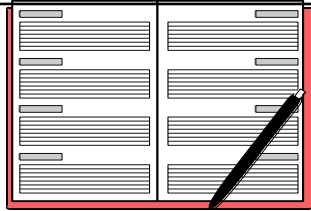


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019



15th	PIP: Children in Need, Lower Hall	10.00-12.00
20th	WI: Christmas Craft	
December		
3rd	GC: Charles Darwin and his famous plants, Caradoc Doy FG: Christmas Lunch	7.30pm
11th	AL: Christmas Afternoon Entertainment and Singing	
12th	Pop in Performers Christmas Show	
13th	Pop in Performers Christmas Show	
14th	Pop in Performers Christmas Show	
16th	Pop in Place Community Christmas Party	12.00 -4.00
19th	WI: Christmas Festivities	

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A LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR

Moving Forward

In previous articles for the parish magazine I was privileged to be able to introduce myself, to explain the process of the joining together of the three parishes as we were waiting for Bishop Karen to inaugurate the Benefice of West Purbeck and I also looked at some of the teething problems that a new benefice can encounter when it initially gets going. This month, as things are progressing and questions naturally arise, I'd like to take the opportunity to keep you up to date with where we are at and to clarify some of the things that pertain to the structures of our benefice; a sub-title for this article would be 'B is for Benefice'

It has been a very busy few months in church life with significant changes having taken place; namely the Benefice of West Purbeck has come into being and, as you know, I am the first incumbent of the benefice. So, the first thing to say about this is that because I am licensed as the incumbent we are not in vacancy, even though the plan is (see below) to appoint a new, additional, priest colleague later in the year. You may be familiar perhaps with the term 'interregnum' but this isn't used any longer. The correct term now, if it applies, and in our case it doesn't, is

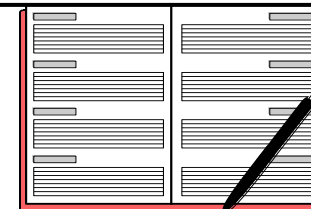
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'vacancy.' In simple terms what this means is that I, with the Church Wardens, have responsibility to ensure that things are in place for the orderly management of the parishes and church life therein across the whole benefice. My clergy colleagues in our team are all Associate Priests, in one case with P + O (Permission to Officiate) and we are also blessed to have four LLMs in the team to minister across the benefice with us. When the new priest is appointed he or she will also be an Associate Priest in the Benefice of West Purbeck and will minister across the benefice with the rest of the team. As it stands at the moment, the plan is to advertise for the post of Associate Priest in May and, God willing, to appoint for September. The Associate Priest will have pastoral responsibility for Bere Regis and Affpuddle but will also be a team player, working with colleagues cross benefice. The patterns of things, including mission and worship, will be planned cross benefice. In this way, although we will each have areas of responsibility and because of geography and location of housing some of us will be looked to more locally than others, no parish will really have their own 'vicar' (in fact there aren't any vicars amongst us, simply a rector and associate priests) but rather a whole Ministry Team.

Because we are not in vacancy we have to cover everything ourselves. Whereas in a vacancy the fees for retaining the services of visiting clergy may be reclaimed from the diocese, we cannot do so. As we know, thankfully and joyfully, Rev. Jenny Alidina became a member of the team when the benefice was inaugurated which means that we can cover more Services ourselves. However, as our Associate Priest Rev. Jenny is with us in the benefice for 2 Sundays each month this means that there may be some gaps for Services to fill until our new colleague is appointed. With this in mind the Ministry Team have drawn up a pattern of Services across the benefice that we deem to be manageable in the interim period. In recognition of the fact that we are a member of clergy 'short,' we have managed to negotiate with the diocesan authorities to pay for cover for 2 Services per month across the benefice, to be deployed as determined by me, until our new colleague is with us. In the meantime, if there are any other Services that we cannot cover, for example if two of us are on leave at the same time, which may happen this year as most leave was booked before the benefice was established, we have to find people to cover and we pay any fees that may be incurred. The aim is, of course, to keep this to an absolute minimum but it will be necessary sometimes before our new colleague is in post.

In considering the Services pattern of the benefice and what is practically manageable for the Ministry Team, even with some cover, we have noted the legal requirement that there should be at least one Eucharistic service in a benefice on any Sunday and we have endeavoured to treat each parish fairly. On a very positive note, all of our parishes will have at least one Service each Sunday, although there may be an amendment to Service times, and there is a Eucharist in at least one of the churches each Sunday. All three parishes will have three Sundays per month with 10am Services, one Sunday each month with an 8am service and each church will have one non-eucharistic Service per month. On fifth Sundays, as they occur, we will hold one joint Benefice Family

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019



- 11th AL: Rob Curtis, Dorset Curiosities
- 18th WI: Local Artist
- 14th PiP: Bere Regis Alzheimer's Memory Walk 10.00
- 27th PiP: MacMillan Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00

October

- 1st GC: Harvest Supper
- 8th FG: R Thompson, Up the Garden Path
- 9th AL: Tony Bates, Stunning Wildlife Photography
- 12th PiP: Presentation Evening with Shaun Marx 7.30
- 13th Havest Lunch - Briantspuddle Village Hall 12.30
- 16th WI: The Watercress Company
- 25th Purbeck Film Festival at Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.00-7.30

November

- 2nd Affpuddle Church - Gift Day
- 5th GC: Roaming Free - New Forest Ponies, Suzanne Kemp 7.30
- 12th FG: Mr Nicky Heal, Christmas at Home
- 13th AL: Glo Curtis, Advice for All Citizens

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019



June

20th	Pop in Performers Summer Show	6.00
21st	Pop in Performers Summer Show	7.00
22nd	Pop in Performers Summer Show	2.00
30th	Midsummer Bere Fest, Recreation Ground	2.00-8.00

July

2nd	GC: Pimms night and talk –Keeping Hens in the Garden	7.30
9th	FG: Julie Jeans, Inspired by Artists	
10th	AL: Burlesque in Bere Regis by Lou-Lou-La-Belle	
17th	Wl:Dorset Wildlife	

August

10th	Affpuddle Church Fete, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle	2.00-4.00
14th	AL: Home Grown Entertainment	

September

3rd	GC: Food for Free, Foraging for Wild Food, James Feaver	7.30
10th	FG: Willow Workshop, Puddletown	

Communion Service in the different parishes on a rota basis. On the down side, we have had to reduce the total number of Services on Sundays each month as follows: Bere Regis x1 Service and Wool x2 Services. This isn't necessarily permanent but the following will be the pattern of Services across the benefice from May through to at least September.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Affpuddle	10am HC	10am Mattins	8am HC	10am HC	
Bere Regis	8am HC 6pm ES	10am Junior Church followed by 11am FS	10am HC 6pm ES	10am HC	10am FC
Wool	10am HC	8am HC 10am HC	10am FS	8am HC 6pm HS	

HC Holy Communion ES Evensong FS Family Service HS Healing Service

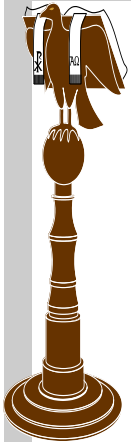
In going forward we need careful planning if we are to flourish and grow. The very good news is that as a benefice we have become part of a 'Thrive Learning Community.' A group of 8 of us from across the three churches, together with teams from two other benefices in this part of the diocese, have committed to a two year course that includes 4 x 2 day sessions of intensive training in Blandford to help us to begin to work collaboratively on things that we identify as needs within our churches and communities. We met for the first 2 day session in March and have identified our 'burning issue' as the need for us to intentionally work at growing together and working together as partners in the Benefice. We're very excited at this work and I look forward to sharing more of it with you in due course. A prayer group has already been established as everything must be undergirded with prayer. The dates for this will be published and you are warmly invited to come along. In June we'll be sending out a questionnaire asking about people's hopes and dreams for the benefice, please look out for this and let us have your thoughts as this will shape the work of the church going forward. Later in the year we hope to feed the results of this back at a benefice away day; look out for the details and do sign up to come.

God has many adventures planned for us, some of which we've dreamed about but much of which is as yet unrevealed. Please pray for the Ministry Team, for the Thrive Team and for the appointment of a new colleague to join us in the coming months.

With every blessing

Rev Carol

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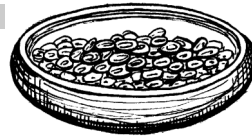


Readers

19th
 Gospel: Mr Smith
 Epistle: Mrs Gibson

26th
 Gospel: Mrs Welton
 Epistle: Mr Croom

Sidesmen



5th 6.00pm Mr Gibbs
 12th 11.00am Junior Church
 19th 10.00am Mr Smith/Mr Croom
 Chalice Mr Croom/Mrs Cox
 Intercessions Mr Wharf
 6.00pm Mr Gibbs
 26th 10.00am Mr House/Mr Bates
 Chalice Mr Smith/Mr Ward
 Intercessions Miss Chesney

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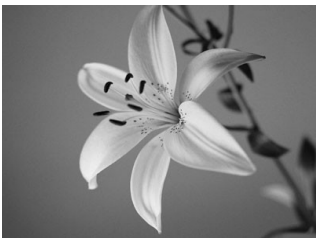
6th and 13th Jenny Clifford and Lesley Clarke
 20th and 27th Annie Nicholson and Diana Fairhurst

Dusting

Margaret Miller and Hazel Green
 Jean Gibbs and Cythia Burden



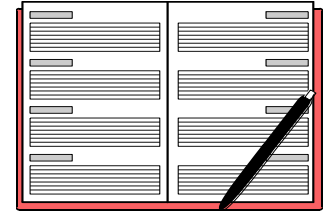
Sanctuary Flower Guild



5th/12th Mrs Pitts and Mrs Standfield
 19th/26th Mothers' Union

May 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019



Key: FG-Floral Group, AL-Autumn Leaves, TA- Twinning, WI-Women's Institute, PiP-Pop in Place, GC-Gardening Club

May

3rd PiP: AGM, Lower Hall 10.30
 7th GC: Ultimate Garden Plants, Andrew Humphries 7.30
 8th AL: Howard Nichols, A Life on Rails
 14th FG: Julia Harrison, Melange
 15th WI: Burlesque
 21st PiP: Village Quiz, Upper Hall 7.30
 31st and 1st/2nd June Flower Festival at Affpuddle Church

June

2nd Briantspuddle Open Gardens
 11th FG: Amy Shakeshaft, TBA
 12th AL: Mary Graham, Dorset Villages
 19th WI: Members' Evening

CHURCH AND VILLAGE
ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

Sunday 5th May – Easter 3

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

Sunday 12th May- Easter 4

10 am Mattins Affpuddle
11am Family Service following Bere Regis
Junior Church at 10am

Sunday 19th May- Easter 5

8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
10am Parish Communion Bere Regis
2pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 26th May- Easter 6

10am Parish Communion Affpuddle
10am Parish Communion Bere Regis

Sunday June 2nd- Easter 7

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

Ascension Day, Thursday 30th May

7pm Benefice Eucharist Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES

WOOL CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

Saturday 4th May

3pm Messy Church

Sunday 5th May

10am Parish Communion

2pm Holy Baptism

Sunday 12th May

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 19th May

10am Family Service

Sunday 26th May

8am Holy Communion

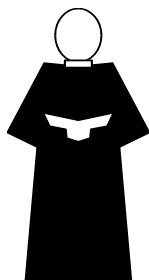
6pm Healing Eucharist

Sunday 2nd June

10am Parish Communion

CHURCH SERVICES

FROM THE REGISTERS



Funerals

At Bere Regis Church

Raymond Seymour

Douglas Keogan on 25th March

Rosina Joyce Johns on 4th April

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Bere Regis Scout Group (Scouts)	Neal Unitt-Jones	01929 472273			Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm 10½ or 11 to 14 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
General or group enquiries	Chris Gall	01305 772634			
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Kate Willis	01929 472787			Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit	Helen Unitt-Jones	01929 472273			Tuesdays 7.30 pm-9.30 pm. 14-18 years, male and female. Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scouts Scout Hut Hire	Andrea Marshall	472588 or 07884 226445	2 Old Barn Cottages West Street	andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com	Hire rates from £7.00 per hour
Briantspuddle Book Swap Club	Jenny Beedle Angie Talbot	471002 472483	6 Bladen Valley, 19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	2nd Saturday 10 - 11 am Briantspuddle Village Hall
Chapel Toddlers Group	Suzie Gee	472484	Rose Cottage, Butt Land	suziegitus3v4@talktalk.net	Tuesdays - 9.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane
Cyril Wood Court Monthly Coffee Stop					1st Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00
Drax Hall (hire)	Lyn Simmonds	471528			
Dorset County Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	
Kingsbere Quilters	Mrs Diane Edmonds	472331	10 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Scout Hut 1st Wednesday 9.30 am - 12.30p.m.
Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society	Secretary: Sue Gould (28 Stileham Bank, MSA DT11 0LE)	01258 837575	Lane End, Milborne St Andrew.	msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk	A new allotment site adjacent to the Sports Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year.

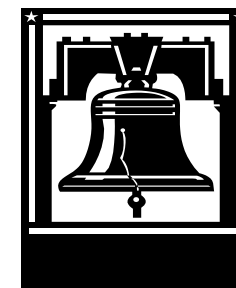
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Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@joneser.freemasonry.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Sylvia Bayliss	472697		sbayliss194@outlook.com	Monthly - Scout Hut 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	Adrian Standfield Jenny Clifford	471774			Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Book Group	Janet Gilpin	01929 471829			First Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.. Various locations
Bere Regis Primary School and Pre-School	Wayne Roberts - Headteacher	471334	Southbrook Bere Regis BH20 7DB	office@berereg.is.dorset.sch.uk	Pre-school and Primary School for pupils aged 2+ to 11 years
Bere Regis Floral Group	Sue Stone	472083	97 North Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD	susan97stone@gmail.com	2nd Tuesday at Winterborne Kingston village hall
Bere Regis Gardening Club	Sue Stone	472083	97 North Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7LD	susan97stone@gmail.com	Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Tuesday. 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis Strollers	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.crisford@btinternet.com	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Junior Church	Pat Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage, West Street	peterwharf@btinternet.com	Second Sunday of every month in Church 10.00-11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Parish Council	Ian Venham Chairman	471480	Wateredge, 5A Shitterton, BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Andy Kent Herbie Swann	471079 472812	94 North Street	andy@contact.go-plus.net	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bobdholman@btinternet.com	5.15 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Wildlife Group	Tony Bates Mike Gee	471563 07759 884942	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates19@gmail.com mike.n.g@outlook.com	Meetings arranged as and when
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Liz Teather	01929 471216		lizteather@hotmail.com	Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5½ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS



Like bell-ringers all over the country, we have been busy ringing on many occasions over the Easter period. It is good to be able to carry on the service that generations before us have done for over 400 years! At times though, we have struggled to have 6 ringers available, as Easter is a time when our ringers are often away with their own families.

This has once again brought home how vital it is to keep recruiting new members to the band and to train them up to be fully competent ringers. Please, if you have even the slightest idea that you might join in, give Adrian a call on 471 774. We can give you a 1 to 1 taster session to see if you might enjoy it and to get over any fears you may have about whether you will be able.



The dreadful fire in Notre-Dame Cathedral raised everyone's awareness of the part their great cathedral bells have played for hundreds of years, both in real life and in the imagination of the novelist Victor Hugo. The French nation held its breath as the fire rushed closer to those two bell towers that meant so much to the secular state as well as to the religious community. It brought home to us the importance in our own community of our own bells.

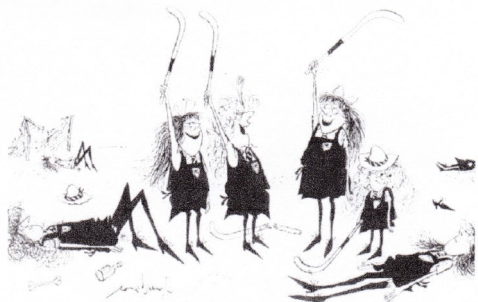
And it made us think once again of our need to find successors to keep them ringing in the future.

Our regular practice night is on Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.30. There is no better time to come along and see what is involved. You will be made very welcome.

Please note that there will be visiting ringers on Saturday 4th May from 9.45 am for about an hour.

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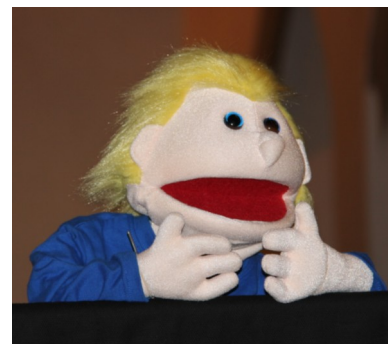
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POP IN PLACE NEWS



Thank you to everyone who supported our Good Friday Pop In Place Easter Event

We would like to thank everyone who donated Easter Eggs



Thank you to the Junior Church Puppets and the Pop In Performers Group..

To all the people who took the time to make bonnets and to everyone who helped in anyway with this special morning.

Your Village Needs you !!

Could you become a volunteer and help to serve the teas at our Monday or Friday morning cafes or maybe you could become a driver or talk to the clients ? These tasks are

all done on a rota basis so you don't have to do it every week .

A big thank you to all who already volunteer with us we appreciate that you are giving your time to enhance the life of others and it is greatly appreciated.

Pop In Place Community Shed

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

There are "Men's sheds popping up all over the UK, it is a place to get people together to help to combat isolation encourage wellbeing and to share skills working on a variety of woodwork projects.

We are currently working with Vitacress to open a shed in Bere Regis it will be open for both men and woman and have special workshop Saturday mornings for youngsters with an appropriate adult. We will be at the Bere Festival on Sunday 30th June at the Rec to update on progress and to answer your questions.

Movement to Music at the Pop In Place on Monday Mornings (Upper Hall)

We are a friendly group meeting Mondays 9.30am for 40 minutes; it is for anyone

Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children's activity morning will be about

The Pet Service

Sunday
12th May

Bere Regis
Church
10.00 a.m. -
11.00 a.m.



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

And why not join us for the Family Service with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Quite a short piece this month to let readers of this magazine know of forthcoming events to which everyone is welcome.

Saturday 25th May - A Curry Night will take place in the clubhouse, probably with some entertainment.

Saturday 8th June - The Big Screen Quiz in the Village Hall. This event has taken

place for the last two years and now has quite a following, being so different to a regular pub quiz, so be sure to book a table.

Tickets for these events are available from the Social Club and for the Curry Night also from Stuart on 07818 078191.

On the 25th May between 10am and midday there will also be a Coffee Morning to raise funds towards the cost of running the Annual Bladen Social Club Horticultural Show which takes place on Saturday the 3rd August

Details of future events will be found in this magazine and on Parish notice boards as soon as details are finalised.

Peter Talbot , Secretary



BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL - EVENING LECTURE SERIES

The Anglo-German Naval Race 1897-1914

An illustrated Talk by John Tozer (of the Western Front Association)

The talk examines why the Kaiser developed an obsession with building an overseas empire with a navy to match. John expands on the British response to what it sees as a direct challenge to its naval supremacy. The chain of events will see old foes become allies, the ramifications of which are still evident today.

John lives in the Briantspuddle and has given many previous talks, including, 'Bere Regis and the War at Sea 1914-1918' which examined the part played by the men of the parish who served in the Royal Navy.

Wednesday 15th May 2019

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Lesson Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesmen	Lesson Readers	Readings
5th May	10am	A Grindrod	R Gainsford	Acts 9: 1-6
3rd Sunday of Easter		S Wood	S Wood	John 21: 1-19
12th May	10am	D Coates	P Haigh	Acts 9: 36-end
4th Sunday of Easter		Allan Smith	Andrea Smith	John 10: 22-30
19th May	8am	R Killer	R Killer	Acts 11: 1-18
5th Sunday of Easter		Celebrant	Celebrant	John 13: 31-35
26th May	10am	D Buck	D Buck	Acts 16: 9-15
6th Sunday of Easter			M Cropper	John 5:1-9
2nd June	10am	A Armitage	A Armitage	Acts 16: 16-34
7th Sunday of Easter		A Grindrod	E Moriarty	John 17: 20-end

Intercessions

Chalice

5th May	Celebrant	E Moriarty
12th May	A Smith	
19th May	Celebrant	R Killer
26th May	A Grindrod	E Whatley
2nd June	Celebrant	P Haigh

PLEASE SEE ARTICLE OVERLEAF REGARDING FUTURE SERVICES AT AFFPUDDLE.

SERVICES IN ST LAURENCE'S FROM MAY 2019

Since the retirement of Rev. Canon Charles Masheder, Rev. Carol Langford, Rector of our new West Purbeck Benefice has done an amazing job, with the help of many other clergy and lay people, in retaining the timing and format of our services. However, it is understandably not possible to continue this level of cover into the summer. The timing and format of some of our services at St Laurence's will therefore be changing as from the beginning of May.

The services will be as follows:

1st Sunday – 10am Parish Communion

2nd Sunday – 10am Mattins (no Communion)

3rd Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

4th Sunday – 10am Parish Communion

This order of services will remain in place until a new Associate Priest is appointed to Bere Regis and Affpuddle with Tunerspuddle.

We realise this is going to be difficult for some of you but please bear with us. If the service you want is not at St Laurence's it may well be available at St John's, Bere Regis or Holy Rood, Wool.

Elizabeth Whatley and Stephen Sanderson, Churchwardens.

IVOR MULLINS

As many of you know, Ivor took a heavy fall last November and this coupled with other ailments makes it difficult for him to generally get around.

So, after sixty five years of playing the organ at Affpuddle Church, he feels that now is the time to hand over the baton. He does so, with great reluctance and sadness as it has been such an important part of his life, but reality has to come to the forefront in making this decision.

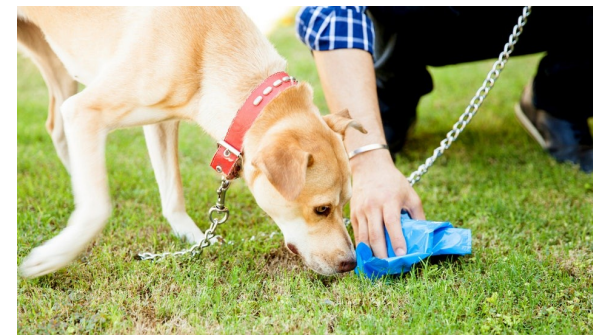
Ivor has now moved to Mile Oak Rest Home, Wimborne where he has recently celebrated his 89th birthday. He thanks you all for your words of encouragement and cards.

Affpuddle Church is such a very important part of his life; a church in which he was married, and his wife Sylvia is laid to rest. It evokes memories that can never be taken away from him.

Thank you

DOGGY DOOS!!

We love our dogs in Briantspuddle — yes we do! But recently their deposits have been left by the side of the road --- many by large dogs! Their owners walk on as though nothing has happened ---can you believe it? The village has many visitors who obviously do not think the village is a 'pretty village' at all when they see dog mess everywhere.



Remember Open Gardens day is coming soon and we want the village to be beautiful! Right now the careful dog owners are left to pick up the mess of others which is not fair — is it?

So PLEASE pick up what your dog does.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL - EVENING LECTURE SERIES

Ceremony, Community and the Constitution

Upholding the dignity of the Monarchy

An illustrated talk delivered by Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE
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invite them, together with the Parish Council, to set up a working group to discuss how the new Agreement fits with the 1986 Agreement to which all are party. This invitation to form a working group to report to all three organisations is in line with the Parish Councils recognition things change over time and the fact that the 1986 Agreement provides for change by mutual agreement.

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Flowers and Cleaning Rota

Date:	Flowers:	Cleaning:
4 May	Trish Killbank	Shirley Prideaux
11 May	Doreen Sanderson	Doreen Sanderson
18 May	Amanda Parker	Amanda Parker
25 May	Sue Taylor	Sue Taylor
31 May, 1/2 June	Flower Festival	



Mowing Rota

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
29 Apr – 12 May	Steve Wootton	Ian Kaye	Graham Nobbs	Ivor Bryant
13 – 26 May	Roger Smith	David Payne	Henry Hogger	David Hallatt
27 May – 9 June	Andy Smith	Ben Bunnell	William Smith	Roger Prideaux

substantial amount of rubbish was collected, an entire trailer load.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved who have each made a significant difference to our enjoyment of a litter free Parish, for a short while at least!



Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application

By now the Parish Council had expected this application to be determined. Councillors will continue to press for an update and for the establishment of the Liaison Committee, which is to be a Condition of any Grant of the Application.

Annual Parish Meeting of Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle 8th May 7pm

A Parish Meeting is a meeting of the people of the parish, it is not a Parish Council Meeting, although it is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Traditionally this meeting has seen organisations who contribute to the life of our community to offer a review of the past year as well as looking forward to the future. It is also an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and to ask questions.

All are welcome, please just come along at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall.

Parish Council AGM

The Parish Council AGM will follow the Parish Meeting. As with all Parish Council Meetings this is a public meeting.

Memorandum of Agreement Feb 2019 – Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee and Bladen Social Club

Following receipt of this Agreement and its review by Councillors it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will write to both organisations to

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fancy wearing a high viz vest can take a turn as a car park attendant please get in touch with me Jenny Lightfoot 01929 471498 if you have any skills to offer on the day, if you can put a poster in your car window or indeed anywhere else. Thanks.

Finally

Newcomers to this community are often surprised at how much happens here, obviously there are events, classes etc at the Village Hall, but we have a great little Shop and Post Office, a beautiful Church and even somewhere to meet and have a drink, the Social Club. We are so lucky to have so much in such a small place.

AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillor Elections

The Parish Clerk has received a Notice of Uncontested Elections for the Parish. This means that fewer nominations were received than the number of vacancies to be filled. As such the Election of Parish Councillors was confirmed from 2nd May for the coming term as follows;

- ◆ Charles Barter
- ◆ Sue Jones
- ◆ Graham Lightfoot
- ◆ Sarah Lowman
- ◆ Trevor Poole

This means that the Parish Council has 4 vacancies and these can be filled by the process of Co-option. If anyone would like to put themselves forward, please contact the Acting Clerk by email to express an interest in the role and for a summary of how the process of Co-option works. clerk@briantspuddle.info

Being a Parish Councillor offers an opportunity to make a difference to our community and as such the role is both interesting and rewarding. To discuss more about the role or to pose any questions please contact Sue Jones sue.jones@silversands.co.uk or call on 01929 471375.

Litter Pick

Over the weekend of 6th & 7th April 19 Parishioners volunteered to help with the annual Litter Pick across the Parish. This is a very big effort and as usual a

OTHER CHURCHES NEWS

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sundays 10.30am Morning Service taken each week by **visiting preachers.**

Mondays at 7pm STS (Search the Scriptures) Youth meeting

Tuesdays at 9.15am (during term time) Chapel Toddlers Group

Tuesdays at 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Nigel Cutland is a professor of mathematics. He became a Christian when he was a student at university.

"I always had some vague sense that there was 'something' there, but I didn't know who or what God was. At university I took up the offer from a fellow student to explore what Christianity was about, through discussions over coffee, listening to CDs and reading books. One which stood out to me was 'Mere Christianity' by C.S. Lewis, whose arguments made such perfect sense to me as a mathematician.

"I realised that the Christian faith was not about doing your best and hoping God would give you a pass mark if you had done well enough. I also understood for the first time that it was about getting right with God, not because of what I could do, but because of what He has done through Jesus' death on the cross. I was amazed to discover that God was offering me a new kind of life, like a heart transplant, so that I would begin to live life His way.

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"My questioning took place over a period of about eighteen months. Although I was convinced intellectually, I was still reluctant to make a personal commitment to God, which I knew was at the heart of the Christian faith. Then God brought me to a point when I knew I had to take a step of faith, and I became a Christian.

"To have a relationship with the God of the universe has given me a real sense of purpose and security about knowing who I am and where I am going. That sense of purpose pervades the whole of my life. As a mathematician, knowing that what I am doing is within the framework and design of the Creator makes it very

worthwhile. It's also a big help to me to know that it is God who has given us minds and has made a world which is to be investigated and discovered. Another great joy for me is the sense of belonging to a family, people who accept me and love me. It shows me that God's love is real."

Here are two quotes from C.S.Lewis, the author whose books were influential in leading Nigel to God. "Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance: and if true, is of infinite importance.

The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. "

"Now is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It won't last forever. We must take it or leave it."

Just a smile

My grandson recently joined the Boys Brigade. After the first meeting he said to his Mum, "They take their hats off when they pray." His mum asked, "Did you pray?" "I hadn't got a hat", was his reply.

Who says chivalry is dead? I asked a nice young man if he could see me across the road, and he said, "I don't know. You go across and I'll tell you."

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL



Our next Service at the Chapel is on May 5th and will be led by Mr Peter Jenner.

Our annual coffee morning is on Saturday 18th May 10.00 -12.00. There will be the usual stalls and there will be lots of activities for children

Please come and support our Chapel.

Everyone is welcome.

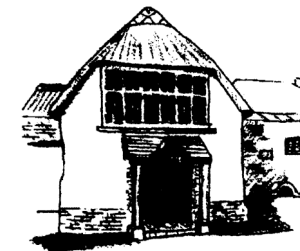
For more information contact the stewards: Karen Smith (01929 471339), Caroline Harrison (01929 471378).

BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Artsreach

There is still one place left for us to fill on the 8th may promoters event, please phone Jenny Beedle on 01929 471002 if you are interested in going along.



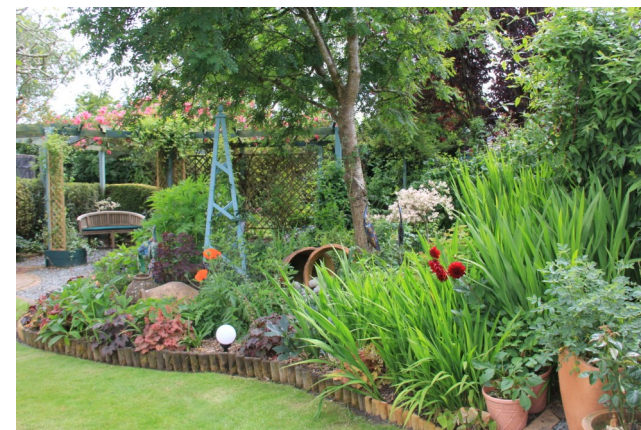
AGM

The AGM will be held at the beginning of June this year as the trustees will be fully stretched during May with preparations for the Open Gardens. The date for your diary is June 5th 2019. All members of the Parish (the area of benefit) are welcome at 7.00 pm and if you would like to join the committee please let Allan Smith know by telephoning 01929 471412.

Working for the Hall can be very rewarding (yes it involves plenty of work) as you are 'giving something back'. This is quite an old fashioned concept in times when many people look out for 'what's in it for me'. A bit of time and effort intended to improve and enhance the lives of others can actually make you feel good too, and helping to build a caring and vibrant community is a worthwhile use of time.

Open Gardens

If you hadn't already heard we are having an **Open Gardens Day on June 2nd**. We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help on the day. Cindy is already out on the trail of cake makers, but we need people to help in the kitchen on the day, waitresses, washer uppers, servers, and general dogsbodies. Anyone who would



some help... it's just nice to know that people are there."

Sylvia's case is a typical one, people using the service tend to live on their own and have limited friends and family that can help.

Anyone can become a volunteer, we are all individuals and come with our own strengths. People appreciate the support from the British Red Cross, they are happy to accept help from our amazing volunteers. Without the time that our volunteers give to others, we wouldn't have this service here in Dorset. Our volunteers are compassionate, caring and willing to support those in need.

How to get involved

You can help support people in the local community by becoming a volunteer for the British Red Cross. If you have a couple of hours to spare each week, we have a wide range of volunteering roles that we are currently recruiting for in Dorset.

To find out more about volunteering contact Ella Coates ellacoates@redcross.org.uk Tel: 01305 214437 or visit www.redcross.org.uk/volunteer and search Dorset. Or for information on the Support at Home Service email Dorsetsupportathome@redcross.org.uk.

Mobility Aids

From our Dorchester & Poole offices we also run Mobility Aids Services. This provides vital equipment such as wheelchairs, to people after an accident or illness, and means that they are not left stranded at home. Volunteers deliver this service Monday – Friday 10am to 1pm. Telephone 01305 215951 for more information.

Written by Ella Coates (Engagement & Development Manager, South West)

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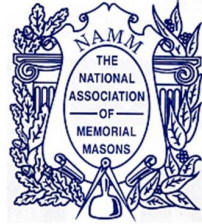
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Support at Home Dorset

At the end of 2016, the British Red Cross teamed up with Dorset County Hospital to offer a new service which supports patients after a stay in hospital. The Support at Home service provides patients, who are over 65, with short-term support (up to six weeks) to smooth the process of settling back into a normal routine and enabling people to regain confidence and independence.



The service aims to:

- Reduce the risk of re-admission to hospital
- Reduce social isolation through signposting to longer term support
- Reduce pressure on the hospital

Fiona Pearson is the Service Manager for Independent Living Services in Dorset. She said: "I love my job, the services that we run in Dorset really do make a difference. This gives us all a great sense of achievement every day."

The Support at Home team visit around 35 people a month. Volunteer assistance includes supporting people with their shopping, signposting to other organisations within the community, providing welfare checks and taking people to health appointments.

"Sometimes the support can be taking the time to chat and listen over a cup of tea during a visit. Something so simple can make such a big difference" continued Fiona.

Eighty-four year old Sylvia Downing recently used the service after a fall left her with a badly fractured hip. "It's very good," said Sylvia. "You don't realise how much support is out there for you. The British Red Cross visited me and helped me with shopping. You know there's someone at the end of the phone, if you need



THE BRITISH RED CROSS

Help People In Your Community - The British Red Cross (Dorset) Needs You!

From our Poundbury & Poole offices, the Red Cross are working with local hospitals and community rehab teams to offer practical support to those who have recently been in hospital. The aim of the **Support at Home** service is to help people by offering encouragement, practical help and emotional support, for a few hours per week for a period of up to 6 weeks. Our team of staff and volunteers provide support to aid recovery and aim to prevent readmission into hospital. The service is available to people aged 65 and over, however we are unable to provide personal or medical care.

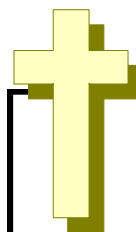


Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Would you like a chance to work with a variety of people from different walks of life and make a real difference to their lives? If so we would love to hear from you. We are currently recruiting for a range of volunteering roles in Dorset. Roles include: Support at Home, Crisis Response (helping respond to Emergencies in the local area), Mobility Aids (Dorchester & Poole) & Tutor Volunteers.

For more information on volunteering please contact Ella Coates ellacoates@redcross.org.uk Tel: 07860402300 or for information about the Support at Home service Dorsetsupportathome@redcross.org.uk

The British Red Cross in Dorset

When many people think of the British Red Cross, their thoughts turn to Emergency Response work overseas or First Aid. The emblem is recognised all over the world and it symbolises impartial help and assistance to those in need. However not everyone will be aware that there is a huge range of services helping people in crisis, right here in the UK; from supporting people after a stay in



OBITUARIES

Mr Douglas Keogan RIP

Doug Keogan was born in London. It would be fair to say that Doug had his share of disappointments early on. He didn't have an easy childhood or indeed an easy early working life. For some of his childhood he lived in a Shaftesbury Society Home, a very strict disciplined environment. Doug worked very hard, studying for exams, in order to enter the RAF, a life he loved. Sadly ill health meant that he had to be invalided out of the job that he loved.

His change of fortune came when he found his real niche in life, working on motorbikes. Doug loved motorbikes, he had one for over 60 years. He did trials riding and was awarded the 'ear ole' Cup, an award for the most persistent rider who kept falling off! Subsequently Doug became the general manager of a car sales company which gave him a real opportunity to travel; he would travel as far as Scotland to pick up cars. The photos of the showroom in their home that Alison put together for Doug's birthday are incredible to see. Perhaps this love of cars and motorbikes gave him his wanderlust as he developed a passion for travelling especially motor homing. Doug and Alison had many motorhomes and when they couldn't travel and stop away as they used to, they still went out in their day van every day.

Doug was a very hard worker; successful as the hardworking General Manager in car sales, he also worked very hard in the home; windows, sinks, bathroom- were all spotless after his ministrations. When he could no longer ride on his beloved motorbike Doug's absolute favourite activity was to be out in his workshop- he loved sorting out his tools and smoking his pipe.

Doug had a wicked sense of humour – he wrote poems- poems such as 'an ode to a lost maiden' when Tricia got lost one day. He could be hard at times and sharp tongued on occasion but he often spoke with a twinkle in his eye. He had a strong Christian faith and said his prayers everyday. Doug made an impression on those around him-the local youngsters would all look out for him when he went on walkabout. He was kind and would do anything to help you if he could.

In the words of Alison, his wife, Doug was a perfect gentleman.

Memories of my grandad by Jeffrey Carr

He was a good husband, father, amazing grandfather and a great-grandad.





OBITUARIES

I don't know how everyone will remember Doug but I'll remember him by the big shiny smile he had most of the times I would see him and the way he used to sit, smoke his pipe and daydream on his bench.

I looked after Doug for quite a while, you could say he was my best friend.

He would always put a smile on my face, even when I was down by making silly jokes. We always got up to mischief because he was my partner in crime.

I remember when I found his wheelchair and we had the idea I'd sit in it and he'd give it a push and I'd go racing down the slope on the drive, it wasn't the best idea but it was fun.

Every time I went to see him I would make him a cup of tea and watch the Last of the Summer Wine and he would tell me about his time in Bisley Boarding School.

He would tell me how he would go off to get fruit from the nearby trees, he got caught many times, once he was climbing back through the window only to find the Master waiting for him.

He would tell me all sorts of stories from riding and falling off motorbikes to slipping out from the barracks when he was in the RAF, every time I saw him he would tell the same story but they always got better and better.

Every time I got in the car he would slip me some chewing gum and tell me not to tell my gran.

My favourite memory of Doug.....it was a hot summer's day, we were sat outside with a cider and he was puffing his pipe, looking into the woodland and we decided to go into the workshop and make something so we decided to make a gun, from two pieces of wood, a pipe and duct tape.

We both thought we'd done a rather good job.

It is true to say that me and Doug had a rather good relationship and I'm proud to have called him my grandfather.

Doug will be well missed but he will always be in our hearts....



We are also looking to form a Ladies and Girls Cricket group. This will be an introduction to Fun, Soft Ball Cricket. Taster sessions will be held at The Rec on Sunday 19th May at 2.00 p.m. and Friday 7th June at 7 p.m. Any interested Ladies are welcome to attend, drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Further information is available at ladiescricket@bereregis.com

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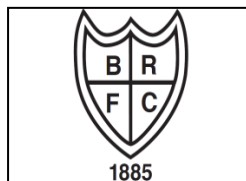
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Saturday 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 3p.m. – 6 p.m.

Opening times may vary due to televised sport, please check the BRSC website for details of any such changes.

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

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

Cricket Section – Home Fixtures (Senior Teams) in May

Wednesday 1st – Puddletown

Saturday 4th – Stalbridge

Saturday 11th - Portland Red Triangle

Saturday 18th - Christchurch

Wednesday 22nd - Martinstown

Saturday 25th - Shaftesbury

Sunday 26th – Charlton Down TT25

Wednesday 29th - Dewlish

The Cricket Section is looking for additional players of all ages, abilities and genders for the 2019 season. We have All Stars for 5 to 8 years old, Junior & Youth teams up to age 15 and Open age cricket. All teams are open to Male, Female, Boys and Girls.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Thursday 11th April 2019 at the Drax Hall. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May at the Drax Hall, starting at 7pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to raise any matters or concerns at the start of the meeting.

Yellow lines

The Parish Council often receives requests for sections of roads to have yellow lines put down in an attempt to solve a parking or traffic issue. It is worthwhile explaining the process as this is by no means a 'quick fix' or easy solution. To introduce any form of parking control, including yellow lines, a resident will have to submit a request to the Parish Council in the first instance. This would then become the subject of a consultation in order to identify whether there is general support for the proposal. If supported, the Parish Council would then submit a request to Highways who would, in turn, consider all the evidence presented and determine whether or not a traffic order would be appropriate. They would then undertake a period of consultation. The whole process can take up to two years and would, almost certainly, require the Parish Council to make a contribution towards the costs. As a result, all road traffic orders are considered very carefully. Often the easiest and most effective form of solving the problem is for residents to consider where and how they are parking and to show consideration to their neighbours and other residents when they are parking.



Post Office

You may be aware that Janette Woodhouse, the proprietor, has announced that the village post office is likely to close soon. The Parish Council, together with our Dorset Councillor, are working closely with our MP and with Janette, and, once we receive clarification regarding various issues raised, we will be in a position to take the matter up with the main Post Office. In the meantime, we have made contact with customer services at Post Office Ltd and hope we may be able to find a solution.

Minibus

The minibus is now available for hire by village groups and a huge thank you is extended to Goodwin Graphics for making such a wonderful job of sign-writing the minibus free of charge. If you would like to hire the minibus, please contact Cllr Brenda House on 01929 471255.



Christmas Trees

This initiative, we believe, is unique to Bere Regis and we very much hope to keep it going. The scheme was originally set up so those properties with external brackets would be able to have a tree which would benefit the whole community. West Street looks extremely festive when all the trees are lit on the run-up to Christmas. Over time, the scheme has evolved into the Parish Council enabling residents to purchase a 4' to 5' tree at cost price. Until last year, this worked well. However, residents are booking trees without paying up front for them and then not collecting them. As a result, there were quite a few trees left uncollected last year which meant a cost to the Parish Council. In order to

prevent this from happening this year but to enable the scheme to keep running, no trees will be ordered unless they have been paid for in advance and the request slip has been passed to the Clerk. The tree order must go in by the end of June. If you haven't ordered your tree by then, you will not be able to have one so, please, put your order in **NOW**.

Parish Council Grants

As many groups know, the Parish Council sets aside a portion of the Precept each

GARDENING CLUB



We had a marvelous outing to Tarrant Keynston mill last month looking at the layout of the gardens and listening to the plans for development of this project. We were shown the fragrant plants and how they are distilled to make the oils for development of fragrances.

Next Month back to the Drax Hall on Tuesday 7th May for a talk on intimate Garden plants by Andrew Humphris. The meeting starts at 7.30. all welcome.

On Saturday 11th May we have the Garden Club plant sale. We will be selling surplus plants, Garden bric-a-brac, books, and some produce. this time we are holding this event at Bridge House Shitterton. Please can members bring their excess plants and stuff the evening before. The sale will start at 10.30 so you can go to the Scout breakfast at 9 am and get to the plant sale later

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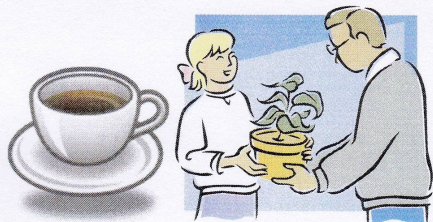
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BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB



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Or just come for coffee and a chat

year to assist groups within the parish. Grants are up to a maximum of £500 and application forms are available from the Clerk or on the Parish Council web site. We are about to start a new grant year so, if you belong to a group that is looking to undertake a project that could benefit from such a grant, please do not hesitate to submit an application. The form is very easy to complete but, please remember, the money can only be used for the benefit of a parish group and not an individual.

Ponies on Souls Moor

With May just around the corner and the ground beginning to dry out, we will be looking to reintroduce the ponies on to the nature reserve area on Souls Moor. We hope to have the same ponies as last year as they proved to be real favourites. As in previous years, please do not feed them and if you are in any way uncertain of walking through the field whilst the ponies are in residence, please use the path around the outside.

Amanda Crocker, Clerk to Bere Regis Parish Council

MIDSUMMER BERE FEST - PHOTO COMPETITION

As part of Bere Fest we are holding a photographic competition and there will be 2 categories as follows:

- ◆ **BERE REGIS - OUR VILLAGE**
- ◆ **BERE REGIS - OUR WILDLIFE AND WILD PLACES**

Open to all ages, so get snapping! More details in the June magazine.



To All our Regular Contributors - A Plea from the Editor

Hello all

This is not a moan, but I need to get it off my chest! If you are not a 'culprit' please ignore the rest of this message!



One of the reasons that I have been happy to continue producing the Bere Regis Parish magazine, for the past 23 years, is that I have rarely ever had to chase contributors for their copy and the monthly deadline of the 15th has usually been met. I believe I have always been accommodating to late-comers as it does take me around three days to produce the mag, so there has been some flexibility.

However, in the past year or so, I have often had to chase some of the regular monthly contributors and very frequently have had copy arriving several days late without advance warning. It is also not uncommon that articles are sent with errors in so that replacements have to be re-sent, or I'm asked to make changes to what I have already received. This can be fiddly and confusing as well as hard to keep track of.

The most time effective way of producing the mag is to

BERE REGIS WI

As well as our annual meeting in April, members of the Bere Regis WI attended the Spring Group Meeting in Sturminster Marshall where we were treated to an interesting talk about, and lovely photographs of, the beautiful sights of Dorset from



Lyme Regis to Christchurch. To complement this, the traditional competition was for the best photograph on the theme 'A View of Dorset'. We were pleased to bring home the cup for this, courtesy of a picture entitled 'After the Storm' taken by Jill Marsden.

Having overcome the challenge of how to insert velcro into seat belt covers without breaking sewing machine needles at our last Stitch and Twitch meeting, this

month we're focusing on making doorstops. The debate is whether dried beans or washed gravel make the best stuffing? These Stitch and Twitch sessions are open to everyone, not just WI members. If you'd like to turn your hand to making a pyramid chicken or dog door stop or would simply like to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and some cake/biscuits, just drop into the Sports and Social Club any time between 9.30am to noon on Thursday, 25th April 2019.

At May's monthly meeting we're being treated to 'An Introduction to Burlesque' by Louise Johnson. To join in the fun, we've invited members from other local WIs, and non-members are also welcome. So, if you'd like to learn how to shake your tail feathers, come and join us at 7.30pm on 15th May 2019 at Bere Regis Sports Club.

This month also sees the start of our annual, afternoon skittles practices. They appear to do nothing to help raise our position in the league, but these informal, light hearted sessions are great fun and everyone is welcome. They'll be held at Winterborne Zelston Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm on Thursdays, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July and 8th August. Drop in and join us, if you fancy having a go. There will of course be tea and cake!

If you'd like to find out about future meetings, or would just like more information about the WI, please contact Di Pitts on 01929 471322. You can see more about our past meetings and activities on our Facebook page @BereRegisWI.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

Now that the weather is improving and the evenings are drawing out our thoughts turn to food that can be enjoyed both inside and in the garden.

Roast Chicken with Basil and Lemon

- ◆ 6 chicken pieces, bone in skin on (thighs, breast, drumstick)
- ◆ Olive oil
- ◆ 2 good cloves of garlic
- ◆ a lemon
- ◆ a large handful of basil (about 30 leaves)
- ◆ a glass of white wine



Season chicken and put in a roasting tin/oven dish.

Pour over enough olive oil to moisten chicken and coat the bottom of the dish.

Squash the garlic in its skin and pop in with the chicken.

Squeeze the lemon over the chicken and put the empty lemon shells in too.

Roast for thirty minutes in a pre heated oven at 200C/gas 6.

Tear up the basil leaves and mix in with chicken, cook for a further ten minutes.

Remove from oven, pour over wine then put the roasting tin over a hot flame and allow to bubble for a minute.

Serve with a salad or mash potatoes, couscous, or bread to soak up the juices.

wait until everything has been received, so that I can go through it systematically, page by page. If something has not arrived, or I haven't been notified that it's not coming, then I'm having to go back and forth, and can't finalise the pagination until the last minute (it has to be formatted in multiples of four pages for print purposes).

I fully appreciate that many of you have significant demands on your own time, are also volunteers, and may be dealing with illness and personal challenges, so I completely understand that. I have, therefore, deliberated long and hard about publishing this message but I do have my own demands to juggle as well, so I hope that this plea will be accommodated.

I know too, that occasionally, email problems have caused things to be lost, but please do rest assured, that I always acknowledge with a simple 'thank you' reply, every time I get something. If you don't get this within a few days, then there may have been a problem.

Thank you for your continued support though, we have a great publication which is hugely appreciated by its readership. Without you, there would be no magazine!

Kind regards

Alison



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Alison Debenham

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Melissa McCarthy shines in this clever action-comedy showcase provided by writer and director Paul Feig. She plays an unassuming, deskbound CIA analyst who is the unsung hero behind the Agency's most dangerous missions. When her partner (Jude Law) falls off the grid and another top agent (Jason Statham) is compromised, she volunteers to go deep undercover to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer, and prevent a global disaster.

Melissa McCarthy and Jason Statham work wonderfully together in this fun spoof of the spy film genre. McCarthy is hilarious, and Statham's deadpan delivery never misses. Rose Byrne as a glamorous villain is also very good. Be warned, the humour is quite broad at times – but there are lots of laughs and we all need those!



BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP



Explorer News



The Explorers enjoyed a night dedicated to the Holi festival in March. It involved taking part in a variety of craft projects using colours and shapes to celebrate this popular ancient Hindu festival which originated from India. An evening learning how to throw tomahawks and axes was organised at Buddens Scout Adventures centre. It proved quite a tricky skill – particularly as the evening light began to fade and the Explorers just had spot lights to guide their aim. The final activity evening of the spring term involved a treasure hunt around Bere Regis answering a variety of quiz questions set by Elliot. The winning team were promised

chocolate Easter eggs so we had a great turnout, and it was a great success, even though there were some quite obscure questions to answer!

The Explorers were invited to two very different camps at the start of the Easter holidays. There was a District Mountain Bike Camp organised by the Explorer Scout Unit in Swanage and a Bunnies and Bivis Camp organised by Bere Regis Scouts. The Kingsbere Explorer Unit had participants at both. The cyclists started their route in Swanage and biked over to Buddens via Old Harry rocks.

After camping and recovering overnight at Buddens, they biked back to Swanage the following day – enjoying some amazing Dorset spring weather and scenery.



The Bunnies and Bivis camp with the Scouts also took place at Buddens. Julien instructed the young people to prepare bunnies ready for the cooking pot and the Explorers and Scouts slept under tarps in the woods after a session around the campfire. Many thanks to Neal



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Contact the Editor, for more information: Alison Debenham
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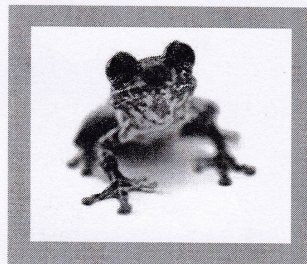
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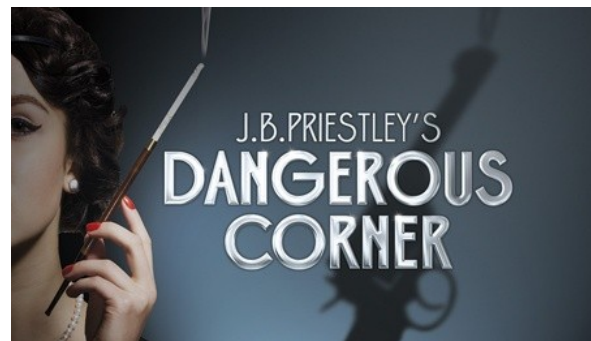
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As a special offer for readers of the Bere Regis Parish Magazine, you can get a 10% discount by simply quoting the code LMPM10 online or over the phone (discount not available at the Rose and Crown)

Performances at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall on May 8th-11th, so welcome in the light nights, with a bit of culture. Refreshments available at the show.

BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY

Our March meeting took place on the third Wednesday, the 20th, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We began with a short talk on Bere Regis's first photographer, John White Boswell, who began taking photos in 1863, some of which were of the village, but many more were portraits of families and eminent people. Next, with World War One still in our minds, a 1917 Trench Mortar was displayed, to gasps, and illustrated the brutal nature of the later years of that conflict. Then Paul talked about the photo exhibition at the Village Hall on 24th March, where some favourite photos together with some new finds will be shown. After that we had another short talk on John Hutchins, Dorset's original historian, his life and the showing of his first edition, two-volume book, of 1774. Of particular interest to members was the section on Bere Regis parish. To finish off we had an array of pottery examples covering the last 2,000 years, arranged in order and properly labelled, so that we are in a better position to identify what we can all find in our gardens during the coming gardening season. There were a number of new documents and publications for members to study, while refreshments were available.



John Pitfield
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and Katharine for hosting the Explorers at this camp.

In the summer term, there are more outdoor activities planned to take place at Buddens Scout Adventures. The Explorers will be getting out and about on their bikes in order to practice for their summer camp, which is to revisit the French and Belgium WW1 battlefield sites on bicycle and to find out more about the men who lost their lives during the war.

DofE News

Massive congratulations to Daniel Miller who has now achieved his Gold DofE award. This is the highest level of the award and during the last couple of years Dan has been volunteering in the lower sections of the Scout Group, completed two wild country 4 day expeditions in Dartmoor, took part in a week's residential course learning new water activities and has also completed his new skills and physical sections of the award. He will be presented with the award in a special ceremony at either Buckingham Palace or St James's Palace within the next year. A fantastic achievement - well done!



Scout News

It seems that Scout nights are about fitness at the moment – hidden by it the fact that it is fun so they don't actually notice they are exercising! A trip to Poole to the Project Climbing Centre was a huge success and will no doubt form part of our yearly planning along with ice skating and Dorset Water Park trip. Many scouts overcame their fears and scaled the walls under the expert tuition of the instructors and gained credits for the badges they are working towards. Chocolate was the reward for the Easter themed relay races after a great game of hockeyball (a combination of football with hockey sticks with 2 scouts going head to head to score a goal).

Bunnies and Bivvies camp at Buddens was very popular with a lovely warm day that got cold at night...some got stuck in sorting the cooking and others ran the other way when the bunnies arrived.





Cub News

The cubs enjoyed a weekend at PGL in Weymouth where they got a long way off the ground on the high ropes and swings. Then the opposite when they went underground in the tunnels before building rafts – skills they will need when they join scouts as we attend the District Raft Race every year.

Beaver News

The end of spring term was a busy one. The beavers slept over at the Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum in Dorchester, and visited the 17th century court and cells by torchlight! They watched "Night in the Museum" whilst snuggled in their sleeping bags - and all of them slept for some of the night.



In our meetings we went hiking up Black hill, did some Dorset Knob throwing, and created a marvellous "look and feel" wall hanging which will go to a care home for people with Dementia. For the moment it is displayed in the Scout Hut. Some of us visited the Scouts' Bivi camp at Buddens to see what the older sections get up to - the beavers were very keen on the hammocks!

We have 5 new beavers starting in the



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During this time he tested unco-operative cattle for TB on a farm with an unco-operative farmer who had failed to keep his paperwork up to date.

He checked on the conditions that poultry were kept in, took samples of animal feeds. He took blood, urine and faeces samples. He drove miles to visit remote farms, stables



and Hunt kennels, and arranged help for farmers who couldn't manage today's demands from the Government for details on all their animals.

Being a Civil Servant, he had to battle to keep on top of his own paperwork, and grapple with the demands of an unforgiving computer system.

The afternoon was interesting, entertaining and most enjoyable. We were all left feeling that there is much that goes on behind the scenes, of which we knew nothing, to keep the animals and plants in this country healthy. This ensures that the food we eat is safe.

So thanks to Richard for his talk.

Next month we are looking forward to the excellent speaker Howard Nicholls, who will be telling us the story of a boy who grew up living next to a railway station in rural Dorset, and then spent most of his life travelling to over 100 countries by train.

I can assure you that it will be something to look forward to. Why don't YOU come along and see for yourself? If you do join us, you can be sure of a warm welcome and an excellent afternoon tea. Find a friend to come with you and join the nice ladies and gentlemen at the Scout Hut on Wednesday 8th May at 2.30.

May 2019

summer term, welcome to you all! We will be focusing on the Outdoor challenge this term, with scouting skills such as fire lighting and knots, and plenty of fun and adventure. We will also be doing some gardening, and continuing to work towards the Disability Awareness badge with a visit in May from the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Beaver age is from 5yrs 9mths. We are full at present, but there may be spaces coming up for those on our waiting list, so if you want to join in the fun, please get in touch.



Events

Craft and Cake – Please come along on Saturday 4th May 2019 from 1.30-4.00pm to enjoy a cream tea. There will be lots of craft and food stalls selling goods made by our talented Scouts and Explorers to raise money for their Borneo Expedition.

Borneo Breakfast – Thank you to everyone who has supported the fund raising for our Borneo Expedition in 2021 by joining us for breakfasts. The next one is on Saturday 11th May 2019 from 9.00 to 11.30am.

Scout Hut Hire

The Scout Hut is available for hire, particularly during the daytime – rates from £7.50 per hour. For more information, please contact Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 or 0788 422 6445, andrealynnmarshall@hotmail.com

Contact us

If anyone would like further information about Bere Regis Scout Group or the Kingsbere Explorer Scout Unit, all the contact details for the individual sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) are available in the village directory at the back of this magazine. General enquiries and offers of help/assistance: Neal Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

Scout Group Publicity: Andrea Marshall on 01929 472588 and Helen Unitt-Jones on 01929 472273.

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May 2019

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Pop In Place Community Café

There is a warm welcome for all at the Pop In Place Community Café we operate the café's on Monday and Friday mornings 10am until 12 noon. On the Friday we have Bere Regis Watercress at 50p a bunch when in season. There is a pound shop set up in the foyer. If you live within the Parish and would you like transport to the Pop In Place Telephone Alison 472023 who will arrange it for you .

Pop In Performers St Lillian Tickets are now available

Please support our next Production it is raising funds for our Village School we are working on a light-hearted school based drama that includes song and dance entitled "St Lillians" performances are

Thursday 20th June 6pm

Friday 21st June 7pm

Saturday 22nd June 2pm

Pop In Place Little Acorns

A new baby and Toddler group at the Village Hall on Thursday mornings 10am until 11.30

£1 per child and 50p for any subsequent children in the same family.

Come along to this friendly group you will be made most welcome. Runs all year round.

More details call Kelly 07743319856

ROGS



The GRS Trophy 2019

31 ROGS and three guests enjoyed the rolling fairways and water at Boundary Lakes on Friday 29th March. A cracking turnout again. A tricky test with some interesting greens but Josh Eastwood managed to overcome all the problems with a great score of 38, well done to Josh. Second on countback was Terry Peterson with 37 and Julian Flower 3rd on the same score.

Again, this was our 1st visit to this course and what looked on paper to be quite straightforward (If there is ever a straightforward golf course), it turned out not to be. The average score for the day was the same as Ferndown last month. The greens at Boundary were narrow and tricky and certainly no gimme's.

There must be a special mention, as he doesn't miss many, but there was a very sorely missed member this month, our President, Dean Merritt. Hope to see him at Bridport next time back with the ROGS to display his natural talent.

NP on the 2nd Garry Miller

NP on the 18th Colin Howe

NP in 2 on the 16th Alan Millward – Our newest member.

LD on the 8th Josh Eastwood

There were 6 twos, Matt March, Captain, Vice, Colin Howe, Phil Allen and Simon Brouard

The best guest was Sean Eastwood with 37 points. A very good day for the Eastwood family, well done to both.

A big thank you to Guy Storey for sponsoring the day, some good prizes. Please note the Captain did not drop the score cards this month or give 2nd & 3rd placed players to 4 different people. The home work has paid off.

Thanks again for contributing to the 4 ball draw, which is seeing the charity fund increasing all the time.

See you all at the next venue, which will be the Jim Corbin Cup at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Friday 26th April 1st tee time 11.15am.

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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.

V E N U E S 2 0 1 9

Date	Venue	Trophy	Winner
22 nd February	Ferndown Golf Club	Members Challenge	Neil Middleditch
29 th March	Boundary Lakes Golf Club	GRS Trophy	Josh Eastwood
26 th April	Bridport and West Golf Club	Jim Corbin Cup	
31 st May	Moors Valley Golf Club	Ex-Landlord's Cup	
28 th June	Salisbury and South Wilts Golf Club	President's Cup	
26 th July	Ashley Wood Golf Club	Captain's Cup	
30 th August	Crane Valley Golf Club	Memorial Cup	
27 th September	Meyrick Park Golf Club	Whitbread Pairs	
25 th October	Isle of Purbeck Golf Club	Zoom Trophy	

Summer Tour - 23rd - 25th June 2019, East Sussex Golf Club
Autumn Tour - 12th - 19th September 2019, Marrakech, Morocco
AGM 7pm for 7.30pm - 6th November 2019, Bere Regis Sports Club
Cup of Good Cheer and Presentation Evening - 7th December 2019, Wareham Golf Club

May 2019

POP IN PLACE BERE REGIS VILLAGE QUIZ

Tuesday 21st May

In Village Hall Upper Room at 7.30pm

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Donations to the pound shop

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Dates for your diary

Pop In Place AGM Friday 3rd May 10.30

We have an update from Rev Alan Clarredge on the work we are supporting in South Africa and a safety talk from Dorset and Wilts Fire Service safety and wellness officer

Village Quiz Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm

email popinplace@gmail.com To book your team in for the village Quiz four people per team £2 per person to enter bring your own drinks and please support our raffle.

Please Check out Pop In Place Website popinplace.org Thanks to Rod Osmond who has updated our website and it is looking great check it out

Alison Bennett, Telephone 01929 472023

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the Bere stream. Cormorants are large and conspicuous waterbirds, which have an almost primitive appearance with its long reptilian like neck. It is often seen standing with its wings held out to dry. Regarded by some as black, sinister and greedy, cormorants are supreme fishers which can bring them into conflict with anglers and they have been persecuted in the past. Cormorants can be found



either on the coast or at inland waters, where there are some large breeding colonies. Pictures of the Cormorant resting in a tree at Souls Moor are to the left.

Cormorants are often confused with Shags. Unlike Cormorants, Shags are usually only found along the coast. The Shag's beak is more delicate in comparison to the Cormorant's, the forehead angle is steeper and they have a crest on their head.

Let us know about your local wildlife sightings so we can get a better idea of what's around in our area.

Summer Events

We are planning a series of events over the coming summer months, so watch this space for further news of these.

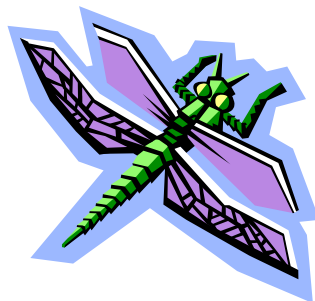
Contact Us

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

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Mike Gee at mike.n.g@outlook.com / 0775 988 4942.

BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP



With the warmth of Spring our wildlife has become more active (eg butterflies are on the wing, birds are singing their hearts out in attempts to find a mate, hedgehogs are wandering at nights and bats are flying at nights), trees are bursting into leaf and blossom and the beautiful blue of our native bluebells is decorating local woods. Make the most of these warmer months and if you can get out to see, hear and smell our these natural wonders.

Conservation Working Parties

Our last working party of the season was held at the beginning of April. We now have a break until the Autumn as we don't want to disturb nesting birds or trample plants that are growing over the Summer period.

A very big thank you to the volunteers who have turned out over the winter period, often getting wet and cold but doing a grand job. We have achieved much this year including planting trees and a hedgerow, restoring part of the river bank by weaving willow between stakes, sowing wild flower seeds and clearing brambles and other undergrowth. We clear brambles and other undergrowth in a rotation over four or five years. Many people ask us why. The simple reason is if the undergrowth is left unchecked it will create a thicket and choke smaller plants. By clearing on a rotational basis we create a matrix of habitats that suit the widest possible range of habitats for invertebrates, small mammals and plants. A number of people have commented that this year's display of Marsh Marigolds is one of the best ever. This is a direct result of the work we have been doing. Also, some areas of primroses are clumping up nicely and we will see a range of other flowers and plants emerging during the coming months.

Wild Flowers

We have seeded two areas with native wild flower seeds. These are near to the kick about area (between the bench and the stream) and under the beacon on Souls Moor. Hopefully these will give a colourful display in the Summer and provide much needed nectar for bees, butterflies, moths and other insects.

Cormorants

There have been a number of recent sightings of a Cormorant in the vicinity of

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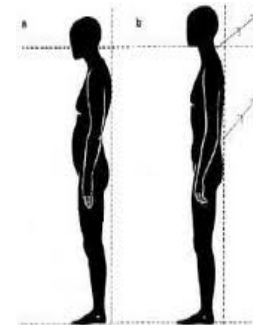
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