

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th-16th "On your marks" Holiday Club, Butt Lane Chapel 10.00 a.m.  
 17th Pop in Place Children's summer activities 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon  
 Flower Festival in Church - August Bank Holiday Weekend.

## September

3rd PIP Happy Memories Café, Drax Hall 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon  
 8th MU Talk on Caravans by Mrs Edwards 7.30 p.m.  
 11th BR Floral Group - Autumn outing to Rosemoor  
 12th Autumn Leaves - Our 41st Luncheon  
 15th Scouts Barn Dance, Pampered Pigs Barn  
 16th MU Sales Table in Church  
 25th MU Quiet Day, East Holme  
 28th Pop in Place Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m.

## October

3rd MU Holy Communion, the Church 7.30 p.m.  
 6th Pop in Place Cabaret and Disco, Drax Upper Hall 7.30 p.m.  
 9th BR Floral Group - Harvest Home, Sally Taylor  
 13th Scouts Curry and Race night  
 10th Autumn Leaves - Etiquette - it simply isn't done 2.30 p.m.  
 16th MU Deanery meeting, Wareham

## November

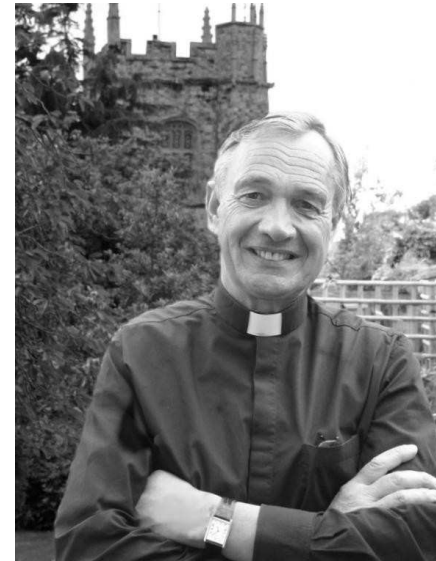
7th MU AGM, Turberville Court, Bring and Buy sale 7.30 p.m.  
 13th BR Floral Group - Open Christmas demo by national demonstrator Pamela Lewis, to be held at Tarrant Keyneston village hall  
 14th Autumn Leaves - Barn Owls and their habitat 2.30 p.m.  
 16th Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

## December

35d Village Hall Christmas Bingo  
 5th MU Christmas Party, Turberville Court 7.30 p.m.  
 7th/8th Pop in Performers Pantomime 'Peter Pan' 7.00 p.m.  
 12th Autumn Leaves - Christmas Afternoon 2.30 p.m.  
 21st Pop in Place Carols and Mince Pies 10.00 a.m.

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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

### What is in a Promise?

Early next month we shall be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. On Sunday the 3rd June at 10.30, we shall be having a Benefice service in St John the Baptist, Bere Regis to celebrate not only her Majesty's 60 years as our Sovereign but also her wonderful example of loyalty and devotion to us her subjects. At the time of her accession in 1952, the Queen made a solemn promise to dedicate her life to the service of her people; a vow and duty that has resonated down through the 60 years of her reign; a promise, which still reminds us of our Christian heritage to love and to serve our neighbours.

In this sense, she is a wonderful example to everyone of us, her subjects.

But in these days where there is still more concentration on 'My rights' rather than 'My responsibilities', I think we need to remember our duty to service and serving

### Our Mission:

*To encourage awareness of the presence of God through worship music and the arts;*

*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.*

our neighbours – that is to everyone we can.

We hope to have a significant number of our young people taking part in our service, especially members of the various parts of our Scouting organisations in Bere Regis and surrounding areas who will renew their Scouts Promise: 'On my honour,

I promise that I will do my best,

To do my duty to God and the Queen,

To help other people

And to keep the Scout Law'

Scouts agree to abide to a code of trustworthiness and loyalty; to be friendly and considerate; to be part of a worldwide family; to be courageous and make good use of time and resources and to have self-respect and respect for others. These are essential values not exclusively for an eminent youth organisation but for all of society.

So do join us in Bere Regis Church at 10.30 on the 3rd June to celebrate our Queen's 60 years serving us – you could renew your Scouts (or Guides or Cubs or Brownies promise which you too may have solemnly stated some maybe many years ago.

So whether we are our Sovereign or a brand new Rainbow Scout, serving and loving our neighbours comes first in our priorities.

With love and prayers

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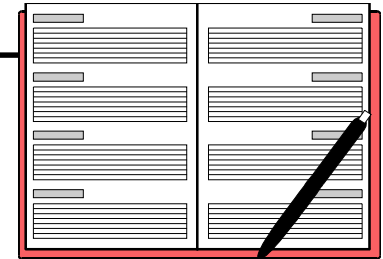


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## 2012

### May

2nd	MU Talk by Mr Parsons on the Trussell Trust	7.30 p.m.
8th	BR Floral Group - Workshop tutored by Christine Stevens	
9th	Autumn Leaves - Cycling in America	2.30 p.m.
12th	Scouts Coffee Mornings, Scout Hut	10.00 a.m. - noon
14th	Pop in Place Jubilee Village Quiz, Drax Upper Hall	7.30 p.m.
19th	Coffee Morning in aid of St Laurence's, Blackthorns	10.00 a.m.
20th	Terri and Mia's Car Boot/Table Top Sale, BR School	1.00 p.m.
26th	Pop in Place 'Rapport', Drax Hall	7.30 p.m.

### June

3rd/4th	Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	
6th	MU Holy Communion, the Church	7.30 p.m.
9th	Jubilee Celebration Woodbury Hill Singers, Drax Hall	2.30 p.m.
12th	BR Floral Group - Losing the Plot, David Martin	
13th	Autumn Leaves - Garden Birds	2.30 p.m.
17th	Congregational Chapel, Church Picnic	
23rd	Pop in Place Peformers Summer Show	2.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.
23rd	Scouts Mid-Summer Dance, Hog Roast and BBQ	
25th	PIP Happy Memories Café, Drax Hall	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
30th	Bere Regis Church Fete. The Vicarage	

### July

4th	MU Social Evening. Talk by Mrs Rake	7.30 p.m.
10th	BR Floral Group - Introduction to Ikebana, Diane Norman	
11th	Autumn Leaves - Cerne Abbas	2.30 p.m.
14th	St Laurence's Church Fete, Peace Garden	2.00 p.m.
15th	Pop in Place - Bere Regis Open Gardens event	

### August

8th	Autumn Leaves - Puppets	2.20 p.m.
9th	MU - Mary Summer Day	



## CHURCH AND VILLAGE

### ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

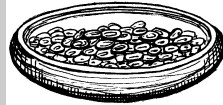
Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ragamuffins Pre - School	Manager - Mrs Debra Greatorex	472125	c/o Bere Regis Community First School, Rye Hill BH20 7LP	ragamuffinspre school@btinternet.com	Providing care and education for children from 2 to 8 years, including breakfast club from 8 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.
Twinning Association	Bob James	472113	5 Turberville Road	bob@rjames52.freeserve.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 (Briantspuddle and Affpuddle)	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	

## AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

### Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

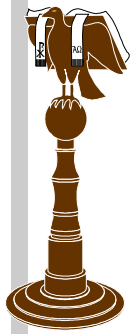
Date	Time	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
<b>6 May</b>	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	11am	t.b.a S Wood	t.b.a S Wood	Acts 8: 26-end John 15:1-8
<b>13 May</b>	9.15am	M Cropper	E Arkell	1 John 5: 1-6
<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>		J Cropper	M Cropper	John 15: 9-17
<b>20 May</b>	8am	S Sanderson	S Sanderson	BCP as set
<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>				
<b>27 May</b>	9.15	S Gibbs	D Buck	Acts 2: 1-21
<b>Pentecost</b>		S Sanderson	S Sanderson	John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
<b>3 June</b>	8am	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	10.30	<i>Benefice Service at Bere Regis Diamond Jubilee Weekend</i>		
<i>Intercessions:</i>		<i>13 May J Cropper.</i>		<i>27 May A Grindrod.</i>
<i>Chalice:</i>		<i>13 May J Haigh.</i>		<i>27 May S Sanderson.</i>

# BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



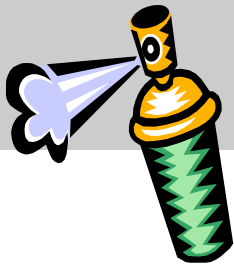
## Sidesmen

6th	9.15 am	Mr Bates/Mr House
	Chalice	Mr House/Mr Croom
	Intercessions	Mr Smith
	6.00 p.m.	Mr Gibbs
13th	11.00am	Junior Church
20th	9.15 am	Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
	Chalice	Mr Croom/Mr House
	Intercessions	Mr Comben
	6.00 pm	TBA
27th	11.00 am	Miss Miller/Mr House



## Evensong Readers

6th	Mr Comben / Mrs Welton
20th	Mrs Bayliss / Mrs Welton



## Cleaning and Dusting

### Cleaning

### Dusting

5th and 12th May	Mrs R Cleave and Mrs S Steggals	Mrs J Gibbs and Mrs C Burden
19th and 26th May	Mrs A Beagley and Mr D Beagley	Mrs M Turner and MRs B Bell
2nd and 9th June	Mrs Karen Smith and Mrs L Butterifield	Miss G Miller and MRs H Green

## Sanctuary Flower Guild

5th and 12th May Forresters

19th and 26th May Mrs Beale and Mrs Leigh



## First Sunday Coffee

6th Pat and Pete

May 2012

# CHURCH AND VILLAGE

## ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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 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
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.freereserve.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 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 Hardwick 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	

## CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am	Holy Communion	(white)
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Mattins & Communion	Bere Regis
6pm	Evensong	Affpuddle
		Bere Regis

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation

8am	Holy Communion	(white)
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Family – Junior Church 'Pets service'	Affpuddle
	<i>Please bring your pets</i>	Bere Regis

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

10am	Morning Prayer	(white)
		Bere Regis

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

2pm	Holy Matrimony	(white)
		Affpuddle

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am	Holy Communion	(white)
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis
		Bere Regis

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8am	Holy Communion	(red)
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Mattins	Affpuddle
		Bere Regis

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

11am Mid-week Communion

(red)  
Bere Regis

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Trinity Sunday – HM Diamond Jubilee**

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Benefice Jubilee Service

(white)  
Affpuddle  
Bere Regis

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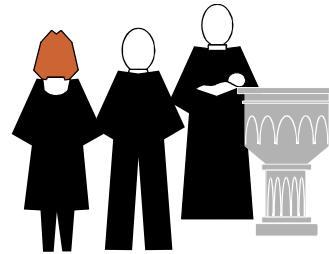
**BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS**

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism**

At St Nicholas Abbotsbury on 14<sup>th</sup> April

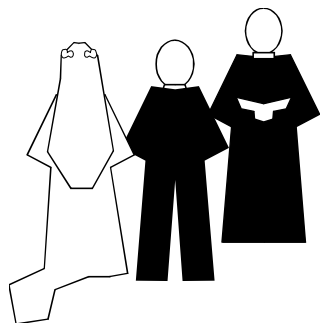
Eloise Maidie Johnson



**Thanksgiving for Marriage & renewal of Marriage vows**

At St Laurence, Affpuddle on 31<sup>st</sup> March

Ian and Frances Hawkins



**Holy Matrimony**

At St Laurence, Affpuddle on 21<sup>st</sup> April

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May 2012

## OUR CHURCH

It is a sad day, today, because the cedar tree in the churchyard is being felled as I write. We have been hoping, for a year, that it might recover but tree experts from Purbeck District Council and Kingston Maurward both agreed that it was dead, having succumbed to honey fungus infection. We had to fell the tree before it became dangerous so...

Going ..



Going ..



Gone!



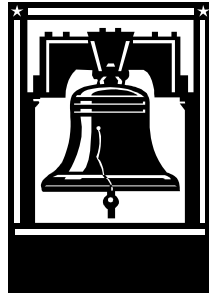
If you want to guess how old the tree was, come along to the Church Garden Party at the end of June, when we will count the annual rings. I am sorry, John House, you can't enter (he remembers when it was planted)!

Sarah Welton, Church Warden

## BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Have a go at Bellringing! Pop along on a Wednesday evening to the church at 6.30.

We have a band of ringers from Wimborne St Giles visiting on Wednesday 2nd May at 12.15.



### Steeple Keeper

As I write this I can see a tall figure bobbing about between the castellations atop the Church tower, forage cap silhouetted against the setting sun. Adrian is lowering the flag of St. George, then raising the huge Diocesan flag which will greet the Parish at the dawn of Easter Saturday.

Adrian is our 'Steeple Keeper', which is bellringer-speak for the one who looks after all the working parts of the bells, belfry and tower. Why, you might ask, do we have a 'Tower Captain' but a 'Steeple Keeper'? It's a good question and if you find the answer, please let me know.

Bell ringers are not the only ones to have strange terms and a language to themselves. Ask the brothers running the shop formerly known as Spar and they will tell you of butchers' slang. The Navy has its own slang called 'Jackspeak' and it turns out that Reverend Canon Ian is well versed in same. I dare not put into print the name by which he refers to the one who raises and lowers the flags; suffice to say that the shortened form of it is 'Bunts'. I know, however, that the vicar is very appreciative of Adrian's flag-flying – appreciative of what it entails.

There are 100 steps spiralling up to the tiny and perilously sited hatch giving access to the tower roof. Adrian has size 12 feet: the final steps are size 3. The tower roof is sloping, lead-sheathed and very slippery when wet, even more slippery when one of those wonderful swathes of Starlings has decided to roost there overnight after an afternoon get-together on the Mulberry fruits. But come rain or shine, storm-force winds or balmy evening (when it is a privilege to look down over the village), Adrian will be there when the flag needs attention. There are 12 recurring occasions during the year when a flag change is scheduled, from Armistice Day, *Union Flag* to Christmas Day *Diocesan Flag*, to Trafalgar Day, *Navy White Ensign* (ssh, don't ask!). In addition the usual flag of St. George is changed to a smaller one in high winds and struck completely when storm force winds are expected.

Yet 'Flags' is only a small part of the Steeple Keeper's job. Drop down 50 steps from the tower roof and you find yourself in the belfry, where the 6 great bells swing within a steel frame set into the walls of the tower. The bells themselves date from 1602 to 1919 and weigh between 340kg and 947kg. So you can imagine that

and Shop Association)

Also, in 2002, we were accepted into the Sainsbury's SAVE scheme, (Sainsbury's Assisting Village Enterprise). This allowed us, along with many other Community shops around the country, to sell Sainsbury's 'own brand goods'.

Very gradually there was a noticeable improvement to the interior of the shop when new shelves and a more modern freezer and fridge. Were installed. So the variety of goods on sale increased fast. Artists who lived in the village supplied cards depicting local scenes and our very own potter provided a lovely display of her beautiful pottery.

Fruit and Vegetables were always a problem because the shop was not cool enough to keep them fresh. A chiller has now been installed which has made a considerable difference.

In 2010, the shop received the first annual 'DORSET PEOPLE 'S PROJECT AWARD' which was a big pat on the backs for the 30 and more volunteers who have made the shop what it is today--continuing to serve the village as it has done for over 60 years as well as providing a place for villagers to meet each other and have a chat.

Audrey Grindrod

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If you wish to have the chance to be involved, why not consider becoming a member of the surgery's patient participation group? A debate about the NHS Bill will be the focus of our AGM to be held at the surgery in June. For further information, with no commitment, contact either John Solly, PPG chair, on 01929 472400 or Carol Taylor, practice manager, on 01305 848333, or [carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk](mailto:carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk).

## Surgery and Dispensary Opening Times

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Carol Taylor

## BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE SHOP



### The Story since 1997

Many moons ago, back in the 1990s, Briantspuddle Village Shop was located near the Crossroads in the village. It had been trading there for over 50 years, selling everything from cooked hams to paraffin. There was a Post Office in the shop too, and, as an added amenity, the Post Box was outside in the wall and a Telephone Box across the road. By the 1990s the then owners wished to retire and ceased trading in September 1997. They sold the building and it became a private residence.

Losing the shop and Post Office was a blow to the village so a new location was urgently sought, and soon The Granary, adjacent to the Village Hall, was acquired with permission from the Parish Council. The fittings from the old shop were dismantled along with the Post Office counter, which was built using local bricks! They were trundled down in a small trailer to the new premises. This was an exciting time. The old shelves were soon stocked with basic supplies and a very small, very old freezer was donated. In fact most fittings were second hand in those days. The problem was finding staff to run the shop. The turnover was small and so were the wages so it was difficult to continue for long on these lines.

Then, in 2002 came the idea of a Community Shop run by volunteers - and what a brilliant idea that turned out to be! It needed a lot of organisation of course, but by this time the shop was recognised as an asset to the village and so people offered to work behind the counter, collect the daily newspapers, or work in the Post Office under a trained Postal worker. In fact the Post Office now offers a full service except for Motor Vehicle Tax. Quite an achievement. The shop was then registered as an Association (Friends of Briantspuddle Post Office

huge forces come into play when they are swinging and that a fair amount of routine lubrication and maintenance is required. The ringers soon notice the difference if the bearings have not been recently oiled.

The Steeple Keeper has to inspect the ringing mechanisms regularly and for Adrian, that means once again fitting his substantial frame into very tight corners to look for any evidence of untoward movement or wear. He and his predecessors have kept everything working since 1919, the last time there was a major overhaul. Later in these articles, we shall see that the time has now arrived when we need to undertake another big overhaul to ensure that our church bells will be fit to ring out for a further 100 years.



Back now though, to the belfry. You've heard of bats in the belfry? Well, we've got Jackdaws! Adrian will tell you that looking after the bells is the easy part of his job - preventing *they evil varmints* from importing 5 kilo's of nesting twigs each week is what calls for real expertise. This year the 'n'daws seem to have new, well organised, deep-penetration, special-forces. The battle is really on!

So if you happen to see Adrian on Church Green gazing up at the tower and smiling gleefully at pairs of jackdaws as they peck hopelessly at the belfry shutters, don't call for the men in white coats.

Just tell him his steeple is looking wonderful!

Jon

Next month : The Ringers & their Correspondent

## TO ALL THE CLEANERS AND DUSTERS OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

The PCC have asked me to extend their grateful thanks to you, my very helpful band of volunteers, for all the hard work and commitment you put into keeping our Church so beautifully clean and tidy and especially the help it gives with their finances.





I would also personally like to thank the merry band of helpers who turned up for the Special Spring clean on Saturday 31st March where we managed to finish all the points Christine Tucker and I had made out to be done.

Jane Woodward

## JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

This year Easter fell on the second Sunday of the month, so the Junior Church service was moved to the third Sunday and was combined with a shorten communion service. Because of the rearrangement of services Reverend Ian was able to attend the children's hour before the service. He was able to talk the children through the idea of the bread and wine representing the body and the blood of Jesus. We also had a tour of the church, including some of the "secrets" of the vestry.



The hour before still involved some lively dancing, particularly as we were getting ready for the Pet Service in May. This is when we traditionally sing some animal related songs such as "If I were a Butterfly" and "Lovely Jubbly" with all its animal noises such as the roar of lions and the croaking of frogs.

During the shorten communion service the older children re-enacted the story of the "Road to Emmaus", the younger children told how Jesus' love is very wonderful – higher, lower, and wider than anything else and we heard a lovely rendition of "You Raise Me Up" by the puppets, as well as traditional hymns and prayers.

Sorry for the particularly short report, but because the service was a week later than normal I have to submit a report immediately after the service, to meet the deadline for the magazine. Before I finish will Pet owners particularly, put May 13<sup>th</sup> in their diary. That is the date of the Junior Church's annual Pet Service. Do bring your pets along for a short service and blessing.

## Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Holly Herring to our dispensary team. Dr Katherine Armitage will be joining us as our new GP Registrar in August.

## Newsletter Deliveries

We have a dedicated team of patients who deliver our quarterly newsletter for us. We are currently looking for volunteers to deliver to Ansty, Melcombe Bingham, Melcombe Horsey, Bingham Melcombe (35 newsletters in total) Bockhampton, Higher Bockhampton and Stinsford (18 newsletters in total) and 11 to Charminster. If you feel that you might be able to help us, please give Ali a ring on 01305 848333.

## Book Charity

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for books to raise funds for our nominated charity, the British Heart Foundation, and to those of you who have come and bought a book – we are delighted to say that so far we have raised just over £200.00. We still have a really good selection of excellent books, so please take a look next time you're in the surgery.



## Equity and Excellence – Liberating the NHS

There are many concerns about the new NHS Bill, including the drive to use competition and have significantly more private sector involvement, but one thing the Bill recognises is the importance of General Practice. GPs will commission care for their individual patients and practice populations by prescribing, referring, admitting and co-ordinating their care. They will do this in association with their local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), led by GPs and supported by good managers. The CCGs should be using practices as the first building block of care and services should be organised around a practice wherever possible, and if not, then around localities (eg West Dorset). Many of the services currently provided by Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) will be redistributed to CCGs, the local branch of the NHS Commissioning Board or a Commissioning Support Service (CSS). Our challenge is to keep our focus on our patients and ensuring that we continue to offer the finest quality of care here and to commission for them the finest quality of care close to home as possible. The future is challenging!!



**Parish Heathland**

We are fortunate enough in the Parish to have a wonderful Heathland on our doorstep and this is something we are keen to preserve. The Parish Council has decided to collect some historic information on the Heathland to protect the future of the site and to ensure that it is available for our residents to use.

Do you have any information you are able to share with us that could accompany this collection? Would you like to share a story on your personal experiences of using the Heathland over the years? Perhaps you are a keen wildlife enthusiast and you can share your information with us on the inhabitants of the Heath? Please contact the Parish Clerk (details provided above) if you are able to contribute to this collection.

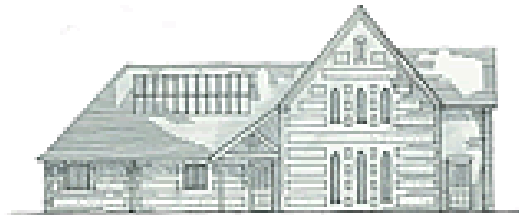
**Fly Tipping**

There has been an increase in the number of incidences of fly tipping in the Parish. Practically speaking Purbeck District Council have a duty to collect rubbish that has been left on or near to a road. You can report fly tipping by contacting Purbeck District Council on 01929 556561.

**Save the date for 70's Night – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

The Parish Council have offered to run a fund raising night in aid of the Village Hall in the form of a retro disco on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. More information will follow shortly.

**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](mailto:carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk).

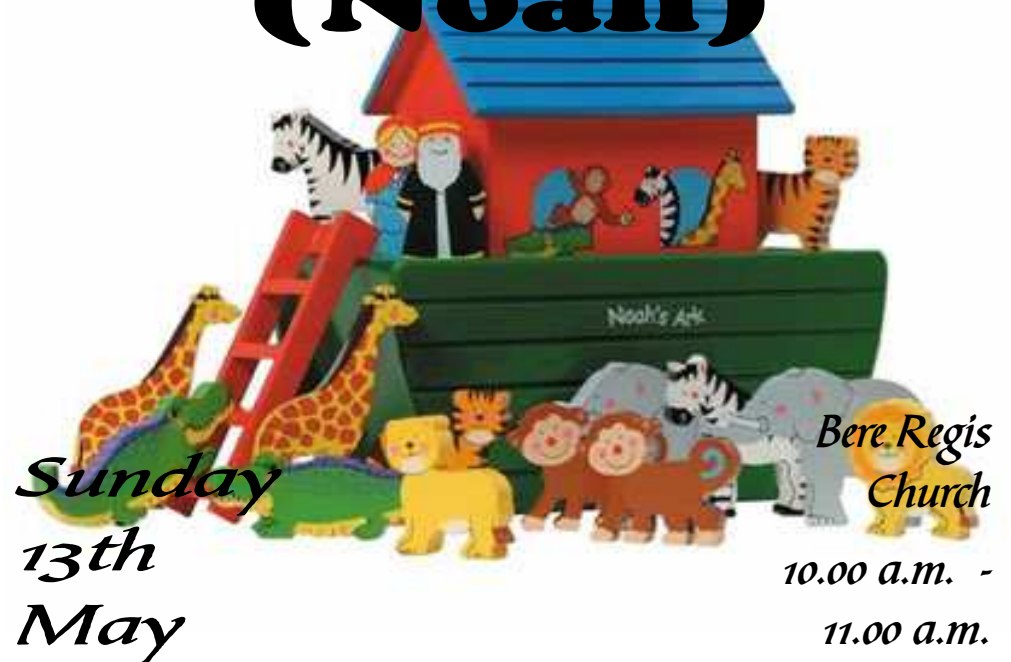
**Bank Holidays**

The surgery will be closed on bank holiday Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.

***Bere Regis Junior Church***

*The next children's activity morning will be about:*

**Pet Sunday  
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The cost of the work will be near to £1,500 and a grant to cover half of this sum has been offered by The War Memorials Trust. The Parish Council has reserves to cover the remainder of the cost but it is hoped that other donors will come forward to help fund the project. The result of the planned repair work should mean that the Parish war memorial will be seen at its best in readiness for the 100 year anniversary marking the beginning of the Great War.

If you would like to make a donation to the project or to suggest additional funding opportunities please contact our Parish Clerk Lindsay Hole. Contact Details - Lindsay Hole, 46 Hercules Road, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, BH15 4JA Tel: 07887 782005 Email: [woodlands20@hotmail.com](mailto:woodlands20@hotmail.com)

### Bus Service 347 & 387

Our County Councillor gave an update as to the current situation at County Hall with regard to the continuation of bus services 347 and 387 that serve the Parish. Dorset County Council has agreed to provide funding to the Damory bus company so that the full service will continue until 8<sup>th</sup> June. In the meantime the County Council will engage in a new procurement process in an attempt to secure a provider who will provide an on-going subsidised service.

A petition supporting the continuation of the bus services was placed in the village shop last month. In total 92 residents offered their support which represents a very significant proportion of Parishioners from our small community. This petition has now been sent to Miles Butler of Dorset County Council accompanied by a covering letter from the Parish Council setting out our concerns and urging the Council to continue the bus routes as the only public transport available to meet the needs of our rural parish. The Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who took part in the petition.

### Councillor Contact Details

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Graham Lightfoot	01929 471498	<a href="mailto:mail@glightfoot.plus.com">mail@glightfoot.plus.com</a>
Stuart Wilson	01929 471925	<a href="mailto:stuart.southmoor@mypostoffice.co.uk">stuart.southmoor@mypostoffice.co.uk</a>
Lindsay Hole (parish clerk)	07887 782005	<a href="mailto:woodlands20@hotmail.com">woodlands20@hotmail.com</a>

## AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

### Management of Tree and Hedgerow Issues

Purbeck District Council have decided to progress with a joint working proposal option with the County Council which should provide a more complete and robust service.

The principal contact point will be Jenny Key who will provide technical administration support and will be based full time at Purbeck District Council offices in Wareham from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 . Professional tree advice will be mainly provided by James Bennett who will be based in Purbeck for two days a week (initially on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and will be able to deal with urgent issues and enquiries at other times. Further support will be available from the Dorset County tree team to cover emergencies and urgent enforcement issues when James is not available. James is already providing interim cover (e mail [JamesBennett@purbeck-dc.gov.uk](mailto:JamesBennett@purbeck-dc.gov.uk)) and can be contacted on 01929 557213 or 01305 228161. Delegated authority for signing off tree work applications and designation of new Tree Preservation orders will remain with the Planning and Community Services Manager and her first line management team.

### War Memorial

As many in the Parish will know the sculptor and artist Eric Gill was commissioned by Ernest Debenham to sculpt the "Madonna and Child" war memorial situated at the end of Bladen Valley. The memorial, made out of Portland stone, was dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on the day after the Armistice was signed in 1918. In recent times the Parish Council



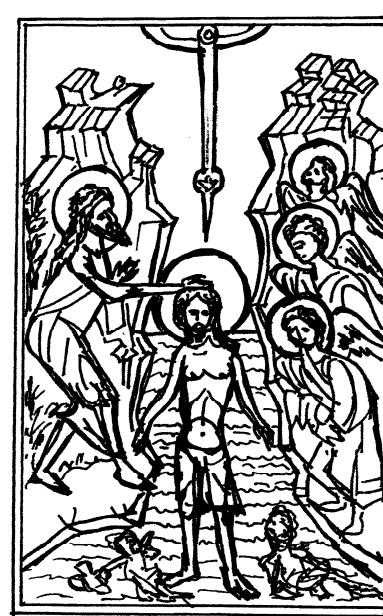
has been the Custodian of the memorial and over the last year it has become increasingly obvious that essential repair work needs to be carried out. The Parish Council has a duty to maintain this listed monument and has worked closely with the Conservation Officer at Purbeck District Council to agree a schedule of works. A contractor has now been chosen following a selection process.

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# BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

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Our meeting held in April was enjoyed by everyone. We had a talk and discussion led by Mrs Iris Parker on Mothers' Union matters.

Our next meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Turberville Court when our talk will be by Mr Richard Parsons on the work of the Trussell Trust.

If you would care to come along to this or any of our meetings please call Nancy Gibson on 01929-472105.

Angela Jones –Secretary

## Date of Next Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> May                      Turberville Court                      Wednesday                      7.30 pm

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

You may have spotted, in previous issues for the Parish Magazine that we are planning a Flower Festival in the church on August Bank Holiday weekend.

We have to raise £sss for repairs to the fabric of the Church and the Roof.

Any and all offers of help, with arranging, refreshments or extra pairs of hand would be gratefully received.

If you know anyone who would like to sponsor the above in any way, we would love to hear from them

Please contact Elaine on 471774 if you can help.

Thank you.

Elaine Standfield



May 2012

in order to cover the cost of the band and the food provided. Please let me know asap in order than sufficient food can be provided. (We are not very good at loaves and fishes miracles). This will be a wonderful chance to enjoy the new facilities in the village hall. Do come along and make this a truly wonderful celebration of H.M.The Queen's Sixty Year reign. It has been agreed in order to keep costs down for families that guests can bring their own beverages, plastic glasses will be provided and I expect it will be possible to obtain some Adam's Ale if all else fails!

## 100 PLUS CLUB

The 100 Plus Club is also part of the 2012 Fund Raising. It was with relief that I finally closed the books at 120 numbers. Thank you so much to everyone who bought numbers.

Thanks to your generosity £840 has been raised for the Hall Repair funds. There is also an increased prize fund (from £300 to £360). The Committee have not yet decided how to allocate the new prizes but it is likely that they could either be drawn at Christmas or an extra prize added three or four times a year. Philippa Thorniley

## THE OPEN GARDENS

### The First Open Gardens Event

This will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June and will be the first major fund raiser for the Village Hall of 2012. It will also be a chance to show off the new Village Hall facilities to our visitors. I am sure those who have visited the hall for a previous Open Gardens will be delighted that the loo queue will not now be quite so long! It will also be a chance to view the delightful gardens of Briantspuddle. Do tell your friends from far and wide that we are open for business again.

We need offers of help with baking, kitchen work and waitressing and also in the car park. Please contact Stephany 01929 472709 or Philippa 01929471497. We appreciate that times are hard and as with the cream teas last year will reimburse the cost of ingredients and make a token cost towards electricity for cooking. The amount of re-imbusement will be based on prices in the Village Shop and a list of prices will be given on request





would like to attend. We try to have a reasonably broad selection with a play, musical events and lectures. We are usually allowed up to three presentations a year. The events form part of the fund raising programme for the hall and apart from making money for the hall they are usually very good value and a pleasant evening out.

### Other Events

Once again the Hall Committee is taking part in the Purbeck Film Festival. A provisional date has been booked for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012. No film as yet has been chosen but it is planned to revert to the practice of previous years and combine the event with a supper.

### Talks

The Committee would like to arrange some talks during the Autumn. After the last disastrous talk in October which attracted 3 people and was in fact incredibly interesting, I am loathe to make any suggestions. Ideas please to Philippa Thorniley 01929 471497.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

These will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Tea and cakes will be served from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m and mugs provided by the Parish Council will be presented to all children resident in the Parish and aged 0 to 16 on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. I have done a head count when selling numbers in the 100 Club and hope that no one has been missed. It was not for the lack of trying!

Philippa Thorniley

## BARN DANCE

There will be a barn dance in the Village Hall on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June with music provided by Rain Barrow and barbecue food provided. Tickets for the event will cost £5 and can be obtained from Philippa Thorniley (02929 471497). This is not planned to be a fund raising event and the entrance is being charged

**Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: [www.briantspuddle.info](http://www.briantspuddle.info)**

## AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

### ROTAS

#### Flowers and Cleaning

Date:	Flowers:	Cleaning:
2 May	Wednesday morning, Special Clean	
6 May	Nicky Killer	
13 May	Shirley Prideaux	Shirley Prideaux
20 May	Wedding	Doreen Sanderson
27 May	Elizabeth Whatley	Elizabeth Whatley
3 June	Sue Taylor	Sue Taylor



### AFFPUDDLE MOWING ROTA

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
30 April-13 May	Henry Hogger	David Payne	Alan Smith	George Sherwood
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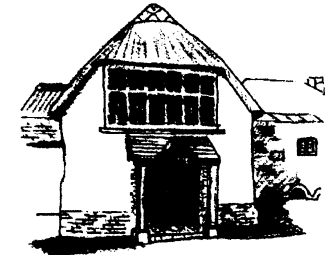
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## **AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS** **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**



Completion of the new extension is expected at the end of April. Once again thanks to all the users for their forbearance during the somewhat tedious period when the building work was in progress.

### **The Annual General Meeting**

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee's Annual General Meeting is to be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 at 7.3.0 p.m. All residents of the Parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle and representatives of the User groups may attend.

### **The Official Opening of the New Extension**

The new meeting room will be called The Diamond Jubilee Room.

The official opening will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.00 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by the High Sheriff of Dorset, Mr. Jeremy Pope OBE DL. Representatives from the funding organisations together with those who have given donations and lent money by becoming Bond Holders will receive an official invitation. As well as the funders, the members of the Parish Council, representatives from the User Groups, the members of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee and other official guests will be invited.

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee is holding an open morning for anyone from the Parish to visit the hall and to view the new facilities on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 from 10.30 to 12 noon. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

### **Artsreach**

On 16<sup>th</sup> May representatives from the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be attending a promoters evening arranged by Artsreach to see what is on offer for the new season starting in the Autumn of 2012. We try to arrange a varied programme with a Christmas event where a supper is served. The Committee would welcome any input from residents as to what sort of performances they

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Charlton  
Down

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – Corfe Mullen

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Puddletown



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This will be held at the club on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 8 p.m.

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## BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

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### OPENING TIMES

The Sports Club regular opening times are as follows:

Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Friday 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon

The club will be open for additional Sky Sports events during each month.

Details of these are displayed on the club notice board

### Sport Relief Report

Just over one-hundred people joined the fun and entered the Sport Relief Mile at Bere Regis Recreation Ground on 25th March, part of the national 'Run a Mile' event. Several people had been inspired by the efforts of John Bishop in his cycle-row-run from Paris to London, televised a few days before the event. Laps of the rec were nowhere near as challenging, although the heat of the day meant that the runners and walkers were glad of the water supplies made available. Several entrants responded to the fancy dress appeal which saw some cats and a lion doing the laps! Just over £300 was collected on the day and hopefully, within the next month, we will get a better idea of how much was raised through individual sponsorship. All in all, it was a great community event, bringing together residents of the village and one or two visitors from further afield. It combined fun, exercise and, most importantly, fund-raising for a good cause. Many thanks to those who helped on the day and hopefully, we will repeat the event in two years time.



### Forthcoming Events

#### Cricket

Home Matches in May are as follows:-

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Martinstowm II



## Patient Participation Group

Would you like to have a say in how we can develop and improve services at the practice? Why not join the Patient Participation Group? We are keen to welcome members of all ages so just give me a call on 01929 471268 or email [bereregis.reception@dorset.nhs.uk](mailto:bereregis.reception@dorset.nhs.uk)

Mrs Karen Rumsey, Practice Manager

## ART CLASSES IN BERE REGIS

The first of a course of Art Classes took place last month at the Scout Hut and over fifteen budding Constables were introduced to the subject by local artist Peter Lightfoot.

Peter started off by explaining some of the theory behind art, in all its forms, and identified the success that can come from the right motivation. He then moved on to an interesting exercise where we were shown pictures on a screen and had



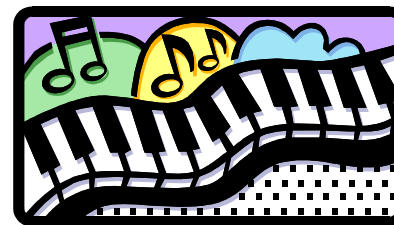
to try to reproduce them as best we could in our sketch books. Some of us, who had previous experience, produced some excellent examples, but others, like me who has not picked up a 6B pencil since school (some 45 years ago) found it quite challenging. In fact, my rendition of Woolsbridge Manor was a far cry from the real thing!

It was agreed that Peter will deliver two sessions a week on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm and on Thursday afternoons from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. He is hoping to attract further interest so that there will be around ten students at each session. The cost is £8.50 a session.

From a learner's perspective, I found Peter's style gentle and encouraging with a considerable amount of personal attention. I'm really looking forward to the next session when we will be considering different media and discovering if our talent is with acrylics, oils, watercolours or gouache – I suspect I may need to stick with simple sketching initially – but if that means I can supply my own images to use in this magazine, rather than downloading from the internet, then that will be quite an achievement.

For more information, e-mail Peter at [peter@peterlightfoot.net](mailto:peter@peterlightfoot.net) or call him on 01305 851920.

Alison Debenham



## A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

or

“Salmagundi musicae”

by a peripatetic organist

### “MAY DAY”

May Day is traditionally the 1<sup>st</sup> May, although for convenience today the celebratory bank holiday is held on the first Monday after that date (this year, 2012, on 7<sup>th</sup> May). It is not a feast officially recognised by the Christian church, its origins being distinctly pagan, but since the Reformation has been recognised as a special day at the beginning of the summer season. In the Church of England, in “quires and places where they sing” the tradition has grown up to greet the dawn with anthems and songs sung from the top of church towers. This is carried on today in a number of places (the last time in Bere Regis was 1989), but perhaps the best known venue is Magdalen College, Oxford (its chapel and choir of course being famous for the Oxford Movement and Catholic Revival of the 19<sup>th</sup> century), where is sung “The May Morning Hymn” by Benjamin Rogers (1614-98). It is sung at the top of the bell tower at 6am, usually attracting a large crowd who then go on to watch Morris dancing and to breakfast on the river; thus encompassing both Christian and pagan aspects!

KEY G MINOR  
Very slowly

Benjamin Rogers, 1614–1698

1  
Te Deum Patrem colimus,  
Te laudibus prosequimur;  
Qui corpus cibo reficis,  
Caelesti mentem gratia.

2  
Te adoramus, O Jesu!  
Te, Fili unigenite,  
Te, qui non dedignatus est,  
Subire claustra Virginis.

3  
Actus in Crucem, factus es  
Irato Deo Victima;  
Per Te, Salvator unice,  
Vitae spes nobis rediit.

4  
Tibi, aeternae Spiritus,  
Cujus afflatu perperit  
Infantem Deum Maria,  
Aeternum benedicimus.

5  
Triune Deus hominum,  
Salutis Auctor optime,  
Immensum hoc mysterium  
Ovante lingua canimus.

The “festival” of May Day in Britain is a combination of ancient Roman and Celtic traditions. May, the fifth month of our modern year, was the third month of the old Roman calendar, and the name is probably derived from the goddess Maia. On May Day itself the ancient Romans used to go in procession to the grotto of Egeria (the “spirit” or “nymph” of a stream just outside the Porta Capena of Rome) in the grove of Camenae. May Day was in the middle of Floralia, the six-day festival of Flora, the goddess of flowers, held from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May (in our modern calendar). The celebrations included theatrical performances, music and dancing, and what we might translate politely from the Latin as a great deal of licentiousness!

However, the month itself was regarded by the ancients as unlucky for marriages, owing to the celebration of the Lemuria, the festival of the unhappy dead! In mediaeval and Tudor England, May Day was a great public holiday. All classes of society were up at dawn and went “a-maying”, not just on the top of church towers but around the countryside. Flowers and branches of trees were borne back in triumph to the towns and villages to decorate the houses, the centre of the procession being occupied by the maypole, decorated with ribbons and wreaths. As the sun rose the May Queen, a local young lady “of unblemished countenance and virtue”, was crowned to joyful music and dancing around the maypole.

The scene is set in the madrigal – described on the title-cover as “*a funn and bawdy musick*” - “Now is the Month of Maying” by Thomas Morley (1557/8 – 1602). He was a respected church musician and composer, but despite his more serious calling was not averse to setting to music Orazio Vecchi’s rather lewd text about what young people get up to in the Spring (the last verse-line particularly referring to outdoor “adult” antics!)

Now is the month of maying,  
When merry lads are playing, fa la,  
Each with his bonny lass  
Upon the greeny grass. Fa la.

The Spring, clad all in gladness,  
Doth laugh at Winter's sadness, fa la,  
And to the bagpipe's sound  
The nymphs tread out their ground. Fa la.

Fie then! why sit we musing,  
Youth's sweet delight refusing? Fa la.  
Say, dainty nymphs, and speak,  
Shall we play at barley-break? Fa la

The maypole was usually of birch, and set up for the day only; but in London and some major towns they were made of more durable wood and were permanent

starting on Friday 4th May. James has kindly written a few lines to introduce himself .....

Hello, my name is James Jackson and I am looking forward to joining the surgery in May. I went to medical school at Guy's and St Thomas' in London and qualified in 2004 and other than a year in New Zealand have worked locally ever since. I have an interest in Paediatrics but enjoy all aspects of General Practice. I have been happily married for 5 years to a dentist and we have a beautiful 1yr old daughter who keeps us on our toes. In my spare time I enjoy photography, competing in triathlons, playing the drums, pub quizzes, reading and trying to grow vegetables!



I know you will join me in welcoming James to the Practice.

### Bank Holiday Closing May/June

Monday 7th May – CLOSED

Monday 4th June – CLOSED

Tuesday 5th June – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – CLOSED

Please make sure you order your repeat prescription in plenty of time. We need 2 working days so the Bank Holiday days do not count. As an example: If you request your medication on Friday 1st June please remember that it will not be ready for collection before Thursday 7th June.

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Please remember that you can also order your medication on the website. The website address is [www.bereregissurgery.co.uk](http://www.bereregissurgery.co.uk)

If you are having trouble getting to the surgery to pick up your medication please let us know, as we may be able to help.

## BERE REGIS W. I.



Our March meeting opened with a presentation in 3D by Mr. Harry Blake. A wide variety of pictures of scenery, flowers, animals were all enhanced by the wearing of the special glasses that he supplied. In particular, a brief tour of Barcelona to illustrate some of the works of the architect – Gaudi – including his unfinished cathedral. A most entertaining and enjoyable display.

A number of ladies attended the W.I. Spring Group meeting at Sturminster Marshall, where they were entertained by Dr. Sally Plowright who, through music and slides presented the life story of Harry Warren. They learned of the many famous names with whom he worked as well as the many songs he wrote for stage and film. His name may be virtually unknown but the songs he wrote were well remembered by the ladies.

At the same event Mrs. Megan Stone won the flower competition – a song in flowers. Megan's entry depicted "The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring ...."

At our next meeting, in May, we are all hoping to become "experts" in making pasta. Guiseppe from the Olive Tree Cookery School will be giving a demonstration as well as judging our own pasta dishes.

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

Sally on 01929 – 471022

## BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

### Changes to GP Appointments

As from 1st May there will be a few changes to the Doctors appointments.

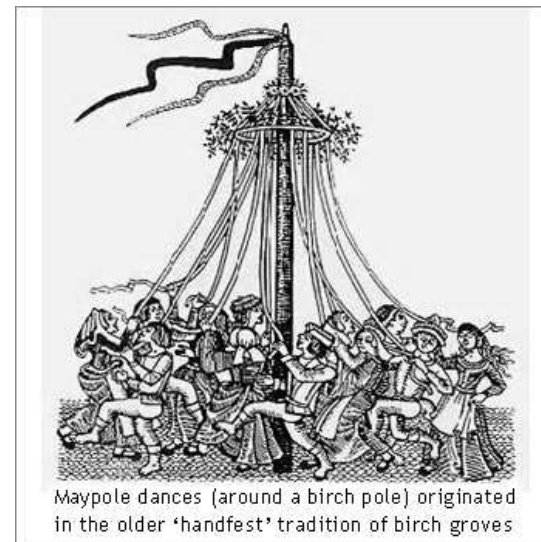
Dr Tim Harley will work morning and afternoon sessions Monday to Wednesday. He will not be available on Thursday or Friday.

Dr Keri Rosenthal will work Monday to Friday morning sessions only.

Dr Angela Salter will work Monday and Friday afternoon sessions and all day on Thursday.

I would also like to introduce Dr James Jackson who will work all day on Fridays

fixtures. Needless to say, they were special eyesores to the Puritans. Maypoles were forbidden by the parliament in 1644, but came once more into favour at the Restoration in 1660. In 1661 a maypole 134ft high was set up in the Strand by 12 sailors under the personal supervision of the Lord High Admiral, the Duke of York (later King James II)



Maypole dances (around a birch pole) originated in the older 'handfest' tradition of birch groves

In 1889, the 1<sup>st</sup> May was adopted by the International Socialist Congress to be observed as a day to promote their cause. Some wags would have us believe that this is the origin of the distress call "mayday, mayday, mayday"! However, in reality this internationally recognised distress signal is derived from the French phrase "venez m'aider" ("come help me").

## BERE REGIS NEWS

### BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman:** Ian Ventham 471480 ianrventham@gmail.com  
**Vice Chairman:** Laurie Fairhurst 471507 lwfairhurst.bereregis@btopenworld.com  
**Parish Clerk:** Amanda Crocker 472327 bereregispc@gmail.com

Your Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

#### Recent incidents of Arson

We welcomed Inspector Tracy Baker to the meeting who had been invited to talk to your Council about the recent spate of arson incidents. She reassured us that the Police are taking this very seriously and a variety of lines of enquiry are being followed which they hope will lead to the individuals responsible being charged and convicted. Two people have been arrested in connection with this and released on Bail and enquiries are continuing.

#### School Crossing Patrol

We congratulate the School on securing the future of our well loved lollipop lady by obtaining funding and sponsorship from local companies now that the County Council will not be paying for this service.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

A group of volunteers under the direction of Councillor Simon Munnings has been set up to develop our neighbourhood plan for the Parish of Bere Regis. A flier will shortly be sent to every household in the Parish describing what is happening and how you might help. The envelope will also contain a Housing needs survey form which we are asking everyone to fill out so that we can better understand what type and amounts of housing we should be aiming for in Bere Regis. The cost of the postage is being met by Purbeck District Council as part of their duty to identify housing needs at regular intervals.

**Bere Regis website: [www.bereregis.org](http://www.bereregis.org)**

## ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM



### The Wurzels Gig 15<sup>th</sup> June - Bere Regis

The Rotary Club of Wareham have organised another Wurzel Gig plus supporting band on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This event has always been a sell out, so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



The event is at Rye Hill Farm (Pampered Pigs), Bere Regis, Wareham BH20 7LP. Gates open 6:30 pm and there is free parking available.

There will be a bar with plenty of beer and cider plus a hog roast. Tickets £15 - children under 14 can go free so long as each child is accompanied by one paying adult. Tickets can be purchased from the Rye Hill Farm shop Bere Regis or

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The Rotary Club of Wareham is part of an International Charity that raises funds for local good causes and national and international charities. The local clubs are made up of local volunteers who give up their time to raise money and help in the local community but have fun doing it.

The Rotary Club of Wareham would welcome new Club Members, Friends of Rotary and Rotary Business Partners.

Club members organise the events while Friends of Rotary help out at events and Business Partners contribute towards to the cost of the events so that more funds go towards the charities and good causes we support.

If you are interested in helping then you could come along to one of our open meetings. We have a talk by Phil Judkin about the impact of Enigma machine during World War 2 at the Purbeck School on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with an opportunity to meet other members.

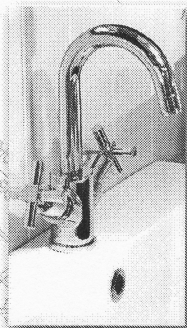
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## Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Apart from appointing our Chair and Vice Chair we will be welcoming individuals and community groups throughout the Parish and where possible asking them to let us know what they have been up to and what they want from their Parish Council. Whoever you are or represent you are most welcome!

## Stone Signs

The Purbeck stone signs will be installed sometime during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May. We have asked the school to fill a time capsule to be buried under one of the stones. The pupils will decide what artefacts would best represent our time and the culture of Bere Regis and we will list what has been put in, in a later article.

## Bere Regis pageant

It is not too late to register for the pageant or a street party, contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Peter Wharf, Parish Councillor

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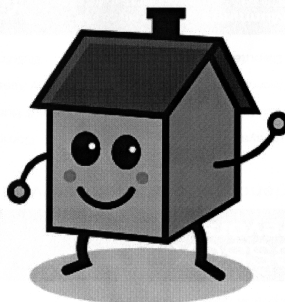
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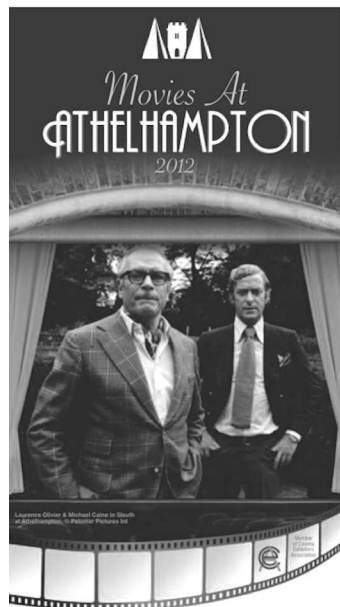
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## March Films

### Tamara Drewe

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Monday 5th 7.30pm

### Sleuth

Sunday 11th 2.30pm  
Monday 12th 7.30pm

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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 2012

Date	Venue	Trophy	Winner
24th February	Rushmore GC	Whitbread Pairs	Charles Way and Julian Flower
30th March	South Winchester GC	GRS Trophy	Jim Corbin
27th April	Knighton Heath GC	Members' Challenge	
25th May	Cams Hall GC	Landlord's Cup	
29th June	Dudsbury GC	Jim Corbin Cup	
27th July	High Post GC	Captain's Cup	
31st August	Yeovil GC	Rob Hall Hacker's Trophy	
28th September	Alresford GC	President's Cup	
26th October	Came Down GC	Zoom Trophy	

### ROGS on Tour

Mini UK Tour - The Vale Golf Resort, 8th to 10th June  
Overseas Tour - Turkey, 20th to 27th September

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Christmas Cup of Good Cheer -

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## GRS ARCHITECTS TROPHY

### Captain 'EAR'

Normal service resumed and an end to the rambunctious behaviour in the absence of yours truly, the less said the better so moving swiftly on: For our second outing of the season, we ventured into Hampshire and travelled to South Winchester, a new venue for the ROGS and one I had eagerly anticipated. Thankfully, the course lived up to expectation.

Many thanks to my playing partners on the day, firstly the days sponsor Mr Guy 'Spy' Storey and secondly Mr Russell 'Bobber' White who both made it a fantastically enjoyable round, even if I did have to listen to the woes of championship football versus a champions league spot.....demise...(I know the season's not finished yet)!

A great turnout of 29 Super ROGS made the trip and unusually propping up the bottom of the leader board were last months Pairs winners of 'Sir' Charles Way and Julian 'Barrow' Flower, oh how he mighty have fallen... To be honest the Captain was a little confused at the prize giving and was having a bout of déjà vu wondering if he needed to bring the wheelbarrow out of retirement having to present Mr. Flower with three prizes. Firstly, two nearest the pins followed by the longest drive, one wonders what happened on the other 15 holes? Fortunately, Mark Teed managed to stop a clean sweep and picked up nearest the pin in two on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole.

There were three two's, and sharing the kitty were Peter 'Pi' Foster, Ian 'tones' Jarred and Mark 'Tweed' Teed.

Although the course played long it was open and as conditions were near perfect for scoring most were expecting some high scores to materialise. However it would appear the ROGS could not take advantage of the 'golfing gods' generosity. It was left to Jim Corbin to tame the course wielding the 'ARM' to great effect returning 36 points to win the GRS trophy and having his handicap slashed by three for his efforts. In second and third place both with 36 points and placed via count back were Simon Scott and Mark Teed respectively. Congratulations and well done to all!

One last thing I feel needs a mention, rumour has it there was a near accident just outside Romsey involving a golf ball. I'm sure it had nothing to do with our sponsor of the day sending his ProV1 hurtling down the A3090 of the 12<sup>th</sup> tee...

I look forward to seeing you all at our next outing on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Knighton Heath for the Members Challenge. First tee is 13.30.

Brett

## PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

### Terry Vine

At a ceremony at Purbeck District Council's Offices in March volunteer of the year awards were awarded to good citizens throughout Purbeck. We took the opportunity to remember the sterling work Terry did throughout his life. Below is the citation that was read out by Ian Ventham the Chair of the Parish Council.



Terry was totally dedicated to helping the needs of children and young people in his community and in wider Dorset. With his wife, Terry ran Bere Regis Youth Club, Lenny's, for many years. He organised several cars to take children and young people from Bere Regis to Blandford to go swimming. He raised money to buy canoes, taking them to local rivers to learn. He worked tirelessly to help others and was proud of the achievements of the young people in his village. Sadly, Terry died whilst on a trip to the Brecon Beacons where he had volunteered to take a group of youths hill-walking.

### The 347/387 Bus

At the April Council meeting I submitted an emergency resolution concerning the potential loss of the 347/387 bus service. The motion was debated and unanimously supported. Following this, representations will be made to Dorset County Council urging them to resolve the situation with the clear backing of Purbeck District Council. The motion is listed below and if it appears slightly daunting that is because I have to submit it in a particular prescribed format!

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor Wharf in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rules 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3:

"Purbeck District Council is aware that

a). There is grave concern among many Purbeck residents at the potential loss of the Damory 347/387 Dorchester to Poole bus services through the villages of Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Morden, Lytchett Matravers and Upton,

b). These services were awarded to Damory Bus Company following an open, competitive tendering process whereby Damory were in a position to determine for themselves the revenue and cost profile of the services,



c). Damory have nevertheless recently decided that the services are unprofitable and have therefore given notice of their termination,

d). Damory originally intended to curtail the services in mid-April 2012, but have since agreed to their continuation until 9th June,

e). The services represent a vital and, for some people, the sole link with work, facilities and amenities, such that their withdrawal would effectively isolate many people from hospitals, clinics, libraries, relatives, etc, and therefore calls upon Dorset County Council, as a matter of urgency, to find suitable alternative arrangements for the people who will be thus affected."

### Elections

There is no election in Bere Regis, Bloxworth or Affpuddle this year (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); there will, however, be elections in the following wards

- ◆ Lytchett Matravers
- ◆ Lytchett Minster and Upton East
- ◆ Lytchett Minster and Upton West
- ◆ St Martin
- ◆ Swanage North
- ◆ Swanage South
- ◆ Wareham
- ◆ Wool

### Surgery

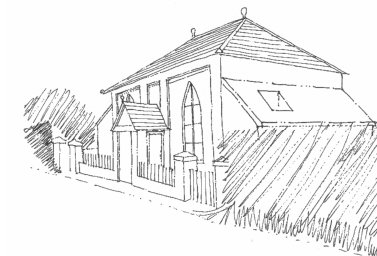
Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District 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

about the Bible and prayer in a friendly atmosphere? Held in the Manse in Butt Lane.

**The Sonseekers Youth Group - Fridays - 6.30pm - 8.00pm** is a Christian based youth Club for youngsters 7-12 years and features a fast-moving mix of games, music, tuck shop and Good News from the Bible. **New youngsters always welcome!**

## BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL



Our next service is on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.

This will be led by one of our local Preachers, Mr Matthew Reed.

All are welcome to join us.

Further details from our stewards

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**News Update:**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Family Service:** Pastor Jim spoke on the subject of “Mum’s under pressure” sharing from 2 Kings 4:1-7 the story of the widow and her two sons and how the Lord is mindful of the stress that mums often find themselves. Thanks for everyone who attended.

**Good Friday & Easter Sunday Services** were both well attended with



some reflections on Jesus as our great High Priest who offered Himself as a `once for all` sacrifice for sin from Pastor Jim on Good Friday morning. Then in a Family Service on Easter Sunday morning the joy and excitement of the resurrection was celebrated with a service shared between Pastors Jim and Jonathan. Again thanks to everyone for a great turn out.

**Weekly Events:**

**Bere Regis Chapel, Butt Lane - WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY at 10.00am & Junior Church for the youngsters**

**The Chapel Toddlers Group - Mondays 1.30pm - 3pm** provides a time for mums & carers to relax and get together as the toddlers interact in two large play areas of the Chapel. If you think this might be for you do come along! You will be most welcome. **New mums and Toddlers always welcome!**

**The STS Youth Group - Mondays 6.30pm – 8.00pm** is for 12-18 year olds who want to know more about the Christian faith. There are currently 20 regular youngsters who attend.

**The Bible Fellowship Group Tuesdays - 7.30pm – 9.15pm**– want to know more

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**BERE REGIS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**



Almost all the elements are in place for Bere Regis to celebrate our Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in style over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Village organisations have been planning and running various activities to help raise money for the main events. We are grateful to the Gardening Club, The Sports Club, the Woodbury Hill Singers, Pop in Place and the WI for their support and involvement in a variety of ways.

The first main event will be the Parish Celebratory Church Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10am. I know the Vicar and the PCC are planning a very special service of thanksgiving to which everyone in the parish will be welcome. We are also hoping to have a display of 1950s and Coronation memorabilia and photos in the church at the same time.

On the Sunday afternoon and evening we hope that many of you will want to organise your own Street Parties. We know of 4 or 5 that are being planned, but do let Amanda Crocker, the Parish Clerk, know as soon as possible about these both for insurance purposes and so we can apply to close roads if necessary.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June should see our Parish Pageant (the Carnival as was), starting from Shitterton, and ending at the Sports Field. However, we only have a couple of entries so far, and, if we don’t get a few more, we may have to cancel. Entries, please, both for floats and for walking groups either to Amanda Crocker on 472327 or to Sarah Brady on 471466.

In the afternoon we have the Parish Party at the Sports Field. Bring a family picnic and join in the fun. There will be Silly Sports, Teas, Live Music, a Hog Roast and BBQ, and the Sports Club Bar. All the children in the village will be presented with a

commemorative gift. The day will end with the lighting of our beacon, as part of the national chain of beacons.

Also to commemorate the Jubilee, we will be installing our new "Bere Regis" village signs, but the date for this is not yet fixed.

Our celebrations will end with a wonderful concert being put on by Kath Jeeves and the Woodbury Hill Singers at the Drax Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.

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ships should proceed with caution. The Titanic, however, thought to be unsinkable, ploughed full speed ahead. This proved to be a fatal mistake and is certainly one of the factors that led to the disaster.

The story leading up to this tragedy points to a familiar trait in our human nature. In the early 1900s there was fierce competition between the shipping company Cunard and the White Star Lines to produce the ultimate in luxury liners, especially to woo the rich and the famous, who would spend lots of cash! There is always that desire to build something bigger and better! We have to be careful that we don't adopt a similar attitude today.

Jesus touched on this human weakness when he told the parable of the foolish man who built bigger and bigger barns! (Luke 12:13-21). He makes a telling point when He says, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions". There is nothing wrong with trying to improve or better something. There is nothing wrong with the right kind of ambitious attitude. And Jesus was not having a go at this man because he was successful and industrious. The point Our Lord was making here looks deeper into this man's motives. Having been blessed with an abundance of crops, he looks around for ways to store it up for himself. No acknowledgement to His Creator God who caused the crops to grow; no desire to share the fruit of his labours with his fellow man. Just a selfish desire to build bigger barns so that he could take things easy - 'eat, drink and be merry' (v19). His life revolved around himself; he believed he could determine his life and his philosophy was to please self. No doubt if he were around today his favourite song would be Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way!"

But Jesus produces a godly punch line to the story! The man didn't have many years! His barns, his crops, even his soul did not belong to him - it belonged to God. "But God said to him, "You fool! This night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" The old saying is true - "you can't take it with you when you go. Naked we come into the world and naked we leave the world." Forget Ryan Air and FlyBe - there is no baggage allowance in heaven!

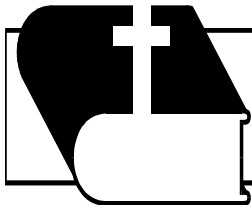
Increasingly, in this materialistic consumerism age we live in, there is a constant danger of being distracted by offers of instant wealth, 'life-changing amounts' of cash and generally acquiring an inordinate amount of possessions and 'things'. In that same chapter of Luke Jesus goes on to say - "put God first - seek to please Him - learn to live for Him". God's love and a living relationship with Him is much more valuable than anything this world can offer!

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**Parents & Kids - please put these dates in your diary! Holiday Club at the Chapel: 14-16 August (Tuesday through to Thursday) and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August Family Service & Prize Giving. All meetings commence at 10.00am. This year - Olympic**



## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

### From opulence to arrogance

I am writing this page on the exact day (15<sup>th</sup> April) that one hundred years ago the RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York. In a matter of a few hours nearly fifteen hundred souls perished. The ship had been declared 'practically' unsinkable by its designers and builders as the White Star Line launched its latest ship, declaring it to be 'the world's largest and finest liner' on posters and billboards. As it sailed out into the Atlantic some 2,228 people were on board.



For four days the ship's elite passengers revelled in the brand new amenities of the *Titanic ship*, replete with every modern luxury known at the time. Nothing had been spared to insure the comfort of the first class guests. But the ship was only equipped with 20 lifeboats, so that precious deck space for the first class passengers would not be taken up by bulky lifeboats. This was only enough to carry barely half the people on board

Down below, however, it was a different story. While the luxury liner teemed with a significant number of first class passengers, hundreds of second class and third class passengers survived the first few days of the voyage in cramped compartments. Most of these individuals were immigrant families who had scraped together every bit of money they had to travel to America aboard the grandest, and supposedly, safest ship ever built.

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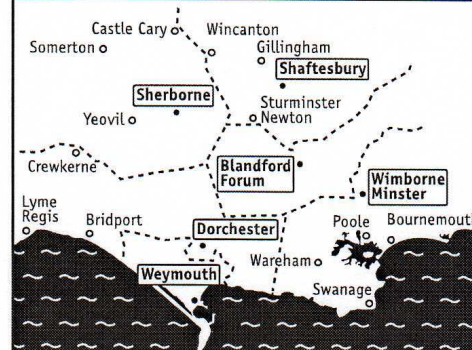
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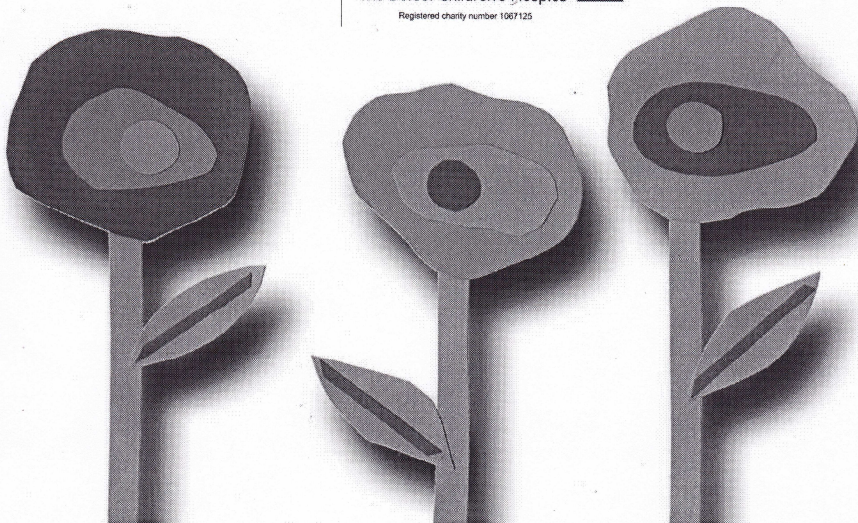
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## *RECIPE OF THE MONTH*

*Thanks to Pat House*

This recipe was given to me by Sybil Frampton, it is one from the Christian aid book,

### *Fruit Loaf*

- ♦ 3oz prunes
- ♦ 3oz dates
- ♦ 4oz walnuts
- ♦ 2eggs
- ♦ 1 tsp. baking powder
- ♦ pinch salt
- ♦ 4oz margarine
- ♦ 6oz soft brown sugar
- ♦ 4oz plain flour
- ♦ 4oz wholewheat flour
- ♦ a little milk



Cream fat and sugar add eggs, fold in flours and salt. Add prunes dates and nuts and a little milk to make a soft mix. Cook in a moderate oven for about 1¼ hours.



## BERE REGIS WILDLIFE GROUP

As I write this we have just had an interesting week on the wildlife front. We had a fascinating walk led by

Jon Cleave  
t h r o u g h  
S p e a r s



Coppice kindly arranged by Kevin and Amanda Crocker. Jon was able to show us not only the impressive hedge laying work that he has done along the ancient trackway which runs along the edge of the wood but also some most interesting wildlife. Jon explained how important these small coppices were to Bere Regis in former times. They really are part of our heritage. The bluebells were just coming up to their best and as

well as the ancient trees there were some interesting plants including Twayblade and Monkshood. Down by the Bere Stream we heard the Sedge Warbler. One insect we discussed was the Bee Fly (not Flybe!). This one shown I photographed in my garden on return from the walk – it is a fly that mimicks a bee and has a fearsome looking spike reaching ahead of its body. However it does not sting.



Our last talk for the season was by Adrian Bicker who explained how we can help monitor the wildlife around us by making 'Living Records' of what we see around us. This is becomingly increasing important as there is still so much loss of wildlife due to development pressures all around us. He has now set up a Bere Regis Wildlife Group Living Record team. It is very easy for anyone who is interested to join in and set their own recording system up by logging in. Anyone who is interested please contact me – Tony Bates on 471563. It is surprising how much one does see – clearly there will be some problems with knowing what you see. There will be an opportunity to learn more from experts when we hold our second 'Bioblitz' on Souls Moor on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. More about this in the June Parish Magazine.

Tony Bates

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The month of March was the RBL Women's Section 85th Birthday in Bere Regis. We all met at the Royal Oak as usual and the Secretary met and welcomed the County Chairman - Mrs Wendy Bartlett. We all wrapped a gift for our raffle. Programmes for the year were handed out.

We started our celebrations with games and a quiz. The final game was dressing each other up on black bin liners. Mary Quant had nothing on some of the members. The County Chairman and the Landlady judged the fashions. We then enjoyed a tasty buffet which the Landlady laid on for us. Instead of a birthday cake we had beautifully decorated cup cakes, and everyone was able to take one home. We then had our raffle with everyone winning a prize.



Simon then took a photo of our County Chairman presenting our 85th Certificate to our Vice President - Mrs Vera House.

Wendy then presented a basket of fruit to the Landlady for all the help and kindness to us. We then sat down for a short chit chat and then home. I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

### Flowers for the Cenotaph

May - Mrs Spcier and Mrs Barnes

June - Mrs Maidment

July - Mrs G Curtis

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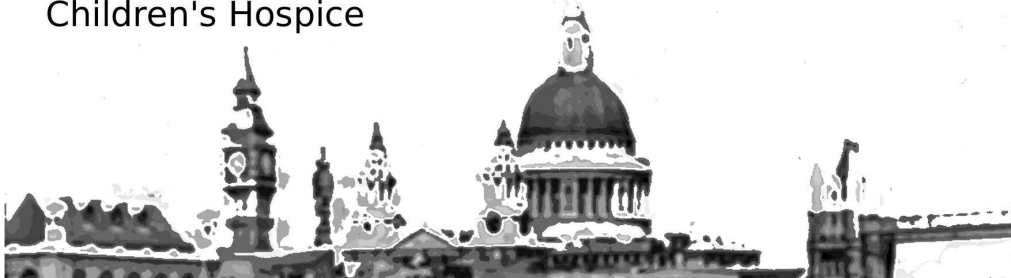


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## **AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB**

A change of speaker was necessary with John Burrige managing to give his very interesting talk on 'Dorset Bridges' postponed from April.

He showed a wide selection of bridges built over a span of about 800 years on his colour slides and also the necessary repairs being done to them - a big job with nearly a 1000 in the Dorset County Council area.

The talk at the May meeting at the Drax Hall at 2.30 on Wednesday 9th May is 'Cycling in America' by John Risley.

The competition is for a 'T Shirt'.



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## GARDENING CLUB

We learnt all about plants with scent or herbal properties - or even both - at the last meeting from Becky Groves.

The next event is the outing on Tuesday 1st May to the Dorset Traditional Poultry farm near Charminster. Meet at the central Car Park at 6.30pm. Names to Sue Stone please.

A Plant Sale is at Megan Stone's house on Saturday 13th at 10am.



### Spring show April meeting

The talk was by Becky Groves from the Groves Family Nurseries in Bridport and Beaminster in West Dorset, on Aromatic Herbs. Slides and ideas as to how to grow herbs, different varieties and uses for them. Look out for the Groves Stall at the Food Festivals this summer

We had the best Spring show entries for some years. We had nine sets of 6 chitted potatoes with John House Winning this well supported Class. Megan Stone won the overall prize for most points in the show winning the best miniature Daffodil best multi headed Daffodil and winning the competition for her Elizabeth Sponge. A Bere Regis version on the Old Victorian Classic. The cake was consumed at the meeting and very much enjoyed. Enid Leigh won the Jubilee cup cakes and the Jubilee flower arrangement and was runner up.

### So for a New original Bere Regis Recipe BY Megan Stone

#### ELIZABETH SPONGE

##### Sponge

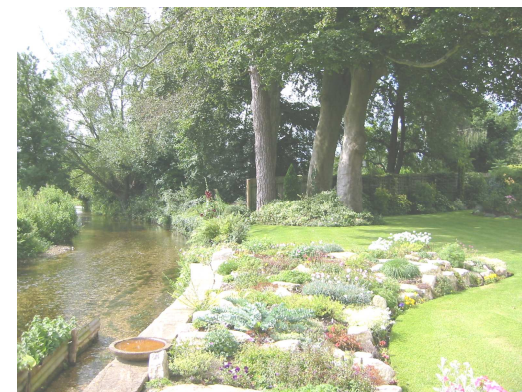
- ◆ 125g 4.5 oz butter plus extra for greasing
- ◆ 225g golden caster sugar
- ◆ 2 eggs lightly beaten
- ◆ finely grated rind of 1 orange
- ◆ 3 tbsp of orange juice



## BERE REGIS OPEN GARDENS Sunday 15th July 2012

This event is definitely going ahead in aid of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance very many thanks to the people who have offered their gardens; we have three new gardens to the event.

Donations to the raffle on a garden theme may be handed into the Pop in Place nearer the event.




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# The Pop In Place Bere Regis Happy Memories Café



**Monday 30th April,**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 3rd September**

**At Lower Drax Hall 10am 12noon**

**Join us for fun mornings reminiscing; each morning will  
have a theme and entertainment.**

**Bring a favourite photo**

**There will be tea, coffee, homemade cakes, and a  
warm welcome to you all.**

- ◆ 150 ml/5 fl. oz soured cream
- ◆ 140g 5 oz self raising flour
- ◆ 85g/3oz desiccated coconut

## **Butter icing Filling**

- ◆ Butter
- ◆ Icing sugar
- ◆ Optional extra Half teaspoon orange rind and Tablespoon orange juice
- ◆ Sweet finely shredded Marmalade

## **Topping**

- ◆ Dusting of icing sugar or for a really rich cake
- ◆ 1 egg white
- ◆ 200 gram icing sugar
- ◆ 3 oz desiccated coconut
- ◆ 1 tsp orange juice

Preheat oven to 180C or 350 F Gas mark 4. Grease two 8" sandwich tins and line base with baking paper.

Place butter and sugar in a large bowl and beat together until light and Fluffy, gradually beat in the eggs. Stir in orange rind orange juice and soured cream. Fold in the flour and desiccated coconut evenly

Divide mixture between the two cake tins and bake in preheated oven for 35 – 40 minutes or until risen and firm to touch, Leave to cool in tin for 10 minutes then turn out and finish cooling on a wire rack.

Mix up Butter icing in the normal way for additional orange flavour add juice and rind. Put butter icing on one half of the cake and marmalade on the other and sandwich together

Either dust with icing sugar or for a really rich finish make frosting. Place egg white in bowl and beat lightly enough to break it up. Stir in icing sugar and desiccated coconut and enough orange juice to make a thick paste. Spread over the tope of the cake and sprinkle with toasted Shredded coconut and a few shreds of orange peel



**1st May, Next months meeting is an outing to Dorset Traditional Poultry**

We will have a short talk on keeping Poultry in your garden. We will be able to see many different types of

Hens, Chicks and everything one will need for Poultry keeping. In addition we will see the Growing of a Christmas Tree project also on the farm.

Meeting in the Car Par 6.30 p.m. Maps on how to get there will be distributed

**Don't forget our plant sale!**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at No 2 the Manor House. Bargain Plants, Seedlings Garden Bric a Brac, Produce, as well as Tea Coffee and a Natter .



**WOODBURY HILL SINGERS**

The Singers have entertained The Sunshine Club, Wareham and Young at Heart, Upton.

The Singers invite you to a Jubilee Celebration, singing songs of the past 60 years. Tickets are £5 (£4 for Autumn Leaves members) from Sally - 471022 or Kath - 471175. Tea will be provided.

Also, the Community Choir will be performing on Saturday 0<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Please wear something red, white or blue. All proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

**Forthcoming Events....**

**Happy Memories Café's**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

When we will be looking at memory boxes supplied by the Dorset Library we are sure that these will generate a lot of discussion and story telling, it is great fun for people of all ages to explore the content and learn about the interesting memorabilia.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

We have Paul Bennett attending with some of his old Bere Regis postcards and photographs there will be a rolling slide show and a visit from Terry Bryant who will entertain you and bring along Izzy his PAT dog.



These mornings promise to be great lighthearted fun and we look forward to them

There will be tea coffee and homemade cakes and a warm welcome to everyone regardless of your age.

**Pop In Place and HM the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

In addition to all the events planned by the Jubilee Committee the Pop In Place have arranged a Jubilee Village Quiz with Sue Stones on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 at The Drax Hall see Ruth to enter a team.

**Lets Celebrate... an evening with Rapport on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 entry by ticket only.**

Tickets will be £5 each and available from Alison Bennett 01929 472023 or the Pop In Place and any profits after the band have been paid will be given to the Village Jubilee Fund. This promises to be a great night dancing to local band Rapport who play a wide range of music. Bring along your own drinks and come and let your hair down everyone welcome book your tickets now.





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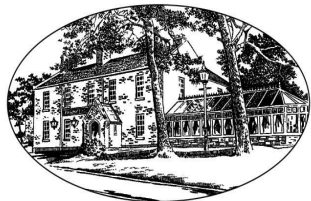


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### Poppets Baby and Toddler Group meets Thursday's in term time 1.30 until 3pm at lower Drax Hall

New people always welcome. This group meets at the Lower Drax Hall in North Street, phone Trish White 01929 472418 for details, all most welcome.

### Pop In Performers Group

Our Summer Show " Consider Yourself One of Us" Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2pm and again at 7pm tickets at £5 each no concessions will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> May from the Pop In



Place Monday or Friday morning or from Ruth Hughes. As the title suggest the production is based on " Oliver " and has all the well-known and greatly loved songs from the musical. The money raised will be donated to Julia's House Children's Hospice, this it a wonderful example of how our children and young people are working together to raise funds for other children and young people that need the help of a wider community to fund much needed hospice provision.

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

Everyone is welcome at the Pop In Place regardless of age or gender, and new comers are especially welcome, pop In for a coffee or tea and a chat. We also take donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac and books. These are sold during the mornings to help fund our rental costs. Donations would be most welcome and a great help to our running costs.

On Friday morning Tony Shave is there with his Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Stall, buy your fruit and vegetables and eggs then come in for a coffee too.

If you have never popped in why not give it a try, there is a warm welcome to you all.

(Remember transport is now available)

## POP IN PLACE NEWS

popinplace.net 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 Easter Morning on Good Friday

This was a wonderful occasion with the JC theatre performing, the Hall was packed out people eating hot cross buns and catching up with friends. The Easter Bonnet parade was again a delight the winner of the children's section was Bethany Leigh and the adult winner was Sarah Lye, well done to everyone who took part and to our Judges Gaye and Judi. Many thanks to all who donated Easter Eggs and supported this and to the team of helpers than ran the event under the supervision of Joanna.

**The Pop In place has just elected the new Team for 2012 13 many thanks to everyone for your support over the last year and for all you continue to do.**

### Could you be a Volunteer in 2012? 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. There are many charity events that happen during the year, when we need extra volunteers. Please call me on the number below to talk through how you can help within your own community.

### Transport is now available to our sessions at no cost to you.

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# BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

We are very pleased to be able to announce that our Lollipop Lady has been saved!

As you may know, due to funding cuts, Dorset County Council had said that we would no longer be able to keep a School Crossing Patrol. Liz Gale who stands at the crossing on Rye Hill before and after school would have been made redundant, and a very valuable member of the school team would have been lost.

Despite the crossing being part of the 'Safer Routes To School' initiative, and despite the fact that Liz wears a fluorescent green coat, and carries a 5ft Lollipop, there have still been several 'near misses' where drivers have refused to stop, even speeding up as they approached the crossing where children were waiting to cross. Unfortunately, the crossing still seems to be invisible to some drivers and the school community was extremely concerned that without our Lollipop Lady the way to school would be dangerous.



When we were informed that the funding would be cut, parents mobilized and began to write letters logging near misses and incidents regarding the crossing. The collection of letters was passed on to the County Council and the local Police were asked to monitor speeds on Rye Hill (which has a speed limit of 30mph up to just below 'Pampered Pigs'.)

In the absence of local authority funding, it became clear that sponsorship would be the only viable way to keep the crossing patrol – enter Mr Peter Mole, Quarry Manager of Aggregate Industries at the Warmwell Quarries who agreed to gather support from other quarries in the area to share sponsorship of the patrol. As the quarries are major users of the road, it seemed fitting that they would support the crossing patrol, and five local businesses (who have so far remained anonymous!) led by Aggregate Industries have joined together in an



arrangement with Dorset County Council's Road Safety Team and we are now able to maintain Liz's contract.

I feel I should mention that though the quarry lorries are frequent users of the road past school, their drivers are most considerate, slowing down and stopping in very good time when there are people about to cross. Sadly it tends to be a minority of car drivers who press on regardless, and it is down to Liz and the parents to ensure that the children are safe.

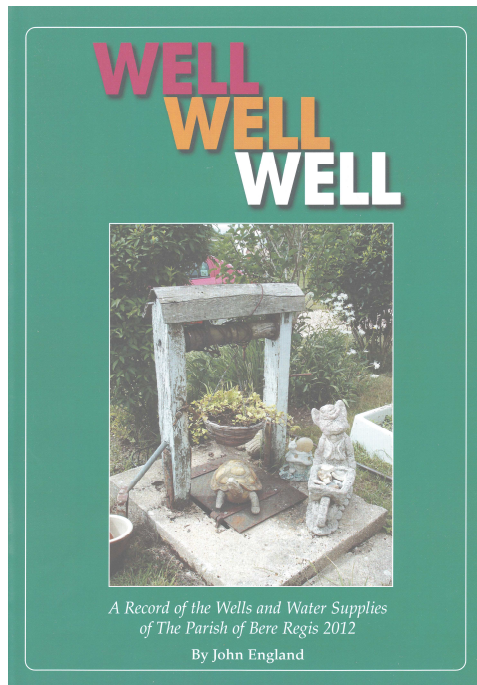
We would like to pass on our grateful thanks to all five businesses for coming to the rescue – and we would be more than happy to give the others a name check, if they let us know who they are!

## WELL, WELL, WELL

You still have the chance of an autographed copy of John's book by calling in to the Post Office on a Thursday morning.

I have had quite a few interesting observations about the wells and water supply of the parish and will always be pleased to receive more.

£10 a copy with any proceeds for the total sales going to a charity helping with water supplies to third world countries.



## Pilates Wednesday evening 6pm until 7pm

We also have a new Pilates class starting on Wednesday nights phone Sally Cheeseman and ask for Liz's contact details 01929 471022

## The Woodbury Hill Singers Jubilee Celebration Concert Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2.30

The Hall Committee is very grateful to the Woodbury Hill Singers who are staging a concert on 9<sup>th</sup> of June to raise funds for the Village Hall, more details of this event will appear elsewhere in the magazine.

## In October the Hall will stage a film as part of The Purbeck Film Festival

More details to be confirmed, it is also hoped that The Village Hall will have it's own Film Club this is currently being researched by Philip Boreham and Tim Maunder and more detail on this exciting new venture will follow.

## For your Diaries Village Hall Christmas Prize Bingo Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Alison Bennett Chairperson Bere Regis Village Hall 01929 472023

## BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP



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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

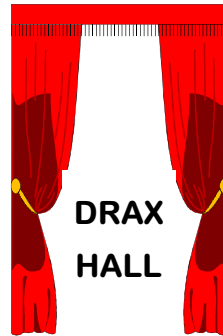


The May meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday, 8th May at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall. This will be a workshop with tutor Christine Stevens from Godshill. For all information about the floral group, contact secretary Diane Edmunds on 01929 472331.

## DRAX HALL

Thank you to all the Village Hall Committee for all your hard work over the last year and we wish

The 2012 –13 committee all the best for this coming year.



### Hall Hiring in 2012

The Village Hall is available for hire, we have two different size Halls to offer at very reasonable hire charges. The hall is clean and warm with the new heating system and also offers air con on hot days, the toilets have been recently refurbished and there is a chair lift to assist people who require it to the upper hall. If you are looking for a venue for a regular meeting or a one off event or party, please come along and view our facilities, contact Sally Cheseman our Bookings Secretary on 01929 471022 to discuss your requirements.

### The Village Hall is the venue for the Pop In Place Jubilee Event .... ‘ Lets Celebrate’ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.30pm

This promises to be a great evening dancing to local band Rapport, bring along your own drinks and let your hair down. Entry by ticket only available from Alison Bennett 01929 472023 and the Pop In Place on Monday and Friday mornings they are on sale at £5 each, profits after expenses will go to the Village Jubilee Fund to help with costs of the Village celebrations. Please come along and support this event, music will appeal to all the different ages and everyone is most welcome.

### Tai Chi Thursday afternoons 4pm –5pm

Tai Chi classes at the village Hall £5 per session open to all ages, helps to reduce stress, improve flexibility, joint strength, general health and self-confidence. Any level of fitness telephone Patrick Harries 07971 884071

### “ Dorset Scribblers.” Tuesday Evening 7pm until 9pm

This Group is informal and fun while exploring the many aspects of writing. The group meets Tuesdays generally once a fortnight in the Lower Hall at 7.00 pm until 9.00pm. The group is currently well attended so please phone Group Leader Nick Allen for more details and info on availability of places on 01258 880348

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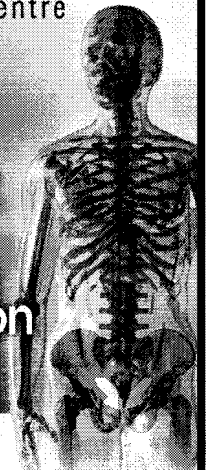
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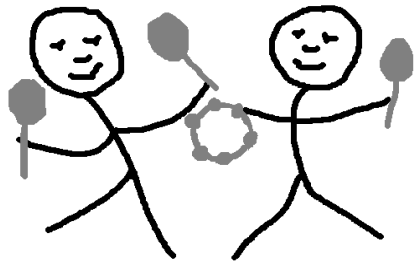
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## BERE REGIS TODDLER MUSIC GROUP

**Good morning Lords and Ladies, it is the first of May!**

Time to get out and spruce up our cardboard maypole and dance around it!

We sing lots of traditional songs about May

and springtime, and flowers and growing during May. Years ago I made some felt flowers with squeak or bells inside, which we still use for singing these songs. We also have at least one session about Wool, when I bring in my spinning wheel and we sing the whole wool cycle from shearing to wearing clothes!

Looking forward, BRTMG is planning to take part in the Village Parade for the Jubilee celebrations, and we will be practising over the coming weeks, and deciding how we will dress up the pushchairs and tricycles so that the children will process through the village in style with their lollipop drums to play.

Unfortunately we won't be able to meet on 18<sup>th</sup> May because I am away, and this time there is no one able to cover, but please come along to the other Maypole sessions.

We are a voluntary group offering fun music sessions for children under school age with their parents and carers. We meet during most school holidays. You are always welcome to come and join in for a session to see what we do. After the music we have drinks and fruit and let the children have some free play with the instruments while the adults chat. There is no obligation to come each week, and you don't have to book or pay in advance!

### THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – sorry!

Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

(Except Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April)

Bere Regis Scout Hut, Elder Rd.

£2.50 per family (however many children) per session

Liz Teather: 01929 471216

Congratulations to all the lucky winners who have won one of the four monthly cash prizes from our 200 Club over the past 12 months. Tickets are now on sale for the next 12 months at £10 per ticket, that's less than 85p per month. First draw for the 2012-2013 club will take place in April 2012.

### Pre-School Admissions

Please do get in contact to obtain our brochure or to arrange a visit. Places are filling very quickly, so prompt registration is advised to avoid disappointment. Even if your child is not yet 2 years old their name can be placed on the waiting list. Please contact Debbie on 01929 472125 or email at [ragamuffinspreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:ragamuffinspreschool@btinternet.com) Open 8 am - 5 pm during term-time.

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## The child is made of one hundred

This poem by the founder of the Reggio-Emilia approach to early education conveys the important roles imagination and discovery play in early childhood learning.

The child has a hundred languages, a hundred hands, a hundred thoughts, a hundred ways of thinking, of playing, of speaking.

A hundred.

Always a hundred ways of listening, of marvelling, of loving, a hundred joys, for singing and understanding a hundred worlds to discover, a hundred worlds to invent, a hundred worldso dream.

The child has a hundred languages (and a hundred hundred hundred more) but they steal ninety-nine. The school and the culture separate the head from the body. They tell the child: to think without hands, to do without head, to listen and not to speak, to understand without joy to love and to marvel only at Easter and at Christmas.

They tell the child: to discover the world already there and of the hundred they steal ninety-nine.

They tell the child: that work and play, reality and fantasy, science and imagination, sky and earth, reason and dream are things that do not belong together.

And thus they tell the child that the hundred is not there. The child says: No way. The hundred is there.


-Loris Malaguzzi, Founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach

## 200 Club Winners

Mar 2012

- 1     £25 – (19) – L Teather
- 2     £15 - (170) – unsold ticket
- 3     £10 - (102) – M Parsons
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## BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP NEWS



### Bere Regis Scout Group News

The current round of refurbishment work is all but finished in our Scout Hut and we now have so much more space, it's also warmer due to the increased insulation and our new kitchen is fantastic.

Of course our Scout Sections are not the only ones to benefit from these improvements; we have the Flower Arrangers, Rainbows, Toddler Music Group and Bingo who regularly use the hut too.

If any other Groups or Individuals would like to hire the Hut, particularly during the daytime, please contact Tony King on 01929 472054.

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

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.

### Sections News

#### Cubs

You will have seen from the previous magazine that the Cubs had a fantastic Spring term which included cooking, PGL and winning the District football competition. We are now gearing up for the Summer term with lots of great outdoor activities planned.

### Group Activities & Fund Raising Events

Just a reminder that we are collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's and Tesco's again this year. Sainsbury's vouchers are no longer being issued but if you have any tucked away and your purse/wallet/bag, please do dig them out and pass them on to us. Tesco's vouchers are available from 12th March to 20th May.

### Saucy Bingo

Thank you to everybody who came to our annual Saucy Bingo on the last evening of the Spring term - another full house! What can I say - what fun!

Thank you to Mel for co-ordinating the event and being 'caller' for the night, nobody else could have filled her shoes, and we are all so grateful she was able to take her rightful place. She did a fantastic job as always. Mel was ably assisted by Vikki who we also want to thank for working so hard to raise funds for Ragamuffins. Thank you also to Karen, Helen, Sarah, Mandy, Cindy and Debbie for helping throughout the evening. Thank you also to Karen, Cathryne, Louise, Louise and Kerry and all the other parents who helped to organize the event and for helping during the event. Thank you also to the Drax Arms for the Meal for 2, and the Royal Oak for the loan of the glasses, and to the Scouts for the hire of the Scout Hut. THANK YOU ALL!



### CBeebies TV series for children called Tree Fu Tom

Here is some information about a TV series that Dr Lynda Foulmer-Hughes has been a consultant on. She has been involved in making it for the last 5 years and now it's finally ready.

It's called Tree Fu Tom and it has been launched on the BBC's children's channel CBeebies. It will be shown each day.

It is designed to help children between the ages of 4-6 years to develop foundation movements (the building blocks of movement) The target group are children with dyspraxia /developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD). It is hoped that by improving co-ordination and motor skills that children will be better prepared for school based higher level skills such as handwriting and PE.

It is an animated series using "big screen" animation for the first time on TV. The hero is a little boy called TOM who acts as a positive male role model on whom children can base their play. He enters a kingdom in a tree at the bottom of his garden where movement performs magic. Whenever there's a dilemma Tom is the hero who performs a series of "spell movements" which are repeated twice. Tom encourages the children at home to copy the movement spells at the same time in order to make the magic work on screen, and to "save the day". It stars David Tennant and Sophie Aldred (who played Dr Who's assistant when it was Silvester McCoy).

## RAGAMUFFINS PRE-SCHOOL AT BERE REGIS FIRST

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### Qualifications

Congratulations to Mel on achieving the Children and Young People's Workforce Level 3 Diploma. Mel achieved this through sheer hard work and determination when others would have given up. Very well deserved and well done Mel! This means that Tracy, Cindy, Mel and Mandy are all now Level 3 qualified.

Dame Clare Tickell's review of the EYFS recommended that Level 3 should be the minimum qualification standard for the whole early years workforce and Professor Cathy Nutbrown's current review of Early Education and Childcare qualifications is currently considering this point (full report due this summer). The benefits of a better qualified workforce with higher levels of qualifications are improvements in practice and better experiences and outcomes for young children, more children are getting a better start in life.

With Debbie at level 5 and currently studying the BA in Early Years, Ragamuffins is also on target to have a graduate led workforce by 2015.

Quality Improvement Audit 2010/12 visit by Dorset Early Years Team - February 2012

Every setting in Dorset receives a bi-annual Quality Improvement Audit visit to establish the level of support needed to ensure the setting offers high quality Early Learning and Childcare for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

At our recent visit by two members of the Dorset Early Years Team we were inspected on the quality of our early learning and our ability to meet the legal requirements and statutory guidance of the EYFS. As in our previous inspection, we have been rated at Level 1 which means that the Early Years Team consider our setting to be 'highly effective' and able to 'self-initiate appropriate support' as required.

Well done and thank you to all the staff for their commitment to their roles and to parents and trustees for working in partnership with the setting to maintain our high quality provision for the benefit of all the children.

Please collect these for us when you do your shopping or buy petrol. They can be given to any Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer or Leader or you can drop them into the Scout Hut during our Monthly Coffee Mornings.

Our Easter Family Bingo and Sausage & Mash Supper was a great success and raised just shy of £400 for our Group Funds; BIG THANKS to all who came along and supported the event and all the Family Camp & Fund Raising Committee for organising it.

Barn Dance with Black Sheep at Pampered Pigs Barn, Bere Regis **Saturday, 15th September –7–11 pm.**

Curry & Horse Racing Night at Bere Regis Scout Hut **Saturday, 13th October – 7:00 for 7:30pm 'til late.**

### Nepal Expedition News

**Have you got your tickets yet for the MIDSUMMER DANCE, Hog Roast and Barbecue on SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE at Shitterton Farmhouse in Shitterton, Bere Regis from 7.30pm?????**



Tickets are just £15 each and includes food and music by 'Where's Clive'. This event is one of several planned by the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit over the next 18 months. The aim is to raise money for a group of eighteen 14-18 year olds to travel to Nepal in 2013 where they will be assisting in the completion of a community hospital building project. The Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit has members living in Bere Regis, Winterborne Kingston and the surrounding villages. Please come and support this worthy cause and have a great night out!

For details on tickets for the Midsummer Dance please contact Helen Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273

For further information on the project and the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit please contact John Atkinson on 07917 620247.

### Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market

The Coffee Morning/Cake Bakes & Mini Markets are a great opportunity to gather together for a chat with Tea/Coffee and a piece of homemade cake and we are

really pleased with the support we receive. They will continue on the second Saturday of the month with the next three events being held on **Saturday, 12th May, 9th June and 14th July**, 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.

## Bingo

Bingo will be on the 4th & 18th May, 2012. 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:-

Kingsbere Explorer Unit: John Atkinson on 07917 620247

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

## What's On Guide - Scout Group Events for 2012

### May

Saturday, 12th May – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

## June

Saturday, 9th June – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 7.30pm - A MIDSUMMER DANCE, Hog Roast and Barbecue will be held on at Shitterton Farmhouse in Shitterton, Bere Regis. Tickets are £15 including food and music by 'Where's Clive'

## July

Saturday, 14th July – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

## August

Saturday, 11th August – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

## September

Saturday, 8th September – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

Saturday, 15th – 7:00 – 11:00 pm – Barn Dance at Pampered Pigs Barn, Bere Regis

## October

Saturday, 13th October – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

Saturday, 13th – 7:00 for 7:30pm 'til late - Curry & Horse Racing Night at Bere Regis Scout Hut

## November

Saturday, 10th November – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

## December

Saturday, 8th December – 10 'til Noon - Monthly Coffee Morning/Cake Bake & Mini Market.

