

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

- 10th BR Floral Group - Weaving, winding wonders, Nicky Heale
- 28th Bere Regis Church Annual Coach outing

May

- 8th BR Floral Group - Workshop tutored by Christine Stevens

June

- 12th BR Floral Group - Losing the Plot, David Martin

July

- 10th BR Floral Group - Introduction to Ikebana, Diane Norman
- 15th July Pop in Place - Bere Regis Open Gardens event

August

- Flower Festival in Church - August Bank Holiday Weekend.

September

- 11th BR Floral Group - Autumn outing to Rosemoor

October

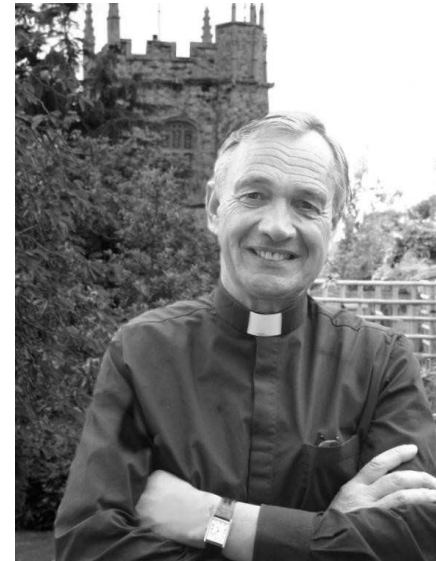
- 9th BR Floral Group - Harvest Home, Sally Taylor

November

- 13th BR Floral Group - Open Christmas demo by national demonstrator Pamela Lewis, to be held at Tarrant Keyneston village hall

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Our Vision:

To make Christ's love known in the world today and to live out his teaching

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Amongst the pictures above my desk in the study in the Vicarage is that famous photograph of St Paul's Cathedral in the aftermath of a bombing raid on the city of London during the Blitz in World War II. All around St Paul's is smoke and debris and desolation yet amidst all the death and chaos the Cathedral remained open and lived up to the City of London's motto *Resurgam* - 'I rise again'. However I suspect that many of us would agree that the various actions and consequences in St Paul's Cathedral last month have not been the Church of England's finest hour. For some it typified the dithering of an institution that is seemingly out of touch with the realities of our everyday lives. But this I think is only partially accurate. It's easy of course with hindsight to level criticism and arguably the biggest mistake the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's made was to close its doors. To close a Church is to deny precisely what the Church exists for: to discover and renew our faith in God who created us in love and wants us to love one another through building his kingdom here in earth. A cathedral is the principal Church of

Our Mission:

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To encourage everyone in the Christian faith through example, learning and spiritual growth;

To make our churches open and welcoming to all, and supportive of those in need;

To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

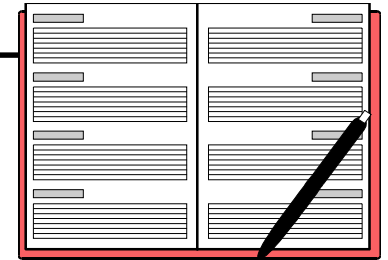
the Diocese and seeks to be all things to all people – to gather and to inspire and to be a place where God can be worshipped and his love made known; a place of unity and reconciliation. St Paul's Cathedral is an astonishing building – often described as Christopher Wren's 'masterpiece' built to replace the old cathedral destroyed in the Fire of London in 1666. It is the most distinctive church in the Country and the Commonwealth, a place of National celebration and thanksgiving and after the recent major refurbishment is a glittering depiction of Wren's genius. You may know the slender 'wobbly' millennium foot bridge from the Tate Modern gallery deliberately leads directly over the river Thames into the south side of St Paul's.

It has been hard to truly identify exactly what the Anti-Capitalist movement encamped in the Cathedrals precincts are seeking – there are many disparate messages. Some want to dissolve our present party political system of government but they have not said with what they would replace this. Others want to limit the power and influence of our banks and financial institutions and especially the money markets. More creatively, they have caused the Churches and the Government to start to question the systems we have and the society we are sustaining and living in. No doubt the recession has fuelled this. A material society in which an ever higher expectation of personal freedom seemingly allows us to embrace whatever interests us without recognising the consequences on the young and old, the unemployed and the vulnerable amongst us. How does this exercising of our rights reflect our values and responsibilities and indeed our Christian faith? The announcement that the average increase in remuneration of directors of companies in the FTSE 100 had risen by over 90% in the past year has understandably reinforced some of the anti-capitalists' case and disillusioned so many people struggling on minimum incomes. But it is impractical to believe that any of us can live without the financial markets or that our commercial world somehow stands still. Our pensions and savings, our charities even our churches rely on some return on their investment, not to mention all businesses that must set aside sums from their profits for research and development and training and emergencies and to remain competitive and sustain employment and so on.

There is a certain irony that the wonderful refurbishments to St Paul's have been funded in part by the very institutions that are currently being criticised. Richard Charters the Bishop of London, and subsequently some politicians do recognise the failings of our financial systems and particularly the effect on the poor and fragile in our society. Indeed, one of the Cathedral's departments – the St Paul's Institute – has been working on improving relations between the Church and our financial institutions.

In a sense this whole issue is a reflection on how we live our lives; and the values we live by and it asks how do we balance the needs of the real world in which God places us with his expectations of us *'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God'*?

Whilst there is much to do to resolve many differences – not least for the protesters



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2011

December

2nd	Pop in Place Christmas Prize Bingo	10.30 a.m
5th	Village Hall Christmas Bingo	7.30 p.m.
6th	Gardening Club - Brian Edwards talk plus Mince Pies	7.30 p.m.
7th	Mothers' Union Christmas Party, Turberville Court	7.30 p.m.
10th	Scouts monthly coffee morning/cakebake/mini market at the Scout Hut	9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
11th	Scouts Christmas Community Lunch (invitees only)	12.30 p.m.
14th	Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon, Drax Hall	2.30 p.m.
16th	Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies	10.00 a.m.
17th	Pop in Place Performers Christmas Show	2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
19th	Scouts Carol Singing around Bere Regis	6.30 p.m.

2012

January

10th	BR Floral Group - AGM, with lunch	
17th	WI, 'Beetle Drive', Drax Hall	7.30 p.m.

February

14th	BR Floral Group - Irene Hickson demonstration	
21st	WI, 'Social Evening, Drax Hall	7.30 p.m.

March

13th	BR Floral Group - Force of Nature, Jenny Winstone	
20th	WI, '3D Photographs'	7.30 p.m.
31st	Church Spring Fayre, Drax Hall	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ragamuffins Pre - School	Manager - Mrs Debra Greatorex	472125	c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7LP	ragamuffinspre school@btinternet.com	Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 8 a.m. and after-school club until 5 p.m.
Bere Regis Gardening Club	Sue Stone	471933	97 North Street		Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Tuesday. 7.30 p.m.
RBL Women's Section	Mrs Eileen Maidment	471616	9 Elder Road		Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
St John's Young at Heart Club	Paula Kent	471079	94 North Street	pjkent@tiscali.co.uk	Every Thursday 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. at the Sports Club
Twinning Association	Bob James	472113	5 Turberville Road	bob@rjames52.freemove.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 Dian Pitts	471322		dian.pitts@btinternet.com	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	10 Turberville Court		Weekly Turberville Court Mondays @ 2.00 p.m.
Chapel Toddlers Group	Mrs Janet Morris	471270	The Manse Flat, Butt Lane	Jimjan.morris192@yahoo.co.uk	Mondays 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane
Rotary Club of Wareham	David King	01929 471087	Hyde Woods, Hyde Wareham, BH20 7NT	david.king@gbpltd.co.uk www.warehamrotary.co.uk	

to feel able to leave with their tents peaceably, it is hoped that not just the City and the Cathedral will 'Resurgam', but also and at the same time our morals and values and responsibilities towards all who share our common life.

This Advent and Christmas tide would be an especially good time to reflect and act on this.

With love and prayers



AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
4 Dec	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
2nd Advent	11am	K Wharton A Armitage	S Sanderson A Armitage Sanderson	Isa 40: 1-11 2 Pet 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
11 Dec	9.15	J Royal	S Sanderson	Isa 61: 1-4, 8-end
3rd Advent		P Haigh	P Haigh Cropper	1 Thess 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
18 Dec	8am	S Sanderson	S Sanderson	BCP as set
4th Advent	11am	Family Service and Gift Day Readers and Sidesmen t.b.a		Luke 1: 26-38
24 Dec	11.30pm	S Sanderson	Alan Smith t.b.a Sanderson	Isa 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
25 Dec	11am	D Coates	M Cropper	John 1: 1-14
Christmas Day				
1 Jan	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
2nd Christmas				

Intercessions

Chalice

11 December

J Haigh

J Haigh

25 December

M Menzies

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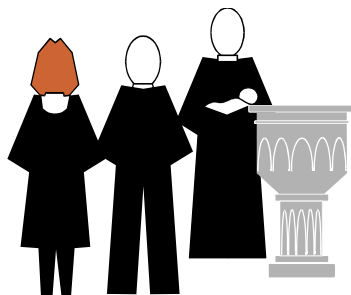
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

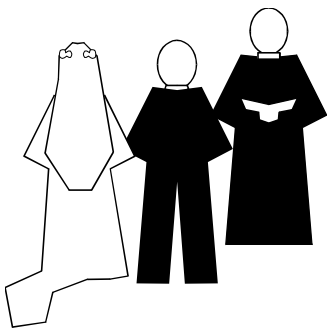
On Sunday 30th October, Reece, Ashley and Charlie Beasley



Holy Matrimony

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

On Saturday 29th October, Christopher Knight and Laura Cheeseman



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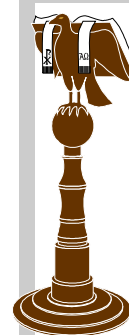
Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Bere Regis Toddler Music group	Liz Teather	471216	The Old Mill, Doddings BH20 7NJ		Fridays 10:00 a.m., including school holidays, Age 0 - 4, Scout Hut,
Book Swap Club	Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot	471002 472483	6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	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
Cyril Wood Court Monthly Coffee Stop					1st Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00
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 Quilters	Mrs Dianne Edmunds	472331	10 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Scout Hut 1st Wednesday 9.30 am - 12 noon
Lenny's - Bere Regis Youth club	Terry Vine	471693	The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP	terry.vine@tiscali.co.uk	Weekly. 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	Alison Bennett	472023	3 Rye Hill Close BH20 7LU	paul@bennett3518.freereserve.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

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@joneser.freeserve.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Margaret Dann Kath Jeeves	472734 471175	4 Bitchams Mead 10 Turberville Court		Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Church Choir	Diane Hofdahl-Fysh	471314	92/93 The Cross, Bere Regis. BH20 7LD	peterfysh@btinternet.com	Rehearsals weekly. 7.00 p.m. every Friday in BR church
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 Parish Council	Ian Ventham Chairman	471480	Shitterton Farmhouse BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
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 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 Clifford	471469 471774	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) Scout Hut hire	Anna Hawkes Karen Haradwick Tony King	471009 471063 472054			Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5½ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Greta Richardson	01258 489131			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)	Neal Unitt-Jones	472273			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		chris.whit@hotmail.co.uk	

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Evensong Readers

4th Mr Comben / Mrs Welton
20th Mrs Bayliss / Mrs Welton



Sidesmen

4th	9.15 am	Mr Bates/Mr House
	Chalice	Mr House/Mr Croom
	Intercessions	Mrs Pitfield
	6.00 p.m.	Mr Gibbs
11th	11.00am	Junior church
18th	9.15am	Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
	Chalice	Mr Croom/Mr House
	Intercessions	Mr England
	6.00 p.m.	Mr Croom/Mr Scott
24th	6.00 p.m	Mr Smith/Mr Croom
25th	9,15 am	Mr Scott

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

Dusting

3rd and 10th December	Mrs Karen Smith and Mrs L Butterfield	Mrs J Woodward
17th and 24th December	Mrs A Jones and Mrs J Nurrish	Mrs J Gibbs and Mrs C Burden
31st December and 8th January	Mrs T White and Mrs M Long	Mrs M Turner and Mrs B Bell

Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th/11th/18th No flowers - Advent

23rd Decorate for Christmas - red, white and green



First Sunday Coffee

4 December Gertie and Hazel.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

Sunday 4th December – Second Sunday of Advent

		(purple)
8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins and shortened Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Monday 5th December

		(purple)
1.15pm	Bere Regis School Nativity Concert (rehearsal)	Bere Regis

Tuesday 6th December - Nicholas

		(purple)
6pm	Bere Regis School Nativity concert	Bere Regis

Wednesday 7th December - Ambrose

		(purple)
6pm	Bere Regis School Nativity concert	Bere Regis

Sunday 11th December – Third Sunday of Advent

		(purple)
8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Family Service - Junior Church	Bere Regis

Tuesday 13th December

7pm	Sandford Middle School Carol Service	Bere Regis
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Sunday 18th December

		(purple)
8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis

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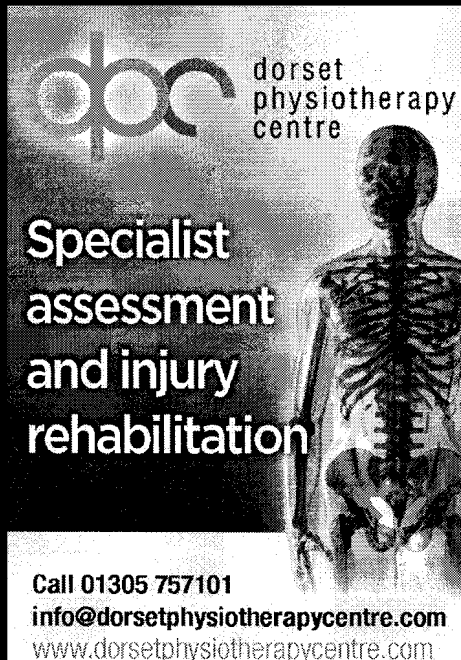
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December 2011

11am Family service and Gift Day Affpuddle
6pm Service of Christmas Carols and readings Bere Regis

Tuesday 20th December

10.30am Short Service of Holy Communion, Carols & mince pies
Turberville Court

Wednesday 21st December

6.30pm Service of Christmas Carols and Readings Affpuddle



Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

(white)

6pm Christingle Service Bere Regis

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass
Affpuddle

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

(white)

8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Christmas Day Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Christmas Day Service for All Affpuddle

Sunday 1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

(white)

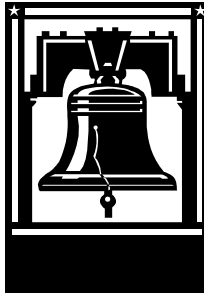
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

There will be practices only on 14th and 21st December. Well done our new recruits and all the help from our regular ringers over this last few months.

We hope to ring in the New Year on 31st from 11.30pm to 0.15am numbers permitting.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Church Choir is busy practicing for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm on Sunday 18th of December – do come along and join us and sing all your Christmas favourites. At this time of the year we are spoilt for choice for hearing Christmas music around the Purbeck area. Look out for

posters. Church choir members are looking forward to singing with Wareham Choral Society at Lady St. Mary Church, Wareham on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm, where music will include Vaughan Williams' haunting Fantasia on

OUR CHURCH

I thought our Remembrance Sunday service was wonderful. It was so lovely to see so many young people in Our Church – so good that Remembrance is relevant to them, too. We are grateful to a lot of people for making it such a moving occasion. They are too many to name everyone but I would like to give a special mention to the Scouts for presenting their research into the lives of the young men of Bere Regis, who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars and whose names are



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<i>Quarter page, full year</i>	<i>£80</i>	<i>Quarter page, one month</i>	<i>£9</i>
<i>Small-ads, full year</i>	<i>£60</i>	<i>Small-ads, one month</i>	<i>£8</i>



ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM



"Father Christmas will be with us again this year as we make our evening carol collection rounds in early December. He will be joining us as we visit Northmoor on 5th and 9th December, Sandford on the 7th, Wareham centre on the 12th, Bere Regis on the 8th, and Wool on the 14th, 15th and 16th. We will also be outside of Sainsburys in Wareham on the morning of the 15th although Santa will not be able to join us for that.

Please do join us for two of our other events leading up to Christmas. On Saturday 10th will be the lighting up ceremony of our Tree of Light at Wareham Hospital starting at 6.45 for 7.00pm. Donations towards a light on the tree will be shared equally between Wareham Hospital and the Macmillan Cancer Relief Dorset Appeal. And also, on Christmas Eve, beginning at 6.00pm, we will be singing carols next to the Christmas tree at Hyde Place in Wool. We are grateful to the Wareham Town Band who will be playing for us at both events.

For more information on our events and activities, please visit our website at www.warehamrotary.co.uk/.

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Wareham, may we wish you all a happy and peaceful period both before and over Christmas itself.



on our War Memorial, The Revd. Hugh Maddox, for leading the Service and Rose Butterfield for reading so beautifully.

As we all stood at the War Memorial, for the Ceremony of Remembrance, I wonder how many of us noticed the bells and realised what a difficult job the ringers have. Afterwards, I naively asked ringer, Jon Cleave "How did you ring six loud followed by six muffled chimes, before

the ceremony and then how did you 'strike' eleven – an odd number?"

This is what he said:

"We strap a leather pad on to one side of the clapper on each bell. It requires very grubby crawling around in the belfry the day before.

During ringing, it is difficult for the ringers, especially the less experienced ones, because it is more difficult to get the same interval between striking each bell."

But that's not all...

"Between stopping the muffled ringing and striking 11 o'clock (because there is no clock at present), two of us have to get the muffle off the one bell we use to strike the hour, without upsetting any of the other five bells. Then get back into the ringing chamber, get our breath back, steady the nerves, do a BBC type count down and start the chosen bell swinging 1.5 seconds before 11.00, precisely. Then interrupt the swing between the 10th and 12th strikes. No pressure!"

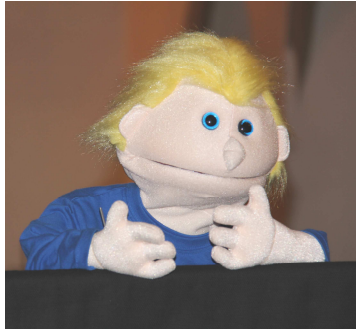
Phew... I shall never take the Church Bells for granted again! Thank-you, ringers all!



Sarah Welton, Church Warden

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

I believe that everybody who came to the Workshop called "Let Play with Puppets" held on a Saturday morning in November, at St John's Church, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were over twenty children there and about the same number of adults. The children learnt how to use our large "rod-arm puppets", either in sketches or singing along to pre-recorded songs. At the end of the morning, each group of children gave a performance. Quite a few were budding puppeteers. It was a great end to a fun morning.



As well as learning to perform with the puppets there were also activities, refreshments and a demonstration by our experienced puppeteers. The activities involved such things as making a wooden spoon puppet. The refreshments included some wonderful home made cakes. Thank you so much to the chefs.



The demonstration included many items that we perform at Junior Church, sketches and songs, often involving dancing. We were particularly lucky to have a special visit from the Rev Canon Redsox, our brightly coloured, ex- pop star, now vicar puppet. Thank you very much to Graham for bringing him along, the children love him.

Our next Junior Church service will be on the 11th of December, when the Junior Church will be celebrating Christmas. The service proper starts at eleven. It is quite a short service, so even with refreshments after the service, it is usually over by twelve. The children will be involved in various parts of the service:- such as singing "Little Donkey", dancing to "King of Love" and being involved in a short sketch. To rehearse these items and to be involved in some Christmas activity the Junior Church meets an hour before the service at ten.

The service itself usually involves folk of all ages, not just young parents and their children. If you think you may be interested, but would like to know more, there is a display board just inside the church, displaying photos of our service, the year's programme and descriptions of the service from many different village people. Go and have a look for yourself. Alternately phone Pat on 472246, or just come along and celebrate an early Christmas.

A big thank you to all the people who were involved in the Puppet Workshop. We needed every one of you.

Winter is here!

As we are entering into the festive season, I predict the weather will be unpredictable!!

Snow last year made life difficult for many people. At Puddletown surgery we do our best to be prepared for all eventualities, and we would like to encourage you to do the same, for yourself and those around you.

Please make sure you have requested any prescription medicines you need, and it is ok to request your repeat prescription early if snow is coming. Also make sure you have enough to last you over the Christmas period.

It's important to do simple things like making sure your heating is working and that you have enough fuel – oil or coal or logs for the fire, as well as checking your car is in good running order. Remember to check your tyre pressures and antifreeze.



We would like to encourage you to embrace the Christmas spirit and get to know those people in the community around you, if you don't already. If you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle, might you be able to help others with shopping, collecting medication, or even getting to the surgery if needed?

People at home who have carers might be especially at risk if the carers are unable to get there due to snow/icy road conditions. If you know

someone who relies on the support of carers, might you be able to help? Or could you contact someone (surgery/social services) on their behalf if you knew they were in difficulty?

Having said all that, we might be in for a heatwave, so get your shorts ready, just in case.

Happy Christmas!

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Monday to Friday 8.30 – 6.30 and Saturday 8.30 – 11.00

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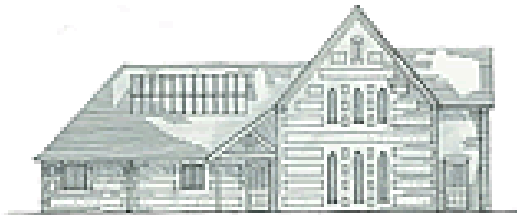
VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

A vacancy exists for the post of Parish Clerk to Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council.

The job includes producing the agenda for each meeting, attending the meeting and taking the minutes, procedural advice, dealing with correspondence and maintaining the financial records. The job is part time for 18 hours a month and the applicant will work from home. A lap-top and associated equipment will be provided. The parish council meets once a month in the evening of the second Wednesday except for August when there is no meeting.

For further information please contact the Chair Nick Gore on nicholas.gore@tiscali.co.uk or the parish clerk Anthony Braine on 07887 594072 or anthony@abraine.wanadoo.co.uk

PUDDLETOWN SURGERY NEWS



Once again I am writing to keep you up to date with events at Puddletown Surgery and impart important health messages. If there are any other matters you would like us to address, please let us know by ringing to speak to Carol Taylor, Practice Manager, on 01305 848333 or e-mailing carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk.

Christmas and New Year

Over the Christmas period the Surgery will be open as usual, only closed on Christmas Day, Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December.

At New Year the Surgery will be closed on Monday 2nd January and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

If you are unwell while the surgery is closed always ring 848333. Our recorded message transfers you directly to the Dorset Urgent Care Service who will take details of your condition and pass these on to a doctor. In cases of accident or extreme emergency you may be advised to ring 999 and request an ambulance. For general medical information, advice or reassurance, ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

A festive poster for Bere Regis Junior Church. The background is dark with a warm orange and yellow glow. It features several large, glowing Christmas ornaments (baubles) and a snowflake. The text is written in elegant, white and gold fonts. The main title 'Christmas' is in a large, bold, white serif font. Below it, the date 'Sunday 11th December' is written in a cursive script. At the bottom, the church name and time are listed, followed by a welcoming message and an invitation to a family service.

Bere Regis Junior Church
The next children's activity morning will be about:
Christmas
*Sunday 11th
December*
Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
All children are very welcome. There will be lots of fun and no charge
↳ just come along and enjoy yourselves.
And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00 -11.30 a.m.) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION



Our meeting on 2nd November was our Annual General Meeting. The committee was all re-elected:

Nancy Gibson – Branch Leader,
Christine Tucker – Treasurer,
Angela Jones – Secretary

After the formal business we had a bring and buy sale.

Our next meeting will be on the 7th December which traditionally is Carols and Nibbles which gets us into the festive spirit.

If you would like more information. Please call Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105.

May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peace and Joy for the New Year

Angela Jones –Secretary

Date of Next Meeting

7th December Turberville Court Wednesday 7.30 pm

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December 2011 events in Purbeck

Date	Event Name & Type	Time and Location	Contact Details
All Month	Wareham Market every Thursday & Saturday	Thursday: East Street 8-1pm Saturday: The Quay 8-2pm	
Mon's 8&22	Wareham Folk Dancing Farmers Market	Stoborough Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm Wareham Town Hall 8-12	01929 422730 or 01929 551029
2	Tina Turner Tribute	The New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (Includes 2 Course Festive menu)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
3	Tom Jones Tribute	The New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (Includes 2 Course Festive menu)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
3	Christmas Street Fair	Commercial Street, Swanage	10 - 3
3	Christmas 'pull-a-pine' event	Arne RSPB reserve, 10am – 3pm, 2hrs for a Christmas tree! Families welcome	01929 553360
3	Christmas Music Concert	Lady St Mary Wareham 7.30 £8	Tickets from Joys, North Street
3	Christmas Concert – Arts Club Choir & Orchestra	Music from the Royal wedding and more. St. Mary's Swanage 7.30pm	Tickets on door or ring 01929 481419
3-4 th	Wartime Christmas Festival	Bovington Tank Museum	01929 405096
3-4	Tree Dressing Weekend	Corfe Castle	01929 481294
3/4/10 11/17/18	Santa visits the Animal Barn & Restaurant at Farmer Palmers	Farmer Palmers 11am-4pm £4.95 in addition to normal admission price	01202 622022 5 or more tickets can be booked if paid for in advance
4	Antique Fair	Corfe Village Hall 10-5pm 75p	01929 400343
	Santa Special Trips	Swanage Railway	swanagerailway.co.uk
5-23	Christmas Lunches	Studland Beach £10.95-£22	01929 450305 Booking Essential
5-16	Christmas Charity Mail	Swanage Lions, Tawny's	01929 424975
8	Access All Areas	Bovington Tank Museum	01929 405096
10	Beach Boys Tribute Band	The New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (Includes 2 Course Festive menu)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
11	Arne Heathland Bash	Volunteer work party, 10am – 4pm	01929 553360
11	Wintery Walk	Stoborough Heath 10-12noon £1.50	07500 127401 Booking Essential
11	Father Christmas Celebrations & Lights	Wareham Town Cross	01929 552740
11&18	Carol Service	Farmer Palmers 2.45-3.30 (Donations)	01929 622022
12	Women's British Legion	Wareham Library 2pm	01929 555288
13	Movie Night	Harman's Cross Village Hall. "Water for Elephants" Film starts 7.30pm. £4	Tickets on the door
13	Christmas Whist Drive	Furzebrook Hall 7.15pm £1.50	01929 552392
13	Freddy Mercury Tribute	New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (Includes 2 Course Festive menu)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
16	Country Company Duo	The New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (Includes 2 Course Festive menu)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
17	Rod Stewart Tribute	New Inn – Church Knowle £23.50 ea. (includes 2 Course Festive meal)	01929 480730 www.thenewinnchurchknowle.co.uk
17	Antiques & Collectables Fair	Wareham Town Hall 10 – 4 pm	Enquiries 07734254619
17/18	Seasonal Tastings & Carols	Knoll Beach 11.30-1.30	01929 450500
17-31	Christmas Quests	Corfe Castle	01929 481294
18	Seashore Scavengers	Knoll Beach 10.30-12.30	01929 452306
22	Winter Solstice	Corfe Castle	01929 481294 Booking Essential
22	Winter Solstice	South Beach Studland 7.15-9.15 £10	01929 450500 Booking Essential
26-2 Jan	Christmas Fun	Corfe Castle Model Village	01929 481234 corfecastlemodelvillage.co.uk
26-2 Jan'	Christmas & New Year Mince Pie & Sherry Specials	Swanage Railway	01929 425800
27-31	Christmas Quests	Corfe Castle	01929 481294

Dog Fouling

As dogs can't use the toilet it has now become accepted practice to clean up after your dog when you take them out for a walk. The parish council recognise that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and carry this out. But there are some who do not and Members have increasingly received complaints that some leave bags full of dog faeces in hedges or thrown up into trees.



The parish council would ask all dog owners to dispose of these bags properly and should anyone see any dog owner behaving irresponsibly, the issue can be reported to the district council's dog warden.

Full minutes of the meeting and agendas will be on the parish website when completed and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 7pm.

For more information, look at www.briantspuddle.info

The Parish Clerk is Anthony Braine (07887 594072) and the Chair is Nick Gore (01305 848130)

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ANNUAL CHURCH OUTING

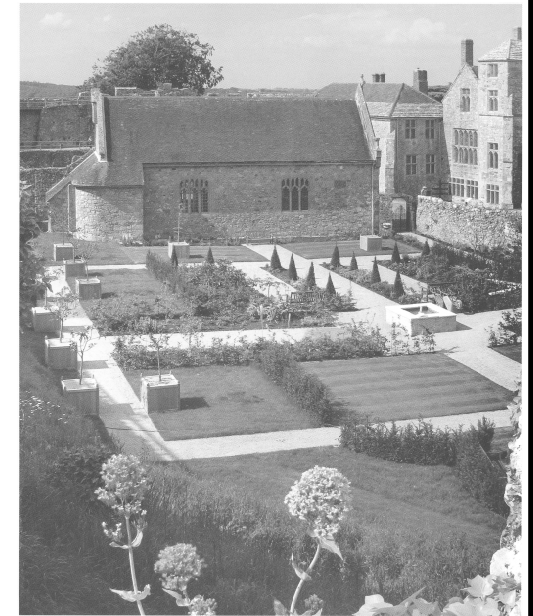
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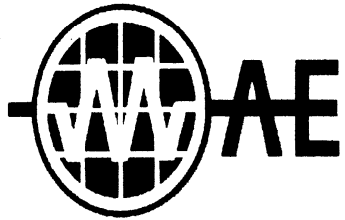
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Boundary Commission Review

In common with many districts across the country, Purbeck is currently undergoing a review of its district council election boundaries. One of the ideas currently put forward is that all Purbeck electoral wards will be represented by 3 district councillors. After discussion the parish council were not in favour of this option but learnt that it may be modified should the district council change its district council election process to what is known as an "all out" election. This would mean that all district councillors would be up for re-election once every 4 years, as opposed to the current process of a third at a time every year.

Members agreed to write to the boundary commission to oppose the idea of 3 councillors per ward and to write to the chief executive of Purbeck district council supporting "all out" elections.

For further information please visit the boundary commission website at www.lgbce.ork.uk or visit the consultation tracker on dorsetforyou.com

Hedge cutting

It is now the season for hedge cutting and it is an important practice for road safety as it maintains visibility at junctions, stops important safety road signs becoming obscured, and maintains the width of paths and roads.

Whilst it is necessary it also can result in a lot of debris being scattered across paths and roads which can be problematic. Modern day hedge cutters are often fitted with an attachment that mulches the cuttings and directs them to the base of the hedge, reducing debris. If these cannot be used the parish council hoped that those cutting hedges took what ever steps they could to minimise debris left behind.

Illegal Trial Bike Activity

Periodically the parish council receive complaints about illegal trial bike activity through forests within the parish. This is distinct from organised, legal activities that take place on private land. If residents become concerned about illegal bike activity and it is on land owned by the Forestry Commission, then please report it immediately through the Forestry Commission call centre on 0845 3673787.

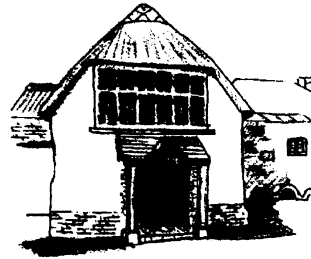


AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Due to the renovations events at the Village Hall have been somewhat reduced.

The two events held during October – The Purbeck Film Festival’s The Black Swan was not well attended - 12 people turned up - £33 was raised for Hall Funds.



The Talk on West Gallery Music by Doctor Dodge was even more of a disaster.

3 people attended. The event made a loss of £20. (Speakers are paid a fee). It was a pity Doctor Dodge’s talk was fascinating and not just interesting for church goers.

Philippa Thorniley

The Building Project

Visitors to the shop can see that the new extension is “coming along”. It is hoped that the roof will be in place by Christmas.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillor Election

Due to the sad death of former Councillor Paul Badcock, the vacancy of parish councillor had been advertised. As ten registered electors in the parish had not requested an election the parish council were able to elect a new councillor at November’s meeting by a process called co-option.

As a result Mrs Lainey Ross was unanimously elected and Members welcomed her to the parish council. She will formally join the council at the December meeting.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

ROTAS

Flowers and Cleaning

	Flowers	Cleaning
4 Dec.	Advent	Audrey Grindrod
11 Dec.	Advent	Sheila Newall
18 Dec.	Advent	Erica Moriarty
24 Dec.	Decorate Church	Sue Gibbs
1 Jan.	Sue Taylor	Sue Taylor



As we reach the end of this year, may I once again thank all who have helped throughout the year with cleaning and flowers.

Thank you very much.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed filled shoe-boxes to Affpuddle St Laurence’s Operation Christmas Child effort. They are now on their way to bring joy to a disadvantaged child in a poor part of the world.

Penny Haigh

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of the season. All three goals were scored by Alex 'Thunder Shot' Knox Jones and was very nearly 'the perfect hattrick', left foot, right foot and header, but his attempted header just went over the bar. Man of the match went to Declan 'Hammer' Horwood for his fine display in the centre of defence..



Wareham Rangers 1 Bere Regis 0

Bere Regis travelled to local rivals Wareham with a somewhat depleted squad. This was a disappointing result for the team but not for the want of the effort which the team put in. In a game of very few chances, Wareham took one of theirs early in the second half and despite Bere Regis pushing very hard to equalize we could not quite create any clear chances to turn the game around. Man of the match went to Morgan 'Safe Hands' Hannam Evans for a very commanding and assured performance in goal.

Bere Regis 2 Weymouth Cougars 6

Bere Regis entertained the unbeaten league leaders and very quickly found themselves 3 nil down midway through the first half. A goal was clawed back through Harry 'Bonecrusher' Green but Weymouth Cougars quickly went up the other end of the pitch and scored a further three to make the half time score 6 - 1. The management team quickly went about addressing the first half performance and have laid the blame squarely at the feet of the changing of the clocks. Bere Regis played far more positively and aggressively in the second half and managed to pull a goal back through Harry 'Bonecrusher' Green. Man of the match went to Harry 'Bonecrusher' Green for his fine midfield display capped by two goals.

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attractive football. A hat trick from Luigi Moore, a brace from Bradley Mario Moss and singles from Luke Sonic Selby Grace and Oscar Omochao Rayner, gave Bere the win against the Sturminster martians. There were some fine performances also from Goomba Goldsack in goal, Hamma Jamma Hamilton and Koopa Troopa Kent in defence.

Bere Regis 4 Canford Heath 5

What a game. Memories of the Chelsea v Arsenal game the previous day came flooding back and apparently there was a similar refs performance by A D Mooriner as well! Bere went 2 up with goals from Bradley Moss and Jacob Hounsell, but were pegged back to 2-2 by half time. In an end to end second half that had the crowd on their feet, and the Bere Kop rocking, Canford took the lead early doors before Bradley Moss equalized and Jacob Hounsell squeezed in his second to give Bere the lead. Back came Canford to equalize themselves, before they then took the lead. With time running out, Bere had a number of chances to equalize but either hit the plasticwork or found the Canford keeper in top form.

Dorset Mini Soccer League - Under 9's League Section A

Portland United 3 Bere Regis 3

Bere Regis got off to a good start taking an early lead through Oliver 'Suarez Mayo' but were soon pegged back but once again took the lead thanks to a fine goal by Alex 'Thunder Shot' Knox Jones. A late equalizer by Portland just before the half time whistle took the wind out of Bere's sails somewhat leading into the second half where we soon fell behind. This led to continued pressure by Bere Regis and a deserved equalizer and his second of the game for Oliver 'Suarez' Mayo. We were slightly unfortunate not to pick up all three points as the woodwork was struck twice in the last 10 minutes of game. Man of the match went to Oliver 'Suarez' Mayo for his tireless running capped by 2 goals.



Bere Regis 3 Swanage Town & Herston 1

Bere Regis came through this game with probably one of their best performances

Affpuddle's Christmas Treats

All-age Gift Service

Children, parents and everyone are invited to join us in Affpuddle Church at

11.00 on Sunday 18th December

for our annual all-age Gift Service.

The children will be involved – dressing up is optional but angels and shepherds etc are welcome!



Gifts and collection brought to this service will be taken to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester; festive food and household items especially welcome.



Carol service

Our traditional service of nine lessons and carols is at

6.30 pm on Wednesday 21st December

with the Briantspuddle Singers.



Do join us and bring your friends! And of course at Christmas itself there will be **Midnight Communion** starting **11.30 pm on the 24th**, and a **Christmas service** for all at **11.00 am on the 25th**.



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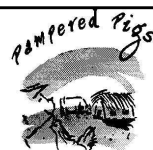
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Dorset Football League Div 3

Bere Regis 2 Maiden Newton and Cattistock 3

Bere had the best of the early exchanges playing some delightful football and within five minutes Dale Wright headed home from a corner. Shaun Cope showed a piece of class when finishing with an unstoppable drive into the top corner of the goal, 2-0 up with only 30 minutes gone. Unfortunately for the home supporters Bere conceded a soft goal from a set piece, lack of concentration a major factor.



Another lapse was costly and from nothing Bere conceded a second goal to square the match 2-2. Once again from nowhere, a good move, a towering jump, a header worthy of winning any match and the away side were in front for the first time during the game. Lots of huffing and puffing followed but no equaliser came and Bere suffered their third defeat on the trot, the players' glum faces said it all.

Bere Regis Junior football Club

Dorset Mini Soccer League U11

Canford Heathlands Highfliers 1 Bere Regis 2

In a hard fought match Canford took the lead, before some tactical genius by the management saw Bere equalize through Bradley Moss. That's the way it stayed due to some superb reflex saves by Dan the cat Miller, until with 5 minutes to go, a neat passing move down the right saw Bradley Moss once again arrive on cue, to stroke the ball home and give Bere all three points.

Bere Regis 7 Sturminster Marshall 3

A lunch time kick off at the rec, provided another goalfest and some rather

Swanage. Bere were the architects of their own downfall making costly mistakes and the only highlight was Gdog Rose getting his normal goal but unfortunately it did nothing to rally the troops. A poor result for a team that promises so much and has the ability to beat anyone on their day!

Poole Borough 5 Bere Regis 1

After a great start Bere went 1-0 up and looked the only team in it, when injuries to Oli 'glass ankles' Waight and Tommy 'Gun' Holmes within the first 10 minutes changed the game! Bere were very poor after this and were an embarrassment to wear the red shirt! With the outcome a 5-1 loss to an average side, Bere need to look at themselves and stand up and be counted. Man of the match this week, was the lone BRFC fan who ran the line when nobody else could, and who, if he'd brought his boots, would have got a game. Thanks vice chairman sweet!



Bere Regis 10 Shaftsbury 0

Bere Regis produced their best performance so far this season with a convincing victory! Bere were 6 up by half-time with goals from Gdog Rose, Sean Cooper, Rob Gray and Azza Scott (2). After a bit more pushing/guidance from Gaffer Russ at halftime, the boys came out to score a further four to make it double figures by the end of the game! Goals came from John Sanders, Gdog Rose (2) and Sean Cooper! Man of the match this week was young Azza Scott keep it up!

Bere Regis 6 Wincanton Town Reserves 1

Another fine win for Bere following on from the great win the week before! With the 1st team having a lot of injuries, many of the younger players made the step up and looked comfortable and assured all game. Young Azza Scott carried on his goal scoring exploits with another brace, and even Jack Watson got himself on the scoresheet with a header from a corner which he fully deserves following a string of fine displays in defence. Johnny Sanders just about made it 4-0 at half time from the penalty spot. After the break Matt Elford scored with a sublime drive that wouldn't look out of place on match of the day, and finally Dale Wright got the goal that he deserved.

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When the English composer Harry Dacre (1860-1922) emigrated to the USA, he took with him his bike. Finding that Harry had to pay import duty, his friend commented that it was just as well he didn't bring a bicycle built for two as he would have had to pay twice the tax. Dacre was so taken with the phrase that he decided to make it into a song - *Daisy Bell: A bicycle built for two*. The song achieved great popularity when sung in the music halls by Katie Lawrence, and the publisher sold the sheet music in the tens of thousands when published in 1892.

It has been said that the Daisy in the song refers to Daisy Greville, Countess of Warwick and mistress of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII). The thought of the plump Countess and the corpulent Prince riding tandem is perhaps a step too far for the imagination!



Daisy Greville, Countess of Warwick
*But you'll look sweet, upon the seat,
Of a bicycle built for two.*



Weddings are a curious blend of solemnity and celebration and a Royal wedding is no exception. William and Catherine's wedding, held in Westminster Abbey on 29th April, contained a fine selection of music by British composers including Elgar, Parry (“I was glad”), Walton, Britten and Delius, all requested specifically by the bride and groom. The well known Prelude on the hymn tune “Rhosymedre” by Ralph Vaughan Williams (often played locally – both the Prelude and the hymn tune!), chosen by the groom's father, the Prince of Wales, for its Welsh connection, accompanied the Procession of the Clergy.

In the middle of August this year, I enjoyed a weekend helping with the music making in Westminster Abbey (but no weddings!), which afforded me plenty of time to study this

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December events and opening times

Sat 10th - Meat Darts Competition. Open 7.30 p.m.

Sat 17th - Christmas Draw. Open 7.30, Draw at 9.00 p.m.

Sun 18th - Christmas Bingo 8 p.m.

Sat 24th - Christmas Eve Open 7.30 p.m.

Mon 26th - Boxing Day Football 10.30 a.m. Club open at 12 noon.

Sat 31st - New Years Eve - Open 7.30 p.m.

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With two wins in the last two games Bere came crashing down to earth with a home loss to



wonderful building and see much that is not usually available to public view. I was guided round the many chapels, chantries, nooks and crannies by some of the various specialist experts. One of the greater "tourist attractions" is of course Poets' Corner (rather more than just a corner really – it takes up most of the south transept). In the musical vein there are tablets and plaques, here and dotted round the Abbey, commemorating many of our greatest composers - Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, Herbert Howells, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell, John Blow, William Croft and numerous others. Some of the most important and senior of the Abbey lay-staff are the vergers – they actually run the "mechanics" of the services as well as supervise everything that goes on in the building. One who showed me around and helped direct the duties of that weekend was Ben Sheward who enjoyed some notoriety after the recent Royal Wedding.

As guests left the Abbey, the broadcasters turned their attention to The Mall and the procession of coaches and people carriers. A CCTV camera captured a cassock-clad verger re-entering the Abbey, walking around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, then cart-wheeling down the nave. It was our verger friend Ben celebrating enthusiastically. And why not, indeed? "David danced before the Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel ch.6: v.14). I think he caught the spirit of the occasion and the nation!



THE WASSAIL OF FIGGY DUFF

"Wassail": A festive occasion which involves eating, drinking and music, particularly associated with the Christmas season. The word derives from the Old Norse greeting "ves heill" - "be in good health" (OCM)

"Figgy": Dressy, ornamental, fussy, decorated, etc. (OED)

"Duff": Dough or flour-pudding, boiled in a bag. (northern English dialect c.1840 – OED)

Oh Christmase is icum
 Mark ye Robin's ruddy tum.
 And ye winde itte bloweth very rough,
 rough, rough,
 Now do as ye be tolde
 To keepe us from ye colde
 And fille us up with Figgy, Figgy Duff, Figgy Duff.

So merrily we sing
 For to make ye Welkin ring.
 Though of singing we have hadde quite enough,
 nough, nough.
 My maisters if you please
 Give us a mouldy cheese
 To eat with our Figgy, Figgy Duff, Figgy Duff.

If a cheese ye have not got
 Then a groat must be our lot
 As we dance round the Mistletoe Buff (Bough) Buff!
 If you haven't got a groat
 You can go and cut your throat
 And ne'er have any Figgy, Figgy
 Ne'er have any Figgy, Figgy
 Ne'er have any Figgy, Figgy Duff, Figgy Duff!
*"Traditional words" invented by Michael Flanders
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Pudding:

- ◆ 1 cup flour
- ◆ 2 cups bread crumbs
- ◆ 1 cup molasses
- ◆ 1 cup orange juice
- ◆ 1 cup raisins
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ◆ 1 tsp. cloves
- ◆ 1/3 cup vegetable oil



Stir together and add 1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in a little hot water.
 Mix and pour into sprayed 2-quart mould.
 Cover tightly. Set in pot of hot water. Cover and steam for 2 hours.
 Allow pudding to set for at least 20 minutes before removing from mould. Serve with the sauce.

President - Shaun Brady
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ROGS

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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from February through to October.
 New members are invited to join. Contact Guy Storey – 471041 for membership forms and details.

VENUES 2011

DATE	TROPHY	VENUE	WINNER
25th February	The Whitbread Pairs	Dorset Golf and Country Club	Dean Merritt and Charles Way
25th March	GRS Trophy	Romsey GC	Roger Johns
29th April	Members' Challenge	Hockley GC	Tim Porter
27th May	Landlord's Cup	Dawlish Warren GC	Mark Teed
24th June	Captain's Cup	Bramshaw GC	John Pitts
29th July	President's Cup	Stoneham GC	Julian Flower
26th August	Rob Hall Hacker's Trophy	Bulbury Woods GC	Martin Debenham
30th September	Jim Corbin Cup	Hamptworth GC	Julian Flower
28th October	Zoom Trophy	Ashley Wood GC	Jim Corbin

**Christmas Cup of Good Cheer/Dinner Dance - Saturday 10th December
 East Dorset Golf and Bowls Club**

from a hole in one!!

I would like to thank everybody for a fantastic season, and I hope that everybody had fun!! I would also like to finish by wishing next years captain Brett Standerwick all the very best where I know he will do an unbelievable job, and lead the ROGS from strength to strength.

Captain Tiny

BERE REGIS W.I.

At our October meeting we discovered that we need not despair when we break any of our china ornaments or the family heirloom. Mr. Ray Maycock demonstrated the patience, steady hands and 20/20 vision needed to repair china/porcelain keepsakes. On seeing the results of his work it was clear that we should follow the title of his talk – “Keep those pieces” - when we have ‘that little accident’. A most informative talk enjoyed by all.

There will be no regular monthly meeting in December. The ladies will be celebrating Christmas with dinner at the East Dorset Golf and Country Club

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall –Beetle Drive – everyone welcome.

If you would like any further information about your W.I. please phone:

Sally on 01929 – 471022 or Lesley on 01929 - 471732



ROGS

For our final outing of the season, and my swansong as captain, we travelled just down the road to Ashley Wood GC. A sun kissed day on the rolling plains of Blandford saw the biggest turnout of the year battle it out for the Zoom Trophy.

The nearest the pin on the 18th hole was won by scratch golfer ‘Howlin Mad’ Flower. Nearest the pin on the 7th was won by the outgoing president Shaun ‘Bru’ Brady. Nearest the pin in 2 shots on the 12th was won by local celebrity Neil ‘Poole Pirate’ Middleditch, and the longest drive on the 14th was won by Mark ‘The Patch’ Teed.

We had a really close finish which has been common place in the ROGS this year. However in third place was Barry ‘A Right Touch’ Watts, in second place was Richard ‘Titch’ White with a magnificent 39 points, however the winner on count back also with 39 points was Jim ‘Beware Of The Shank Ark’ Corbin.....well played Jim!!

There was only one 2 scored on the day, coming on the 9th hole from the putter of local hero Doug ‘The Bomb’ Marsh after putting the his tee shot inches away

Sauce:

- ♦ 1 cup milk
- ♦ ¼ cup sugar
- ♦ 1 ½ Tbsp. butter
- ♦ 1 tsp. lemon or orange flavouring
- ♦ 2 Tbsp. cornflour

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- ♦ *Why not serve octopus for your family Christmas lunch this year – then everyone will get a leg.*
- ♦ *Did you know that many fishmongers have a liking for sole music? Actually, when a fish shop vacancy comes up they have to fillet fast. One knows that a belligerent fisherman should be put firmly in his place, but on the other hand are you aware most sea creatures are considerate, but some can be rather shellfish. But remember, dolphins can play rough, but they don’t do it on porpoise. Of course, fish swim quicker when fitted with a turbotcharger. But in these times of hardship it is lobster fishermen that feel the pinch.*

“Merry Christmas” to anyone who is still reading this!

And best wishes for 2012 from tac@tacmusic.com

LOCAL MP

Annette Brooke MP holds regular surgeries in the constituency each week. For details of forthcoming surgeries and to make appointments individuals should phone 01202 693555.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk:	Amanda Crocker	472327	amandacroc@gmail.com

Your Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 10th November 2011.

Crime in Bere Regis

A Police representative attended the Parish Council meeting to talk to us about the recent crimes in Bere Regis. She said there had been four burglaries recently and that whilst there were no arrests so far, actions taken by the Police may have deterred the criminals who may now have moved on elsewhere. She warned us as to an increase elsewhere in Dorset of scrap metal and diesel thefts. Finally she pointed out that although we may feel concerned about these crimes the incidence of crimes in Wareham North (the Area we are in) has seen a 10% reduction over the last 6 months in comparison to the same period a year before.

Winter Road and Pavements - Salt

We are planning to purchase a batch of 20Kg bags of salt to be used this winter in the event of icy and dangerous roads and pavements. They will be stored at Pampered Pigs on Rye Hill and will be available to anyone wishing to use it for road or pavement clearance for £6 a bag.



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The RBL Women's Section held their AGM on 19th October. This year without our usual fish and Chip lunch, we shall have to arrange this at a later date.

We welcomed our treasure who had made the great effort to be with us after here recent operation. After taking subs and reading her report she left us.

Unfortunately the minutes of the last AGM could not be read as the secretary had taken along her wrong minute book. They will have to read and signed at the next meeting. All reports were read and accepted. The Officers and committee were voted back en bloc as all were proposed and seconded.

We then made arrangements for an extra meeting in November to play bingo.

We discussed our Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, which incidentally went very well. Thanks to everyone who supported us.

Our Carol Service will be held at Briantspuddle, the same as last year. Mrs Jeanes and Mrs Reed doing all the arranging.

We then got down to next year's programme and several suggestions came forth. It is left to the secretary to sort out dates etc.

Three of us will be attending the County Conference at Wimborne. Last year's donations to Benevolent Funds including the Poppy Appeal amounted to £800.51p.

Flowers for the Cenotaph

December - Mrs Cockburn

January - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee



Bere Regis Chapel – Butt Lane

Christmas Carol Service- Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm – *Carols old and new for this festive season*

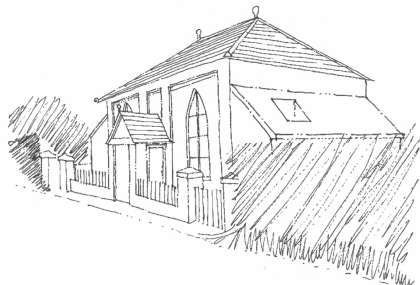
Nativity Family Service – Sunday 18th December at 10.00am – *featuring our Sonseekers and Junior Church group as they present a home-spun Nativity entitled, "In search of Christmas"*

Christmas Day Family Praise – Sunday 25th December at 10.00am – *start the Day right with this special service – children are encouraged to bring some of their Christmas gifts to show us and then give God thanks for the greatest **Gift of all!*** (The Service lasts approx 50 minutes)

2012 Dates: Mums & Toddlers recommence on Monday 9th January from 1.30-3.00pm; **Sonseekers** recommence on Friday 13th January

FAMILY WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY at 10am including Junior Church

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL



Our next service will be on December 4th and will be led by the Rev Paul Arnold.

There will be a short Church meeting after this service. This is open to everyone. If you would like any further information on this, please contact one of the stewards.

Our Christmas Carol service will be held on December 19th which is the Monday before Christmas at 7pm. We look forward to seeing our local community, old and new.

Please bring a torch as it is very dark down here.

All are welcome to join us.

Further details from our stewards

Karen Smith 01929 471339

Caroline Harrison 01929 471378

Margaret Whittingham 01929 471782

Winter Road and Pavements - Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help to clear footpaths in the event they become blocked or impassable. This is part of a contingency plan that has been drawn up by your Parish Council to keep Bere Regis moving in the event of a variety of problems that may crop up. If you think you might be able to help out in an emergency pleas contact the Parish Clerk (address above).



Bere Regis School crossing patrol

Dorset County Council has now confirmed there will be no change to its earlier decision to withdraw funding from Bere Regis. The Parish Council is continuing to support the School Governors and we are writing to the County Council to express our opposition to this policy.

Police Community Meeting - PACT

There will be a PACT meeting on 6th December Drax Hall 7.00pm. at which any item of relevance to our area of North Wareham will be discussed. If you have any item that you would like to be raised please come along or contact our Parish Councillor Ron Margetts email ronmargetts@fsmall.net Tel 07971780995.



The Village Tidy

Our grateful thanks to all of you who turned out on the Day with your brooms and hoes to take part in the Annual Village Tidy. Although conditions were ideal, there was, unfortunately, only a modest turnout. Despite that, those who did get involved had an enjoyable time, concentrating on clearing weeds from gutters, sweeping up pathways and generally tidying prominent parts of the Village. The efforts certainly

made a significant difference.

Particular thanks are due to the Scout Group who put out an enthusiastic team of Cubs, Scouts, Beavers, Leaders, helpers and Mums and Dads. They all worked hard and make a big impact around Elder and Manor Farm Roads and along the Bere Stream Walkways.

Groups of neighbours and individuals got together in several different parts of the Village to spruce up areas that needed attention ahead of the winter including cutting back overgrown vegetation near pavements and paths.

Lengthsman, Paul Critchell, and others concentrated on both approaches to the Village and once the Purbeck District Council Sweeper Van had followed on later in the week, there was no doubt that the village looked much tidier. Jan and her team at the Royal Oak Pub generously provided hot soup at the end of the morning for all participants which was much appreciated by all.

We have reviewed our plans for the next Tidy and in the hope of attracting a better involvement and turnout by Villagers we will give 2012 a break and seek to rekindle interest in a Village Spring Clean in early 2013.

Peter Wharf, Parish Councillor

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off the Motorway!

I was so glad to see this man of authority I could have hugged him. Naturally being British I refrained! But I was so glad that in my hour of need someone had come to my rescue. "Let's see what we can do to sort you out Reverend" he said in a northern accent, and ushered me into the warmth and shelter of the police car. After driving back to my car, he diagnosed my problem and, having obtained some WD40 returned to the car. Spraying this magic substance on the points and carburettor he encouraged me to switch on the ignition. A few turns and the little car burst into life! For good measure this motorway good Samaritan then gave me a police escort to the next service station before waving me on my journey home to the family.



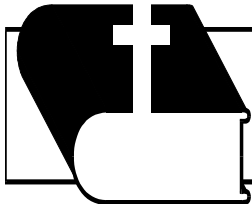
The mere physical presence of that police officer in my hour of need not only reassured me – he was able to actually do something to get me out of trouble and get me home! What has this to do with Christmas? Simply this. In our storm-tossed world we often experience a sense of helpless isolation. The Bible accurately describes our sinful human condition as 'walking in darkness' and 'being lost'. We need an authoritative Person who can rescue us and provide a way to get us out of trouble and find our way home to God. We are fast approaching that time when we celebrate the incarnation – when God became flesh – and through His physical presence on earth dealt with the dreadful effects of sin – overcoming even death through the Cross.

Sadly, for many people, the Christmas build-up and all that goes with it is a time of great stress and family tension. When we marginalise Jesus from the very heart of the season and replace Him with a greedy time of self-indulgence, Christmas becomes a bleak sham of a festival. Instead of finding great joy we often experience a sense of loss and anti-climax. Yet at this time of year, yet again, just like that kindly police officer, Jesus stands ready to assist. He alone can rescue us, get our lives back on track and not only point us but accompany us to a heavenly home. Why not join with us at the Chapel and find out the true joyful meaning of Christmas this year – you'll be more than welcome!

May you know His love and peace at this time of year.

Pastor Jim Morris

The Manse Flat, Butt Lane, Bere Regis 01929 471270
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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

God's Christmas Presence

I remember one wintry night a number of years ago now when I borrowed a mini car to travel from Saltcoats in Scotland to Rochdale in Lancashire. I was on a two week conference, but was anxious to spend the middle weekend with Janet – who was at home in Rochdale with the children. As I set out – first down the M74 and then onto the M6, the weather became increasingly worse and night was drawing in fast. By the time I was driving through the Lake District making the long haul up hill near to Shap the rain was sheeting down and the tiny unprotected engine of the mini could take it no longer. It began to misfire and splutter and slowed down to a crawl – a mile or so on it gave one last gasp and died on me – just in time for me to roll onto the hard shoulder. The mountain and hill top peaks loomed menacingly above me as I sat alone in the car now surrounded by almost pitch black. This was before the advent of mobile phones so I was well and truly stuffed! Cars and HGV's thundered by, their lights ablaze seemingly unaware of the stricken mini – with its pathetic occupant quietly panicking inside! Surely this must be the most inhospitable place on earth! I don't think I have ever felt such a sense of isolation and helplessness.

Gathering my thoughts I remembered that I had passed a slip road about a mile back – maybe there would be signs of civilisation and help. So wrapping my self up against the wind and rain, and taking care to keep well on the inside of the hard shoulder, I began to walk back. After what seem like an age I reached the slip road, and still on the hard shoulder began to make my way towards what appeared to be a garage. Then the two beams of light shone straight at me! Was this an alien landing? Was I about to be abducted and whisked up to some distant galaxy? My overactive imagination collided with reality as a police officer walked towards me from his car with headlights full on. He looked startled! I realised I was wearing my clerical collar and it must have seemed strange to him on this wild and windswept night to see a totally bedraggled vicar walking



PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Council Tax

We are currently aiming for no (zero) increase in Council Tax for the coming year by utilising government grants to offset rises in our wage bill (subject to National pay scales). These limited grants are only available to us if we do not increase Council Tax! As a result we have embarked upon a series of cost saving measures over the last year. I will write more on this in later reports as the final situation becomes clearer.



Boundary Commission

The Boundary Commission (BC) have informed Purbeck that they would like us to move to three member wards which would mean Bere Regis being incorporated into Wool or Wareham with three members being elected to represent the larger area. The BC have said they will only consider staying with the current one member wards (what we have at the moment) where we can demonstrate a pressing community need for single member representation. The Parish Council have sent a letter to the BC supporting the need to stay as we are with just one member. There will be an opportunity for consultation with the public when the BC announces their provisional findings early next year.

Gypsy & Traveller Sites



We are legally required to demonstrate that we have reviewed and planned for the needs of these communities as part of our overall housing and environmental responsibilities (sometimes called the Core Strategy). At a recent Council Meeting Councillors debated the issue and agreed to consult from 18 November 2011 until 10 February 2012 on the suitability of four possible sites. The shortlisted sites for consultation are (1 pitch = 1 caravan):

- County Farm, Burnham Lane/Washpond Lane, Swanage (2 pitches)
- Land off High Street, Herston Cross, Swanage (5 pitches)
- Land at Washpond Lane and Ulwell Road, Swanage (2 pitches)
- Land at Meadow View and Lancrease, East Burton Road, Wool (2 pitches)

Whilst none of these sites are near Bere Regis I still commend you to become involved. If we do not carry out a consultation, it makes the district more vulnerable and gives us little defence against unscrupulous planning applications in inappropriate areas. This consultation does not mean that the four sites put forward are suitable but it is an opportunity for you to give us your views on these sites plus any other suggestions you might have. The sites are heavily weighted in two areas so we are keen for people to come forward with suggestions for other sites in the district. This is the first stage of the consultation process on an extremely difficult subject. Please do have your say!

Two public exhibitions are to be held in Purbeck where people will be able to ask questions and have their say:

- Monday 21 November 3.30pm - 7.30pm, The Mowlem, Shore Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1DD
- Thursday 1 December 2.00pm - 5.30pm, D'Urberville Centre, Colliers Lane, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6DL

The public consultation on sites suggested so far in Dorset will start on Friday 18 November 2011 and will last for 12 weeks. Questionnaires and leaflets will be available from council offices and libraries. There will be a series of public exhibitions across the county and information will also be available at www.dorsetforyou.com/travellerpitches where comments can also be made. We will consider the views of the public on the four sites put forward for consultation and any other suggested sites that may emerge through the consultation process. The Council will then undertake further public consultation to reach an agreement on the final plan before it is submitted to the government for inspection and approval.

Insulation Grants

Government grants which help insulate our homes are coming to an end very soon, possibly by the end of this year. The national scheme subsidises the cost of loft and cavity wall insulation. Under the scheme anybody over the age of 70 or on qualifying benefits and allowances can have cavity wall and loft insulation installed free of charge, subject to a survey. In order to make sure Purbeck residents take advantage of the funding, we have joined forces with the Dorset Energy Advice Centre (DEAC) to launch the "Countdown" campaign. We are



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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





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If you are looking for that special two way gift for someone for Christmas, the CD will continue to be available at the Mace shop, Pampered Pigs and the Pop

In Place.


May I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to raise this total. Some of the money raised has been invested into projects such as "singing for the brain" where dementia sufferers and their carers attend weekly music therapy sessions, and I know from my experience with my Mother when words fail, music talks and is able to retrieve memories and emotions that were otherwise unable to be accessed. Money has also assisted with setting up memory cafes and very importantly gone into

helping with medical research for an eventual cure and better containment of the effects of Vascular dementia and Alzheimer's.

The memory is such a vital part of our being, think of the joys of Christmases of yesteryear when you were a small child, and now just for a moment think of the pain of a person who cannot recognize even their closest loved ones!

The fight must go on to find the answers, to find containment and to eventually find a cure. I wish you all a wonderful time this Christmas, live, laugh and love and most of all make some happy memories.

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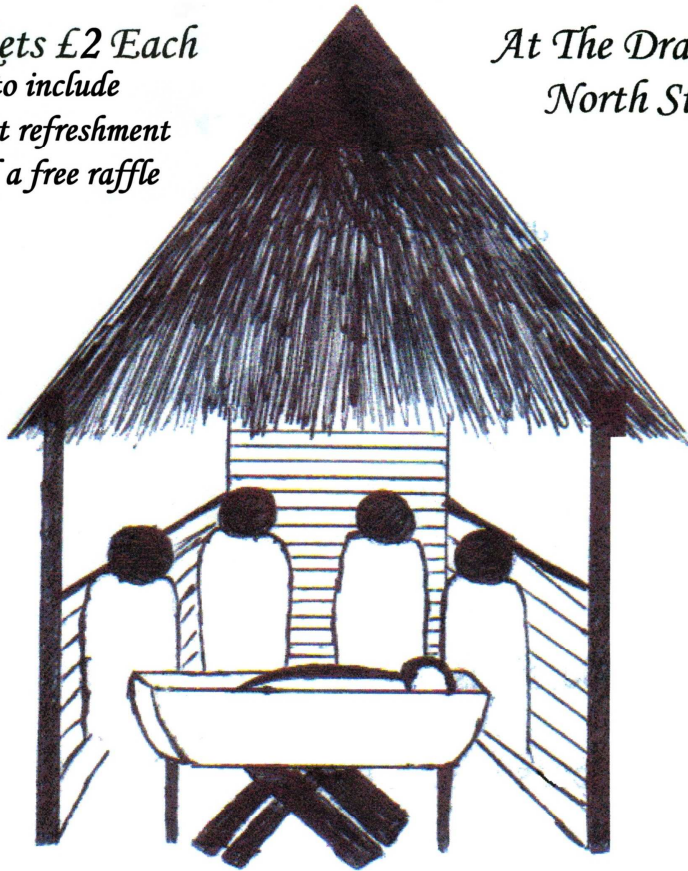
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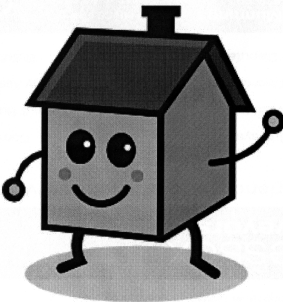
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Pop In closing times for over Christmas Period.

The Pop In Place will open on Monday 19th December for the last time for 2011 and start back in the New Year on Friday 6th January 2012

A Big Thank You

The Pop In Place has had the most wonderful year, thanks must go to the dedicated Community Team who have worked so hard raising amazing amounts of money for worthy causes while offering many social and community opportunities to the village.

Thank you to all our supporters, the people who attend regularly and donate prizes and bake cakes. Thank you to the helpers at the Poppets Group for all they contribute meeting the needs of the younger generation and thank you to the Performers group tutors, with the group catering for more youngsters than we have had for a very long time we have intrepidly taken them to Peking City, Over the Rainbow, taught them to endure the longevity of another POTY a quick one day trip to America for BBC Children in Need " Happy Days Café" and now because its Christmas we are off to Bethlehem.

Wishing every one a very happy Christmas have a good rest, we have a very full Diary of events planned for 2012

For more information contact Alison Bennett Pop In Pace Team Leader

01929 472023



THANK YOU

Kath would like to thank all who gave donations towards the Dorset Air Ambulance in memory of Charlie.

A grand total of £812 was sent.

Again my grateful thanks.

God Bless

Kath (Jeeves)

the mornings to help fund our rental costs. Donations would be most welcome and a great help to our running costs.

Could you be a Volunteer? Have you ever thought of helping out in your own community?

New Volunteers are always welcome. If you could spare a couple of hours on a Monday or a Friday to help serve the teas once in while I would love to hear from you, please ring me for a chat.

Forthcoming Events....

Pop In Place Christmas Prize Bingo Friday 2nd December 10.30 Eyes Down

The Pop In Place Prize Bingo will be in the upper Hall, lots of festive fun, we look forward to seeing you there

Carols and Mince pies Friday 16th December 10am until 12 noon

Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday 16th December for Carols and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pop In Place Presents "A Christmas Tail" Saturday 17th December 2pm and again at 6pm

Please support our Christmas show on Saturday 17th December. There will be a matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 6pm so everyone can come along and bring all the family. We are staging a Nativity in part one that looks at the Christmas story from the animals perspective, this follows the traditional story with lots of great Christmas music and a good helping of humor. Part two is a Christmas Variety Show. Mince pies and a drink will be provided during the interval, all part of your ticket price, because it is Christmas the tickets will be just £2 each and you will also have a free raffle ticket. This is a way of us saying a big warm-hearted thank you to you all for the wonderful support you have shown us during this year. Please contact me for your tickets on the number below. If you want to come and see a traditional community Christmas show then this is the one for you, I look forward to taking your call.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to Pat House

Turkey and Ham Pie

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| ♦ 9oz button mushrooms | ♦ 1lb turkey meat, cubed |
| ♦ 2 1/2oz butter | ♦ 1lb ham. cubed |
| ♦ 1 1/2 oz flour | ♦ 4fl. oz double cream |
| ♦ 1pint turkey stock | ♦ pinch cayenne pepper |
| ♦ 1 onion, thinly sliced | ♦ 1lb 2oz puff pastry |
| ♦ salt & pepper | ♦ 1 egg |
| ♦ pinch grated nutmeg | ♦ 1tbl. spoon milk |
| ♦ 1 lemon | |

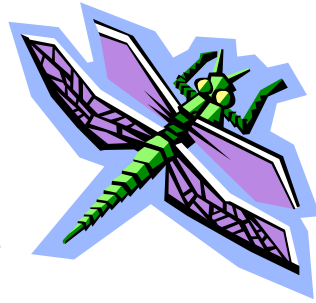
Melt 11/2 oz butter in a heavy saucepan, stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute without browning,

Add a little of the stock. Then stir in the rest of the stock a little at the time to make a sauce, then add the onion. Season add nutmeg. Cook gently for about 20 minutes.

Melt the remaining butter in a frying pan and add the mushrooms, and a squeeze of lemon juice, stew gently for a few minutes then strain the juice into the sauce. Mix the mushrooms with the two meats. Add the cream to the sauce and reduce gently. Strain over the meats and return the mixture to the pan. Bring to the boil adding more lemon juice if needed and a pinch of cayenne, then pour into a shallow dish to chill..

Cut the pastry into two rounds, 11" and 12" in diameter, lay the smaller disk onto a large buttered and floured baking tray, brush the edge with beaten egg, then pile the turkey and ham mix onto the pastry, cover with the second piece of pastry, making sure that the edges are firmly stuck, then crimp the edges with a fork. Glaze with the rest of the egg. Let the pie rest in the fridge for half an hour before baking in a fairly hot oven for about 40 minutes. serve hot with vegetables, or serve cold with salad.

BERE REGIS WILDLIFE GROUP



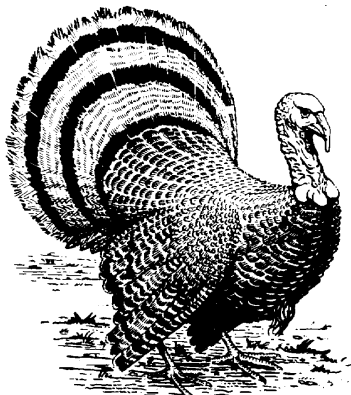
Dog-walkers will have noticed that a start has been made on the management of Souls' Moor, for the benefit of wildlife and the village. The Dorset Wildlife



Trust has cut a section, where the growth was particularly rank and volunteers from the village helped to rake up the cut material. The band of volunteers ranged in age from 6 to 60-something and included 2 Girl Scouts. It was hard work but rewarding, the huge 'hay stacks' at the end of the day said it all - 'thank-you' to all who helped!



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POP IN PLACE NEWS

popinplace.net have you checked out our website yet? you could be on there , photos and reports from all our events and general information is available on popinplace.net



Thank you to everyone who supported the Pop In Place with the BBC Children In Need Appeal.

Transport is now available to our sessions at no cost to yourself.

We are delighted to inform you that we are able to offer transport to and from the sessions. If you are unable to walk, or are maybe a little apprehensive of coming alone, please give Max Saywell a call on 01929 471062 to make the arrangements. We look forward to seeing you.

Pop In Place regular groups are as follows:

Healthy Eating Support Group is on Monday Mornings from 10.30

For the small fee of £1 you can be weighed, and everyone is welcome to come along and have a coffee and a chat with others who are all in the same situation. The group is doing very well and we are all helping to support each other, new members are very welcome.

Poppets Baby and Toddler Group meets Thursday's in term time 1.30 until 3pm at lower Drax Hall

New people always welcome. As the School term starts this group will meet again at the Lower Drax Hall in North Street, phone Trish White 01929 472418 for details, all most welcome.

The Pop In Sessions on a Monday and Friday morning 10 until 12 at the Lower Drax Hall

All new comers are very welcome, Pop In for a coffee and a chat. We also take donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac and books. These are sold during

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Pop in Place Performers Group

Meets Thursdays (except second Thursday) from 6pm until 8pm in the Upper Drax Hall. Please phone Alison Bennett for more information.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

The November meeting went with a swing with members making it a 'self help' programme of songs, poems and jokes followed by tea and buns.

Thanks to all those who contributed.

The December meeting on Wednesday 14th, 2.30pm in the Drax Hall, is a Christmas Afternoon with carols to sing along with.

GARDENING CLUB

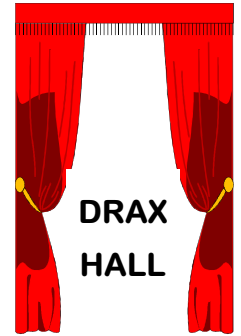
At the December meeting on Tuesday 6th at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Brian Edwards followed by festive Mince Pies and Punch.



DRAX HALL

Village Hall Christmas Prize Bingo will be on Monday 5th December at 7.30pm

Please support our Village Hall Bingo, always great fun with great festive prizes, anyone wishing to donate prizes please let me know. We also have a raffle, refreshments and mince pies and are looking forward to seeing you for some festive fun.



Village Hall Hire over Christmas

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New Group "Dorset Scribblers."

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Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023

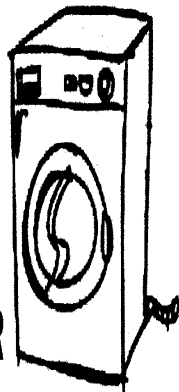
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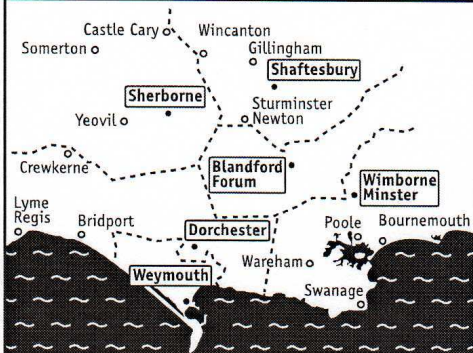
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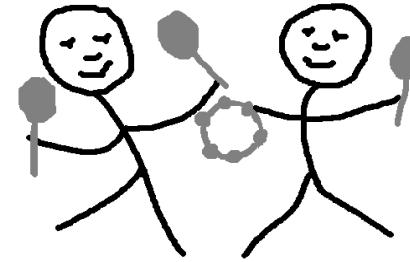


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the songs will tell the Christmas story.

Many of the songs are adapted from the usual songs we sing, e.g. "Joseph
hammers with one hammer", but we include some traditional carols for the
children to learn and play along to. After the music, we expect a very special
guest to arrive and give each child a musical gift. We finish with party food. If
you want to come to the Christmas
Party, please let me know as I do need
to have approximate numbers for this
session. The cost is an extra £1 at £3.50
to cover the presents.

As well as the Christmas carols and
nativity songs, we also have time to sing
about Father Christmas and all the
preparations we need to make. We will
have a craft and sing session on 2nd
December, when each child will make
a Christmas tree decoration to take
home.



There will be no session on 30th December, but we will be back on 6th January for
Epiphany, and more songs about wise men and stars.

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The week beginning 14th November was Anti-Bullying week in school. Each class have discussed the effects of unkind words and we adapted the old saying to,

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can hurt my heart.”

Our activities have included making a communication charter with kind ways of talking to each other, making badges to remind us of the need to ‘Stop and Think – words can hurt!’, being assertive when something happens which we do not like and identifying our feelings. Our newly-trained group of Peer Mediators presented their remit to the rest of the school in Assembly, ready to take on their responsibilities in the playground. The end of the week coincided with Children In Need day, where the children dressed in blue to raise money for charity. Children were given blue wristbands with ‘I have the right to be safe’ embossed on them.



As part of our link with Lytchett Minster School our Year Three and Four children went to see a presentation by 6th Form students, also on the subject of bullying, joining Upton, Sandford and Lytchett First and Primary schools. After the performance, the children took part in drama workshops which they performed in front of the whole group.

Moving on to December, our Christmas Fayre will be held on Sunday 4th December from 2pm – 4.30pm. Please come along and enjoy the children’s crafts, have a cuppa and a mince pie and maybe even meet Father Christmas!

The school Nativity will be in the Church again this year on 6th and 7th December, all family and friends are welcome but we would advise that you dress warmly! The FOBRs Christmas Party for the children will be held on Thursday 15th December and we break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16th.

It just remains to thank FOBRs and everyone connected with the school for their continued support and to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year!

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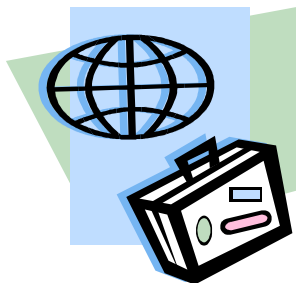
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We have now heard from our twinned village in France, Cerences, that they will be visiting us over the weekend of 8th and 9th September 2012. We do not know what their precise travel details will be at this early stage, but we can now start to plan the

weekend in earnest having the dates settled.

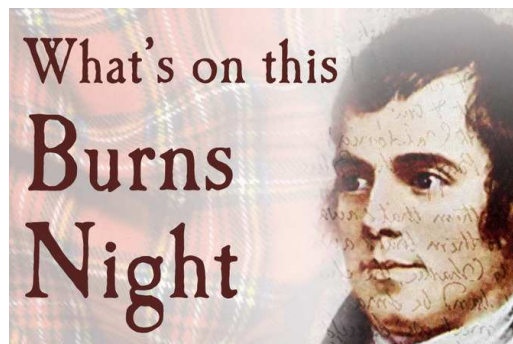
The Twinning Committee is currently discussing fundraising ideas for next year. We are weighing up whether we should hold a series of our usual regular small events or concentrate on one large event. Any ideas would be welcomed, as would an offer from anyone to host a small event. We are also looking at the possibility of using a coach(es) to take everyone together to an event or a place of interest on the Saturday. Again, ideas (preferably with information on costs) would be welcomed. Please contact Bob James on 472113 or e-mail on bob@rjames52.freemove.co.uk.

We are holding a social evening to celebrate Twelfth Night on Saturday 7th January 2012 at 12 Boswell's Close at 7.30pm. There will be some punch provided but please bring some nibbles and your own liquid refreshment. There will be no entry charge but please bring a small present in unfamiliar packaging, to disguise it, and we will raffle them all to raise some funds. We will also probably find some silly things to do to help the party spirit.

We are also hoping to hold a Burns Night meal on Wednesday 25th January 2012, to raise funds for the Jubilee celebrations in June, as Twinning's contribution towards the funding of the event. The finer details and costs are not yet available, but we have had to get this piece written to meet the Parish Magazine's printing deadline. Please put the date in your social diaries, and we will get the final information out in the January Magazine and by other formats as soon as possible.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting of the Twinning Association will be held at the Royal Oak on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm. We hope to see you there.

Bob James



Bingo

Bingo will be on the 2nd & 16th December, 2011. Everyone is made to feel welcome at this regular, local event so please do come along and join us. Refreshments are available during the break.

Contact Us

As usual, if anyone would like any further information about the individual sections, please contact the following:-

Scouts:	Neal Unitt-Jones 01929 472273,
Cubs:	Greta Richardson 01258 489131,
Beavers:	Karen Hardwick 01929 471063, email alexrhardwick@hotmail.co.uk or Anna Hawkes 01929 471009, email annajane75@yahoo.co.uk
Scout Hut Hire:	Tony King 01929 472054
Bingo	Cecilia Clarke 01929 471465

General or Group enquiries and offers of help/assistance to Chris Gall 01305 772634 or Christine Whitfield T: 01929 472159 E: chris.whit@hotmail.co.uk

Christine W



BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

Fireworks!

Early November saw a lot of rain with much of it, seemingly, falling just before school and at home time! The sun shone through on the 5th, thankfully, and the school bonfire was a huge success. The day remained dry and the evening was pleasantly chilly. Almost one thousand people came through the gate and, with matched funding from Barclays Bank; we raised the fantastic total of £4,500. Thank you to all who came to join in the fun, to Barclays, and of course to FOBRs and all of the volunteers who helped to make the evening a huge success.

Cubs

Cubs have had a fantastic start to the term, beginning with ringo-ing at Warmwell - this is sliding down the dry ski slope in inflatable rings - excellent fun and a little wet! We have also enjoyed a cycle ride through Wareham Forest and have been learning to light fires and carrying out team building games over the last two weeks.

Scouts

Bere Regis entered a team for the District Cooking Competition and came 3rd. Well done to all the Team and the Leaders who worked with them.

Explorer Scouts

The Explorer Scouts are busy trying to find ways to raise money for their trip to Nepal in 2013. Each individual has to raise £2,000 for their place on the trip, the Explorer Unit will also be fund raising to raise an additional £500 per person and £5,000 to carry out a very worthwhile project at a local village in Nepal. So expect to see lots of innovative (and traditional) fundraising events happening over the next 18 months + and please support them - £2,000 is a lot of money for a 14-17 year old to raise.

The group continue to meeting on alternate Tuesdays. Anyone wanting further information or wanting to come along and see if it's for them should contact Karen Coomes, Asst. Explorer Scout Leader, on 01929 471597 or email karen@coomes.co.uk.

Group Activities & Fund Raising Events

Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market

These Coffee Morning/Cake Bakes & Mini Markets will continue on the second Saturday of the month with the next two events being held on **Saturday, 10th December 2011 and 14th January, 2012**, from 10am to Noon.

Please contact Chris Whitfield to book a table top. Table tops will be available at £4.00 per table or 20% of takings (whichever is the lower amount) to anyone who would like to sell off surplus home produce – fruit, vegetables, jams/chutneys, or art/craft works, etc. (No bric-a-brac).

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL DIAMOND JUBILEE WORKING GROUP NEWSLETTER 1

A working group representing many of the village organisations met at the end of October to start planning events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

The Parish Council is coordinating the activities and taking responsibility for risk assessments and public liability insurance which will only cover events known to and supervised by the Working Group. A means of notifying us about events and activities will be publicised in due course

The Parish Council will put up some seed corn money; however the Working Group wondered whether each of the various village organisations would consider holding a particular event between now and May next year to raise money towards the main events. The more that is raised, the more ambitious we can be in our celebrations.

Different groups of people and organisations will organise the various elements of the celebrations.



Outline Programme



- Installation of the three new Purbeck stone "BERE REGIS" village signs, perhaps in May. These stones will carry an inscription saying

"To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012"

- Jubilee Concert by Autumn Leaves in May
- Sunday 3rd June Celebratory Jubilee Service in the Parish Church
- Sunday 3rd June perhaps locally organised Street Parties in the afternoon
- Monday 4th June Jubilee Pageant Parade through the village, followed by a Parish Picnic at the Sports Ground, with music and entertainment.

Monday 4th June lighting the Jubilee Beacon. (possibly accompanied by fireworks, subject to consultation and funds)

Help Needed

It would be great if various activities could be sponsored in whole or part. If anyone would like to discuss this, please speak to Ian Ventham on 01929 471480

If anyone would like to suggest additional activities or offer their help to make this a truly memorable occasion, please contact Arlene Duncanson on duncansonarlene@gmail.com or 472141

Quarrying, inscribing and installing the three new village signs, which will be similar to the Shitterton sign, will cost about £2500. Early next year we will be offering everyone the opportunity to contribute towards the cost. Ever contributor will be recorded in a commemorative book that we hope to be able to keep in the Parish Church. Those who give more than £100 will have the opportunity to have their names inscribed on one of the new signs.

Ian Ventham

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP



Remembrance 2011

What a very special time of Remembrance this has been both for the Scout Group and for residents.

First we had the **Remember Them Project 2010 Presentation** for the latest phase at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Saturday, 12th November, 2011. The event was very well attended with approx. 80 guests. Thanks to all those who attended. Also, BIG THANKS to all the Leaders who spent many hours working with the youngsters helping them with their individual presentations and sketches, and also the Refreshments Crew on the night.

Then...What a turn out for the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service organised for the first time by the Scout Group. We were so lucky with the wonderful weather....in stark contrast to last year's deluge both here and in France, when many of us were at the Menin Gate on 11th November.

This year's service at the Parish Church was made so memorable by the reading by some of our young people of the cameos based on the research into the dead listed on our War Memorial. Many people have remarked how moving this was.

B.R.A.S. (Bere Regis Active Support)

We need volunteers to assist with the Monthly Coffee Mornings – approx. 9:30am – 12:30pm on the second Saturday of the month. Please contact Christine to put your name on the Rota.

We need a new Scout Leader....please contact us if you think you might like to help.

- ◆ It doesn't matter if you have never been in Scouts.
- ◆ It doesn't matter if you don't have any children in the Scout Group.
- ◆ It doesn't matter if you can only spare a couple of hours.

If you would like to help Bere Regis Scout Group - we have a vacancy for YOU; please call Christine Whitfield on 01929 472159. Many thanks.



Section News

Beavers

Beavers have had a busy few weeks...with a evening at the Gliding club where all the Beavers got to sit in a Glider.

Then a day trip to Monkey World which was a fab day out... (and no one got left behind!!!!)...we also had a visit from a member of staff who came

to talk to us about looking after the monkeys.

We have also been rehearsing our Play (Ali Baba) which all the children are taking part.....(Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber watch out..)

ALI BABA 2011!!!!

What little star's all the Beavers were....we would like to thank the following people...Liz Teather, Kate Critchell, Rachael Brown and all the young Leaders with all the help making the play such a fab evening.

