who have been reminded of the need for extra insulation in the light of the recent cold weather. The article does not give you an exact cost for cavity wall and loft insulation because it depends on a local survey by the installation company. However the savings typically represent an approximate 50% reduction in the price if you were to get it done without using the grant. – that reminds me I must get mine done!

Stay warm this winter.....

Do you want to insulate your home but never get around to it?

In your home up to 25% of heat is lost through your roof and a further 35% is lost through the walls. This means that the average household could save up to £265 per year on their fuel bills by properly insulating the loft and walls.

National funding is now available for loft and cavity-wall insulation and there is good news, if you or a member of your household are aged 70 or over. You could be entitled to insulate your loft and cavity-walls for FREE. This applies to home owners and tenants of privately rented property. If you rent from a housing association please contact them to see how they can help you.



Installing cavity wall insulation

If you are not over 70 but are in receipt of qualifying benefits, you will also qualify for FREE loft and cavity-wall insulation regardless of your age.

If you are not over 70 and not in receipt of qualifying benefits don't worry, you are still entitled to a large discount on the price of the insulation work. As a guide it will cost around £200 to install cavity wall insulation in a 3 bedroom semi-detached house and to top up the loft insulation to a total of 250mm will cost around £230.* (Prices taken from the 'HEAT Project' for more information go to www.heatproject.co.uk or call 0800 0934050) Don't forget there are a number of different schemes available at the moment so it is worth shopping around to get the best price. All prices are subject to a free no obligation survey of your home.

For more information and impartial advice about the current schemes available please call the Dorset Energy Advice Centre on 0800 9750166 or visit their website at: www.deac.co.uk



A Warm Front Approaching

Is your boiler getting old and you worry that it may pack up this winter? Are you struggling to heat your home properly with those old storage heaters? If you receive a qualifying benefit then the Warmfront Scheme may be for you. This national scheme, supported by Purbeck District Council, provides grants up to £2,700 (£4,000 for oil installations) to cover work to install a new boiler and heating system. Call Warmfront directly on 0800 3162814.

Other help?

Purbeck District Council also offers a range of other services to people including our 'Handy Man' service for small household repairs and

adaptations (such as putting up hand rails). In addition there are a range of other grants and home loans to help keep you safe and secure or to help keep your property in a good state of repair.

To find out more about any of the issues mentioned above and how we may be able to help you, please contact Hannah Dike (Energy Efficiency Officer at Purbeck District Council). Tel 01929 557383

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. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 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 peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

A very busy November led us into a hectic December; so much so, that I haven't had time to write a full report – I will try to include more details in next months' report.



Christmas Community Dinner

A group of Scouts and Leaders served up quite a feast on Sunday 7th December at the Scout Hut to over 36 guests. These guests were invited by the Beaver Scouts – who also did the table decorations – and after much eating, party games and Bingo, were sent off home with a Cracker of a Gift made by the Cub Scouts. Many thanks to all who helped in any way and also to those who donated gifts and raffle prizes. Thank you.

Fundraising

The following weekend, 13th Dec., saw 16 Scouts and 6 Adult Leaders/Assistants bag packing in Sainsbury's, Poole. After some 5-6 hours work we raised over £650.00. WELL DONE to all those who took part and thank you to Sainsbury's and all their Staff and Customers.

January Dates

Scouts start back on Monday, 5th January, 2009 at 7:15pm

Beavers start back on Wednesday, 7th January at 6:00pm

Cubs start back on Thursday, 8th January at 6:30pm

Bingo starts back on Friday, 9th January and starts at 8:00pm

Just time now to hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and we all look forward to a Happy New Year.

As usual, if anyone would like any further information about the individual

WOW WHAT A SHOW!

The **Babes in the Wood** and **Robin Hood** certainly brought the Christmas spirit to audiences at the Drax Hall on the 13th December. The **Pop in Performers** turned out a splendid pantomime to surpass even their own recent successes.

The acts were smooth, slick and brilliantly performed. The punch lines were funny, the songs hit the high notes and even the youngest performers were word perfect. To pick any individual from a cast of dozens would be unfair and undermine the collaboration that was so obviously achieved. Every individual can feel proud of the part they played in this success.

This Pop in Pantomime has become a high note of the Bere Regis Christmas Social calendar and it is no wonder. Those lucky enough to get a ticket were treated to an evening of high class entertainment

The congratulations and thanks of the village should be bestowed upon the Performers not just for the on night production but for the army of volunteers who paint scenery, write scripts, make costumes go through torturous rehearsals and generally keep the group creative and worth being a part of.

The highlight for me is seeing our performers (aged 6 to 86) grow in confidence – that takes talent and commitment - fortunately for Bere Regis the **Pop in Performers** have it all!


Jayne George - on behalf of the audiences.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

If you would like to recycle your Christmas tree after 12th Night, call me and I will collect it, free of charge. I will turn Christmas trees into woodchip, and compost.


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BERE REGIS TODDLER MUSIC GROUP

December is a great month for singing, and we really enjoyed ourselves! We began advent with songs about wassailing; food, and preparing it (we made a good noise with our bowls and wooden spoons!); and writing letters to Father Christmas. We learnt a new song about Robin Redbreast's tracks in the snow, and did a lot of shivering with maracas.

In our craft and sing session we made angels for the tops of our Christmas trees. These are very popular, and even very young children can decorate them. We then sang about angels and shepherds, as well as Father Christmas and bells!

For our first run through of our Nativity play we finally had a lovely new set of 14 Lollipop drums. Our old drums were getting broken (more than one had been beaten through!) so these new ones are a great asset to our group. We sang "Crash the Cymbals and Bang the Drum" very enthusiastically!

We mixed traditional carols and action songs set to nursery rhyme tunes (and lots of percussion) to act out the Christmas story in a way that everyone could join in. Some children dressed up, others didn't want to, some kept changing parts! We act our play again each year before our Christmas Party when Father Christmas comes to give each child a musical gift.

After the Christmas break we will start again on Friday 9th January, when we will be singing about Epiphany (another chance to wear our sparkly king costumes!). We will then sing through our Pantomime of "The Gingerbread Man" on 16th, before settling down to a new theme of "Moving around" for the rest of January and some of February.

We are a voluntary group offering fun music sessions for preschool children aged birth to four, with their parents and carers. If you want to come along and see what we do, you will be very welcome.

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