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The Dates for your Diary section will return in due course, once all our clubs, societies and events are back on track.

Hopefully, it will not be too long before we return to some kind of normality.

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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE



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To encourage everyone in the Christian faith through example, learning and spiritual growth;
To make our churches open and welcoming to all, and supportive of those in need;
To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

A LETTER FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear friends

I'm writing this on a very damp and quite chilly May afternoon, hoping that better weather is not too far away. Graham, Zinnie and I were very lucky to have a week away in April when the sun was still shining and it was warm enough, and dry enough to sit outside! We were celebrating 40 years of marriage, I suppose that is quite an achievement these days, although we have quite a way to go as, by the time you read this, my parents will be celebrating 64 years of marriage! It would have been lovely to celebrate with our family, but of course this year it has not been possible, there are too many of us.



Instead, our children surprised us with a video, which we watched while we were away, filled with lovely messages from them and our grandchildren, my parents, our sisters, and some of our friends, most of whom were actually at our wedding! I love weddings, they are such a joy and it is such a privilege as a priest to be part of the happy couple's day. Most of our weddings were postponed in 2020, but I

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did actually manage to officiate at one at Affpuddle and although small, it was a really joyous family occasion. We have a lot of the postponed 2020 weddings planned for this year, let's hope and pray that restrictions will be lifted enough for them to have the day they really want. We have a wedding to look forward to in the family in 2022. Our youngest daughter, Lucy, got engaged to her beau Sam just before Christmas. It was so romantic, a candlelight proposal at Heaven's Gate overlooking Longleat, that they've won a competition! It's a while away yet, but there's still lots of planning going on, we haven't quite got to the 'glad when it's all over' stage though.

I know we'll all be glad when we're sure that the worst of the pandemic is over. There is worrying news of another new variant and what that might do to the lifting of restrictions and I suppose we need to be prepared for this to keep happening. At least with the vaccines we have better protection this coming winter.

We were thinking only today in our church services of how Jesus prayed to God to protect his disciples and those who followed them when he would no longer be with them. Not a 'keep them safe from harm' protection, none of us can be kept out of danger and free from all difficulty or inconvenience. But a 'be with them in all that they do' to help us have the strength to endure hard times. No one is excluded from this protection if we ask for God's help. It is good news for all of us that Jesus prays for us, enabling us to face whatever dangers or even those inconveniences we may encounter along life's path.

With blessings

Sandra

Parish and Benefice News

I'm pleased to say that the advert for Incumbent went out in May with shortlisting later this month and hopefully interviews in July, please continue to hold the Benefice and this process in your prayers as we seek the right person to lead us.

Lay Worship Leaders

Congratulations to Sarah Welton, Pat Wharf and Peter Wharf from Bere Regis Parish and Mike Menzies from Affpuddle Parish who have all completed their Lay Worship Leader training and have now been commissioned by the Bishop of Sherborne. As well as leading some non-eucharistic services in church they will also be looking at ways to take 'church' into the community.

Messy Church

Our monthly sessions online have proved very popular, we have been filling and delivering about 30 craft bags each month to families in Bere Regis, Wool, Winfrith,

CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
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
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@gbpltd.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.
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
Sanctuary Flower Guild (church flower arrangers)	Mrs Diane Edmonds	472331		edmonds473@btinternet.com	

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
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 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
Briantspuddle Book Let	Angie Talbot	472483	19 Bladen Valley	angie@ptalbot.plus.com	2nd Saturday 10 - 12 noon Briantspuddle Village Hall, in conjunction with Coffee Shop
Chapel Toddlers Group	Suzie Gee	472484	Rose Cottage, Butt Land	suziegtitus3v4@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 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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Bovington plus some other places. We meet for an hour online to make crafts, hear the story, watch a puppet video, maybe sing, and have a prayer and lots of messy fun! Now that restrictions on meeting up are lifting, we are not having meetings in June, July and August, so that families have more time to get together with family and friends that they have missed because of the pandemic.



We do plan to have a picnic in August, and we will be back in September – look out for details!

Rev Sandra

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
7 - 20 Jun	David Buck	Henry Hogger	Sandy Moriarty	Alan /Helen Frost
21 Jun – 4 Jul	Ben Bunnell	Ian Kaye	William Smith	David Harper

There is now a key safe next to the container in Roger's yard where the mowers are stored. Call me and I will tell you the combination number – Mike Menzies 01929 471263, michael.menzies@talk21.com



The West Purbeck Benefice – Service Rota

Holy Rood Wool, St John the Baptist Bere Regis, St Laurence Affpuddle,
St Andrew's East Lulworth, Holy Trinity West Lulworth,
St Christopher's Winfrith Newburgh and St Nicholas Chaldon Herring

June Services

	Streamed	Church	Church	Church	Readings
Wed 2 nd June	10am Holy Communion				
Sun 6 th June Trinity 1 <i>Green</i>	10:45am Café Church	9am BCP Holy Communion East Lulworth	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis		2 Cor. 4.13-5.1 Mark 3. 20-end
Sun 13 th June Trinity 2	10:45am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion West Lulworth	9am Holy Communion Wool	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle	2 Cor. 5. 6-17 Mark 4. 26-34
Wed 16 th June			10:15am Holy Communion D'Urberville Wool		
Sun 20 th June Trinity 3	10:45am All Age Worship	9am Holy Communion Chaldon Herring	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis		2 Cor. 6. 1-13 Mark 4. 35-end
Sun 27 th June Trinity 4	10:45am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion Winfrith Newburgh	9am Holy Communion Wool	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle	2 Cor. 8. 7-end Mark 5. 21-end
Wed 30 th June	10am BCP Holy Communion				
Sun 4 th July Trinity 5		9am BCP Holy Communion East Lulworth	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis	10:30am Café Church Winfrith Village Hall	2 Cor. 12. 2-10 Mark 6. 1-13

Log on for Sunday morning Streamed Worship from 10:30am, please email westpurbeckoffice@gmail.com for the link.

Important information about attending Services

Please note that the requirements of social distancing, at this present time, mean that the number who can attend the church services in person at this time is restricted. You must let the Churchwarden of the church you plan to attend know in advance and only attend if he/she has said that there will be space for you and your family.

NB Face coverings should be worn by all those attending inside a place of worship. These will be available at the church for those who need them.

Live services will only take place in accordance with the Government COVID regulations prevailing on the day. Changes at short notice will be notified via email, social media and posters.

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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.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	Rachael Brown - 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 10.000-11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Parish Council	Ian Ventham Chairman	471480	Wateredge, 5A Shitterton, BH20 7HU		Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Andy Kent Herbie Swann	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	bobdiholman@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

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BISHOP'S LETTER

Taking the Long View

I love it that probably the oldest known image of Christ anywhere in the world is from the Diocese of Salisbury and the floor of a Roman villa at Hinton St Mary in Dorset and is now in the British Museum.

The saints of Saxon Wessex are remembered around the Diocese in the names of places like St Aldhelm's Head as well as in some of our ancient churches. On the ordination retreat at the end of June the candidates go in alternate years on a little pilgrimage to Old Sarum, the site of the Norman cathedral, and to the little church at Bemerton where George Herbert was briefly Rector for three years until his death in 1633. It helps to see the long view of this wonderful and ancient Diocese especially when times are tough, as they are now. We can be confident in God's faithful and providential care. We do not lose heart. We believe in the resurrection.

We do not yet know how we will come out of the pandemic. There are opportunities as well as challenges to do things different. To help us face the future as a Diocese, we have agreed a Mission and Pastoral Plan and are taking steps to manage the finances in relation to ministry and mission over the next four years. How this works out will depend on the success of the Generous Giving campaign which is planned for September. The pandemic has shown us the importance of Church. If we believe Church matters enough the finance will follow our faith. Those of us who can, will want to give because we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ, all the more so in a difficult time such as this.

By the time I finish as Bishop of Salisbury at Cathedral Evensong on 3rd July I hope we will be free from the restrictions that have limited us for so long. With the rising concern about new variants, that cannot be guaranteed. We will have to see how the Government's 'road map' unfolds. What we can be sure of is that God's small miracle of the Diocese of Salisbury will continue to be a lively Christian witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is much to give thanks for and much to pray for.

As the 78th Bishop of Salisbury it has been a privilege to serve with you for what in the long view of the Diocese is a relatively brief ten years. Thank you for the shared ministry of our life in Christ. In that lovely simple prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld: 'For all that has been, Thanks. To all that will be, Yes.' Amen, Amen, Amen.



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St Laurence's Church

Saturday 17 July

GIFT DAY -

With a difference!

**We are going to
*give you***

**a cream tea in a bag,
to take home & enjoy!**

**Come to
Cruck Cottage,
front garden to collect
between 2.30 - 4.30**

*If you wish to make a donation
towards the Church,
we will be very happy to receive,
but you do not have to give.
We would just like to say hello.*

must have been one of the very first modern bathrooms in rural Dorset with a special oil-fired boiler designed by a Russian. But there was no toilet, by choice. You were directed to find a spot in the rhododendrons making sure one was out of sight from the windows. There is an amusing anecdote that Lady Astor, our first lady M.P., when visiting Clouds Hill asked the obvious question; Lawrence got one of his Bovington friends to simulate the desired technique on a suitable tree branch, to much amusement.

Lawrence trained at Oxford as a historian and started life in the east as an assistant archaeologist. This interest extended to Clouds Hill. He was intrigued by the nearby site on Throop Heath known as 'the Dead Woman's Stone'. He visited the stone in the company of Henrietta Knowles, wife of Arthur. The stone has a 'sinking' in the top which Lawrence postulated would have had a Christian cross inserted and that the memorial was to a lady charged by the church with heresy. The stone was removed during World War II to the Ward's garage in Briantspuddle and is now sited at the Village cross roads.

There is little doubt Lawrence would have thoroughly investigated the area making up our present parishes. Also certainly he would have alarmed residents with his noisy powerful Brough motorcycle. George Croft says his father remembers Lawrence would sometimes motor down across Throop Heath to Turnerspuddle of a summer's evening.

Lawrence retired from the R.A.F. and push-biked over days to Clouds Hill in February 1935 only to find the press plaguing the place. With the help of Pat Knowles, Arthur's son, he escaped by his push-bike to London to request Editors to call off the hounds. So it was about a month before he could settle to a quiet existence. Even then people like Henry Williamson, the author, were pursuing him to attempt to use his political abilities for peace.

On the 15th May Lawrence, having got the Brough licenced again, motored to Bovington Post Office to send Williamson a telegram invitation to visit next day. On the way home he crashed, lapsing in to a coma almost immediately, dying at Bovington Hospital on the 19th May. Following a rushed inquest he was buried at Moreton in the presence of Winston Churchill and his wife, Lady Astor and other notables.

What might Lawrence have achieved with his friends and devotee Winston Churchill is speculation. Nevertheless one of the most remarkable men did share our love of this patch of England.

Ivor Bryant, Bladen Valley.



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LAWRENCE OF ARABIA AND TURNERSPUDDLE

Turnerspuddle Parish has been host to two historic figures in British history, namely Sir Austen Chamberlain and T.E.Lawrence, otherwise 'Lawrence of Arabia', who occupied Clouds Hill from 1923 to his untimely death in 1935.

Having renounced the world of war, politics and fame, even changing his name to T.E.Shaw, in despair he entered the Army as a private soldier at Bovington in 1922. He was allowed to rejoin his beloved Royal Air Force in 1925, but meantime he formed a very deep affection for Dorset and the area his friend Thomas Hardy called ' Egdon Heath'.

One day when walking with a fellow tankman he discovered Clouds Hill Cottage then being restored by the Knowles family for their own use. Lawrence, then in the throes of writing his memoirs of the Arab Revolt, was looking for a space and quiet away from Barracks and had taken a room in Bovington Village. But it seems possible the cottage may have sparked the idea of a more permanent refuge with it's prospect of tranquillity.



He approached Ex. Sergeant Knowles with a proposal to rent the cottage with an offer to help finance repairs. After a week's careful deliberation Mr. Knowles, who would not have known Lawrence, agreed, making him a sub-tenant as the property was actually owned by the Framptons of Moreton. Lawrence subsequently bought the freehold from his distant relatives the Framptons in 1927. However, this began an enduring friendship with the Knowles family.

In 1925 Lawrence rejoined the R.A.F. and lead an itinerant life always returning to Clouds Hill, even for an odd hour, when in transit from camp to wherever. Clouds Hill was becoming his home and he initiated long term alterations to fit the place exactly to his specifications as a single man obsessed with books and music. Many of the works were carried out by his neighbour Arthur Knowles, a capable carpenter, who built his own bungalow across the road. But, of course, Lawrence also used local builders such as Messers Bugg of Bovington. He installed what

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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 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Chapel Toddler Group. Toddler Group has reopened and is meeting on Wednesdays. There are two sessions taking place, one at 9.30am and the second one at 1.30pm. Advance booking is essential, please contact Suzie on 07962142552

Currently we are able to meet for our Sunday morning services, although they are also shown live on YouTube. Our Youth meeting and Bible study are held via zoom, with others joining us, a number of whom live too far away to ever be able to join us in person.

I came across the following thoughts about God, written by an eight year old boy called Danny, who lives in a place called Chula Vista in California. It's amusing and more

GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to walk and talk, he can just leave it to the mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty good.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, as some people, like preachers and things, pray at other times beside bedtimes. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. As He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise going into His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parents' head and ask for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula

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Vista. At least they don't come to the church. You should always go to Sunday School because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip Sunday School to do something you think will be more fun, like going to the beach. That is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out till noon at the beach anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It's good to know He's around when you're scared of the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown in real deep water by the big kids. But you shouldn't always just think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back any time He pleases.

Danny's thoughts are amusing, yet his last comment about feeling lonely if we don't believe in God is perhaps more true than any of us realise. After all the long days of lockdown and restrictions, the rules have finally been eased. Many people have felt cut off from others during that time, and knowing that God is there, caring for us and waiting for us to talk to Him has made a huge difference. God is more ready to hear us than we are to talk to Him, and He has said "I will never leave you or forsake you." Psalm 23, which many people are familiar with, says "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be want." The whole Psalm is about how God is with us in every situation, the good times and the bad. So whatever is happening in your life at this time, God is always there. He is the One who will never leave you, and He always keeps His promises! What a comforting thought, to encourage us through the coming days.

Just a Smile

Wayside Warning

Motorists driving carefully enough to notice it, can afford to smile at a sign that stands beside the road leading to a small town in Manitoba, Canada.

"Welcome , speeders! We're policed to meet you!"

When my nephew was married all went well until he knelt at the altar. Then everyone could see that some wicked person had written on the sole of his left shoe 'HELP' and on the sole of his right shoe 'ME'!.

Joyce Healey

COMMUNITY GROUP

Having considered the regulations which come into effect from the 17th May the Community Group feel that we would be unable to resume our pre-Covid activities in the way we would wish. However we have assured the Village Hall Committee that as soon as the regulations and conditions allow, we are very much looking forward to resuming our former activities including the Saturday morning Coffee Shop on a regular basis in the Village Hall.



Our group was formed to support the Village Hall funds and to provide a social hub for the residents of our community. We have, until Covid struck, achieved these objectives and wish to continue in the same manner, and hope to be able to re-open the Saturday Coffee Shop towards the end of June, regulations permitting.

We have all missed the Saturday Coffee Shop with its lively chatter and banter, meeting our friends from other villages, the visiting cyclists, or passers-by that call in by chance. There will be new friends to make and old acquaintances to catch up with, stories to tell and jokes to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing you all again soon and there will be coffee, tea, a fabulous selection of cakes and, of course, bacon rolls awaiting you.

Book-Let

In between lockdowns the Book-Let has managed to operate on a DIY basis, but with a somewhat limited range of books. However now back to its original 2nd-Saturday-in-the-month slot, things are looking up and there is a good selection 'new' books to choose from. All welcome, anytime between 10am and 12 noon in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Just 25p for each book borrowed, the money raised goes to the Village Hall.

Angie Talbot, Chairman Briantspuddle Community Group

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In addition, the PC would like to see owners ensuring that their roadside hedges are kept cut back, allowing verge flora to flourish unshaded. More walking and cycling locally will be encouraged as part of the DC Climate and Ecological Emergency response to help reduce vehicle emissions whilst benefitting health and wellbeing. Attractive open verges will make these activities safer and more enjoyable.

Further Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meeting on 5th of May was the final meeting to be held remotely. Remote council meetings are no longer permitted under current legislation, so all further Parish Council meetings will be held face-to-face. The Parish Council is due to meet again on the 9th of June which is before all legal restrictions to social interaction are due to be lifted. At the time of writing, Councillors are discussing the possibility of rescheduling this meeting. Please look out for more information on noticeboards and on the community website.

Sue Jones, Chairman

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The Revd Carol Langford

Eulogy given at Carol's funeral on Friday 23rd April by her son Daniel

Before I begin, I would like to start by thanking our family, the church family, friends, neighbours and the wider community for the outpouring of support that we have received in the past few weeks; it has provided a source of comfort in difficult and challenging times.

I would also like to thank those who have helped me prepare this eulogy by sharing their memories, stories and reflections of my Mum, either directly or through the many lovely cards received. This has enabled me to build what I hope is a fitting and accurate profile of my Mum, her life and her many achievements.

I am sorry that the circumstances don't allow many of you to be in the church, but please be assured that you are very much here with us today.

I have tried to come up with an original title for my Mum's eulogy, befitting of the original person that she was, so I have gone with 'my Mum.'

My Mum

My Mum was a loving daughter and enjoyed a close relationship with her parents. I know that they were very proud of her and she will be deeply missed by them. As a sister, she loved her two brothers, and took on a protective older sibling role from a young age; on one occasion, when two boys picked on my uncles, my Mum 'sorted them out', and such was the impact of this that they were never bothered again.

My Mum was a devoted wife. She and my Dad were married for nearly 40 years, and formed an unbreakable partnership in a loving and devoted marriage. They were, in my Dad's words, 'joined at the hip' and were each other's best friend. Outside of their working lives they did everything together. This included caravanning, which they loved and through which they visited a range of destinations, both at home and abroad; either together or with friends. In more recent years, my parents discovered a love of Barbados, and would visit at the start of each year. In both instances, the 'constantly on the go' version of my Mum that many would be familiar with was transformed, and she could be found relaxing in the sun, with a drink or book (or both). This included her last



Following the Annual Parish Meeting, an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held, at which Sue Jones was re-elected as Chairman and Charles Barter was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Throop Hollow Campsite

It is understood that the landowner intends to hold the campsite in the same fields as last year. Maps have been sent to campers by the organiser in advance, directing them through Throop Clump to avoid an increase in traffic through Briantspuddle.

Briantspuddle Amenity Complex Tenants

The Parish Council last year agreed to offer tenants a year without rental payments to the Parish Council. Councillors understood the increased financial pressures that had arisen due to Coronavirus and subsequent lockdowns and wanted to do what they could to support community groups throughout this challenging time. Although we are approaching a time when organisations will be able to resume normal operations, the future is still uncertain. As such it was agreed that this year, all tenants would be offered a 50% reduction in the rent due.

Verges

The Parish Council once more has a focus on road verges. The PC is currently planning to extend the “cut and collect” approach carried out by Dorset Council to include the verge adjoining the Erica Trust land between the Sares Wood crossroads and the Shop Hill/ Bovington crossroads. A lot of



this verge is level and flat ensuring that DC's current equipment can function efficiently. There would seem to be a good likelihood that this technique will be expanded as part of DC's Climate and Ecological Emergency response, hopefully with improved equipment as it has the potential to increase ecological value by reducing verge soil nutrient levels and replacing a flora sometimes dominated by a few plants such as cow parsley, nettles and docks to one with a greater range of flowering plants more common in the past often with attractive flowers. Associated wildlife should also benefit. At the same time this will allow DC to make carbon emission savings by not using so much fuel for cutting equipment as growth overall will be less vigorous.

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provide a welcome drink, three course meal including wine and tea/coffee for £5 per head. We were able to sit 29 people down in the hall and provide a further 13 meals delivered to peoples homes where they were either specifically shielding or didn't feel comfortable coming out. Once again a superb team of helpers set to and made it all possible, thank you.

Through the year the village shop has also helped us with donations towards covering the cost of keeping the cleaner on and with the provision of hand sanitizer helping us to be able to provide a covid safe facility.

Hopefully we are now seeing the beginning of the end of covid restrictions and as we move forward from here I am looking forward to some great parties and hoping that some of the ways we as a community have all come together will continue. We have some amazing volunteers in all the organisations in our community and working together is so beneficial to all of us. As in all times of adversity this year and covid has brought out the best in us.

Anyone wanting to arrange a party or event in the hall, provisional bookings from the end of June onwards are now possible and we look forward to seeing everyone make the most of this wonderful asset we have.

Stuart Chorley , Chairman of Briantspuddle Village Hall Trustees

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meetings

On the 5th May, the parish Council held (remotely) the Annual Parish Meeting which is an opportunity to all members of the community to gather and discuss recent events and community issues.

Chairman Sue Jones provided an update, which was a reflection on the work of organisations throughout the Parish since Covid restrictions and lockdowns began in March 2020. Organisations had been invited to address the meeting. David Griffiths spoke about the work of the Covid-19 Community Response Group, which was established in March of 2020 in response to the outbreak of the virus. Reports were also heard from Ali Chorley on behalf of the Village Shop, Stuart Chorley on behalf of the Village Hall and Liz Whatley on behalf of the Benefice of West Purbeck. Chairman Sue Jones then read out written reports that had been provided from the Erica Trust, Briantspuddle Community Group and Bladen Social Club. All reports are available on the Briantspuddle Community Website under the Parish Council section.



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caravanning trip to Damage Barton in Devon, where she sat in the sun with a smile on her face; happy and at peace-where she belonged. My parents were there for each other through the difficult times, and my Mum often said of my Dad that she could not have gone on to achieve what she did without him.

My Mum was a brilliant Mum. She balanced being a mother with achieving 5 educational qualifications, and pursuing a career in teaching and then as a priest. She managed both sides simultaneously and my brother and I never came second. We know that my Mum was proud of us, as we are of her. In partnership with my Dad, we were given a loving and happy childhood full of lovely memories, including holidays, Christmases, birthdays, and my Mum's signature coffee cake and apple crumble, which she made for us despite the fact that she couldn't eat it herself, due to her diabetes. My mum was there for us in difficult times, and was a counsellor as well as a mother in such circumstances. She had also always wanted a daughter, and the love that she had for us was passed on to our wives Nicola and Lisa when they joined our family. My brother and I were raised in such a way that we were encouraged to pursue our own interests and be ourselves, whilst being instilled with a strong sense of right and wrong and independence, and not to take anything in life as a given or for granted. During this difficult time, my brother and I, along with my Dad, have drawn on the strength that my Mum instilled in us, which has allowed us to meet the challenges of the past year with stoicism and resilience. Although we miss my Mum greatly, and wish she were here, we are still here as a family, and we owe this to her.

My Mum was a proud Nanny. She was thrilled to become a grandmother, and shortly after her grandson Harry was born, she took him around the village to show everyone; I was always taken aback by how everyone knew Harry wherever he went. My Mum went all out to give him a great time whenever she saw him, including his first birthday, for which she organised a party and baked his cake, and would spend a lot of time and effort knitting him new items of clothing. She and Harry adored one another; and this endured into her final days.

My Mum was a caring and loyal friend. She was there for her friends regardless of circumstance, and supported them through difficult times with no judgement, but with love and encouragement. She was always willing to listen, and offer advice where appropriate. My mum's friends remember her as great fun; from the happy memories that they have of her on caravanning holidays, when they enjoyed





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themselves so much they felt like children again at times, to being a great organiser of games evenings. Her friends will miss her enormously; they loved her and she them.

My Mum was an outstanding teacher. She used her strong educational background (she had 3 degrees by 2010) and passion for Theology to inspire her students and achieve excellent outcomes for them. This went beyond the classroom; she delivered A Level classes to adults after school, lectures to students from across the schools in the local area (one of which I was lucky enough to attend) and produced articles for educational publications. Her caring and nurturing qualities meant that she also excelled in a pastoral role as Head of Year. It is however worth noting that my Mum's teaching career may have taken a different path had she succeeded, when she was a student at Parkstone Grammar (where she had spent most of her career) some years before, in selling the School by putting up a 'for sale' sign outside along with two friends. Fortunately, despite a couple of good offers, their efforts were not successful.

My Mum was also an excellent priest. When Antony became Archdeacon and recommended my Mum to Wool he told the parish reps that he rated her in the top ten of priests in the Diocese—a claim for which he was soon vindicated. Far be it from me to disagree with the Archdeacon Antony, but in my (far from impartial opinion)...she was the top 10!

My Mum's faith was central and integral to her identity as an individual, and it was in fulfilling this role, her calling, that many of her greatest personal qualities shone through:

My Mum was innovative and forward-thinking. In her own words, she believed in going beyond a 'this is how we've always done it approach' to becoming mission and community focused. Some members of the church family at Holy Rood describe my Mum as a "breath of fresh air" and "a burst of energy and sunshine" when she arrived, who challenged others to look at church in a new and exciting way. She believed in a "Church without walls"; not constrained by physical or social boundaries, that served its community and was brought to the people. She led and inspired others to follow. One member of the church family summed it up very well: "she seemed to have an idea, voice it and it happened. Others followed." My Mum revitalised the work of the church with young people; introducing initiatives such as Messy Church, and Open the Book. The latter



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of food to be sent across to the food bank in Bere Regis where they have been able to offer support to several families through this very challenging year.

The hall was also a central point for people to collect fabric and threads as many in our community set about embroidering a picture of life in lockdown. The finished article will in due course be on permanent display in the hall as a reminder of this time in our history. Jenny's jams have also been able to be on display raising funds some of which have been donated towards the new dishwasher the hall needed and is currently raising money to support the Joseph Weld Hospice. Allan Smith's honey has also been available with its monies raised being donated to the hall funds.



The trustees managed to secure the government grant of £10,000 which enabled us to continue to cover our ongoing overheads without dipping into reserves which are primarily set aside for the upkeep of our thatched roof.

The money from the grants is all but gone now and so we hope soon to be able to start to welcome back our regular hirers and start to see things get back to normal, whatever that may look like going forward.

I would like to thank all of my trustees for being open to things being done differently during this time and to each and every volunteer who has stepped up to enable the hall to offer the services it has, you have all been amazing.

We couldn't hold our annual Burns Night or New Year's Eve celebrations. The Christmas Fayre had to be reinvented as an event over most of December providing stalls for those who would have attended the fair that people could make purchases from at leisure thereby reducing the risk of gathering large numbers of people for a short period of time.



Archive Photo

The hall was also used as a vaccination centre as the Bere Regis surgery trialed flu vaccinations in the community, a very successful event that I believe they intend repeating in the future.

The village hall café was also able to put on a socially distanced Christmas lunch, sponsored by the village shop. The sponsorship enabled us to

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Annual Report 2021

What a year! Cast your minds back if you will to January 2020 when most was well with the world and there was talk of a virus affecting parts of Asia. Jump to the 23rd March 2020 and the prime minister announces the first lockdown ordering everyone to stay at home.



The village hall hosted a meeting of all the parishes organisations able to attend. The meeting, organised by the parish council was to consider a parish response to covid 19.

From that night on to the present time the village hall has been open every single day with the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The trustees agreed wholeheartedly that the village hall should play whatever part it could during this pandemic. All activities came to a halt, income dried up to a trickle and we braced ourselves for what was to come. The hall became a daily sanctuary especially through the early spring and winter months enabling those needing the shop and post office to wait in the warm and dry whilst one person at a time was allowed to enter the shop, it also provided a safe space for a small amount of interaction with each other whilst queuing.

We had just had the kitchen, jubilee room, toilets and lobby areas redecorated and it was decided that whilst the hall was not available for hire it would be a good opportunity to decorate the main hall providing a fully refreshed bright and fresh village hall for use once this was all over.

Throughout the last year as and when government advice and or regulations have allowed the hall has provided a "village hall café" on Tuesdays and Saturdays. An opportunity for members of our community to come together, albeit socially distanced, to enjoy a respite from isolation and spend an hour or two in the company of others whilst also raising some funds towards the running costs of the hall itself.

It has been a place where daily papers can be collected and we also brought the food bank collection from the church to the hall. With the very generous support of our community that little plastic box as enabled considerable amounts

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serves as an example of my Mum's much-valued work with local CofE primary schools, in which, both through her visits and her work as a governor, she played a much loved, valued and integral role in the ethos and life of the school. She reached out to other members of the community through initiatives such as lunch clubs and staycations (country/city based experiences), which are still talked about today. She encouraged and facilitated collaboration between the different churches in the area to serve the community. My Mum extended worship beyond the church through services held in the community; such as holding harvest festival in a local barn, and numerous services in the D'Uberville Hall. She also organised a very enjoyable and successful village fete on the glorious August bank holiday weekend of 2019, which included, family, friends, the church family and of course, the local community. The outcome of my Mum's hard work and effort was the building of a community-focused church in which all were, and importantly felt, welcome.

My Mum was an inspiration. From a young age she had shown that she was not prepared to be defined by societal expectations, and this was a principle that guided her through the rest of her life. I have followed in her footsteps as a teacher, I hope with a passion and dedication similar to hers. My brother cares for his Son Harry in the same loving way that my Mum cared for us. She led by example through her commitment and dedication. It would be fair to say that my Mum didn't do half measures, whether it be faith, friends, family...or gin. She would get up at 4am when completing her training as a priest. In 2010, she set herself on a health and fitness path that resulted in her losing almost 4 stone in weight and getting on top of her diabetes.

My Mum was also inspirational through her ministry. Many have commented on the wonderful and inspiring services she delivered, especially personally significant occasions such as marriages, christenings and funerals. She considered the last of these to be a particular privilege to deliver. My brother and I are amongst those fortunate enough to have had my Mum officiate their wedding, and she performed Harry's christening, my grandparent's golden wedding anniversary, and the funeral of her father-in-law and grandmother. My Mum was a wonderful signer, and used her talent and passion to reinvigorate the choirs at her last two churches. She inspired, encouraged and was prepared to challenge others to pursue their faith and opportunities in the church, whether directly on a personal level or through faith-based courses. A good friend of my Mum's said that simply being in her presence was enough to inspire her.





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My Mum was caring, loving and focused on the needs of other. She helped many in a similar position to my family and I. Her words at the end of today's service sheet, to let her go and go on to have happy and fulfilled lives, are typical of her unselfish nature, but they will be hard to fulfil given the significant loss that her passing represents to us all.

My Mum was not afraid of dying. In the words of two of her friends: "She knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that she would be going to heaven and living there free from suffering. She did not seem resentful that she has been taken so young and far too soon."

My Mum led a happy life, always with a smile on her face, and I believe enjoyed more happiness and touched more lives than many could hope to in a lifetime. I am a firm believer that one of the ways in which we live on is through the imprint we leave, through our deeds and actions, and the lives we touch. If that is the case, then we can take comfort that my Mum is not only with us here today, but will stay with us for the days to come.

Thank you for listening

Address by the Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne

We gather here today to give thanks for a very special person. We all come with our special memories of Carol, as a wife, mother, grandmother, friend and priest. We have already heard something about Carol's life, which has been rich, and much reflective of her faith, which was kindled at St Hubert's, Corfe Mullen nearly 40 years ago and sustained through a theology degree, teaching RE and a change of vocation through ordination and years of service at St Peter's, Holy Angels and here in West Purbeck.

When she died Carol left a legacy of love. We have fond memories in our hearts of someone who loved life to the full, someone for whom family was always a special place, and someone who fought bravely the illness which has so tragically taken her away from those who loved her, all too soon.

I believe she also left a message of love with the readings chosen for today's service. Our second reading is a well known one for funerals, reminding us that when the disciples were perplexed about the



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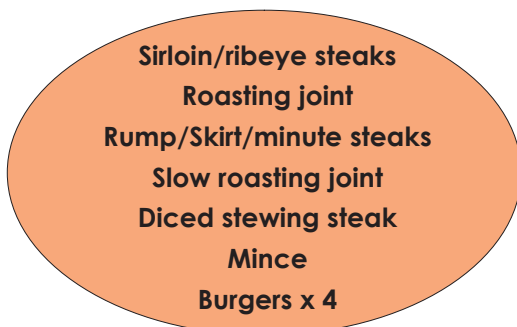
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Cow Share

We made the decision at the beginning of lock down to give a cow to our local food bank in Blandford; they were under enormous pressure and we thought that would be a great way to support them. They couldn't take a whole cow, so, we split one of our animals into 25 shares and sold it to villagers

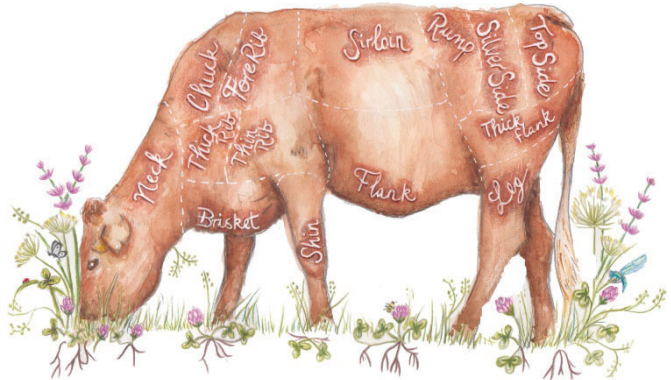
in Tarrant Monkton & Launceston, raising over £500 for the Blandford Food Bank.

Covid-19 has changed consumer habits, most notably the way we buy food. More and more of us are trying to source food as locally as we can, not only to support local businesses but also as we are realising it's often the healthiest option for us and the environment. Our beef is organic meaning that our cows are reared to the highest welfare standards, their diet is naturally rich, nutritious and varied but always grass-based. However, buying meat produced like this can be prohibitively expensive for families. So we have come up with a solution to make our beef more accessible and, predictably, it's an age old solution; cow share.


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future, Jesus brought comfort to those he loved by telling them of his own plans. To go and prepare a place for them, where they would be with him forever. A place with infinite space and welcome, as a house or mansion with many rooms or dwelling places. Our God is a God of love and a God of provision, and when Thomas, that great doubter of the faith, sought clarification from Jesus 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?' Jesus continued to give reassurance, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

That was the call upon Carol's life, and which led her ministry, trusting in the Lord of the way, the truth and the life. The love of God shone out of her, in her interaction with others, her willingness to go where God was calling her to serve, and all that she shared in, her preaching, teaching, outreach and pastoral care.

And in that Carol, in turn led others to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. It was a joy to share with her in confirmation services, the interaction with families at Holy Angels, and in the commissioning of lay ministries in the benefice here, something which will be a joy to do again on Sunday evening.

Carol will have preached herself on this passage on many occasions however for our reading today we have added verse 27.

A verse about peace.

'Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

Carol was a person of love, but also very much a person of peace. I am aware that it has been difficult these last few months, for all of you who have been alongside her in her suffering, hoping and praying that she would know God's true peace.

There was a peace about Carol's ministry, which she carried with her, rooted and grounded in a strong faith in Jesus Christ, which meant that even though things may have been stressful or challenging, she would never let that get in the way of her responsibilities and care for others. People always came away from spending time with her with a sense of peace whenever they needed reassurance, help or comfort. And those of us who engage in it day after day, know that ministry is not always easy, and the challenges of people of places can be immense. Carol knew this, always sought Counsel about it and





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was determined to resource herself in the right way so she could primarily support others. Many would say she worked too hard, but it was Carol's nature to get things right, to keep going, to serve generously and unstintingly.

It was that deep and determined faith which I feel sustained her these last months, as Carol did her best to engage with her congregations for worship via zoom, as she coped with her prognosis, and enjoyed her family and friends around her.

And by adding that extra verse, perhaps Carol is wanting to leave us a message too. Times like this can leave us troubled and afraid, as we think about a future without someone we love, and it may be as if she is wanting to speak through these words of Christ to us. 'Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.'

Finally, Carol was also a person of hope. In dying just after Easter, her favourite season of the Church's year we are reminded of her life, which not only was demonstrated by love and peace, but also was held together by a deep hope, which she too passed on to others through her determination to reach out to those outside the church, through her generosity of time and her faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The first reading Carol chose for today is that great verse of hope which shines through all the gospels:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son , so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

As well as giving thanks for Carol today we are committing her to God's safe keeping, where there is no longer pain or suffering and only eternal light and peace. A hope she had in Jesus and a hope she had for all of us too. God not only promises to stand alongside all who mourn offering strength and comfort but as Christ conquered death by rising from the dead he opened the way to eternal life for all of us.

As we reflect today on Carol's life and ministry of love, peace and hope, and give thanks for her, by choosing these readings I am sure Carol wants us too to commit ourselves to seeing that her love, peace and hope live on in our lives and the life of the local church. And, most importantly, I am sure she wants us all to experience for ourselves God's love, peace and hope too not only at this time of loss but in the months and years to come. Amen

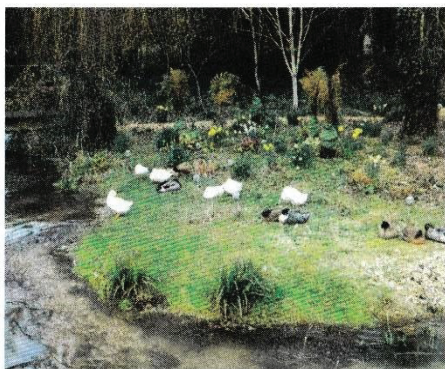




Holiday will bring car loads of tourists. My owner has had her hair cut, first time since September. A Floral Group meeting and a Gardening Club meeting have been arranged. The Women's Institute are going out to a pub for lunch. I will be on my own again but I am actually quite tired now so this dog is retiring from writing. I can hang about in the Alley way in North Street. If I have the energy I just might bark at you if you walk past.

Jenny Stone

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cracks and the foliage on the trees appears brown shriveled and late. The bluebell carpets are late. We are now getting April showers in May. The gardeners and farmers think everything is about a month behind. There is very little grass for the farmers to make silage. The soft fruit harvest will be affected. My owner worries that the erupting St Vincent Volcano ash in the higher atmosphere will cause us to have a wet summer. She needs to get out more. She still worries about everything at the moment.



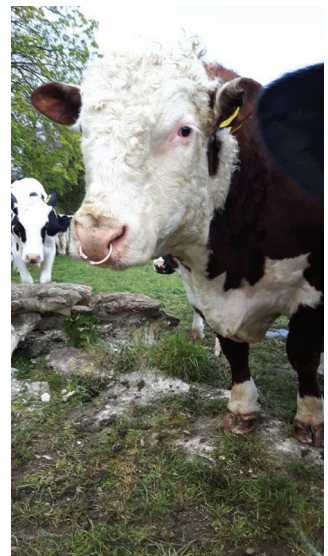
We have had local elections. The local polling station was at the Bere Regis Sports Club. We went down to vote but had to come home as she forgot her mask and the pencil. Two walks up North Street that day. I had a great time barking at all the voters walking up the street. Our magazine Editor, Alison, took this photo of me waiting patiently outside the Sports Club.

Since then we have had non stop analysis and coverage on the News. With such a low turnout in England it beats me how the newscasters can go on and on accurately predicting what will happen in a General election basing their calculations on a 36 per cent turnout. I suppose they factor that into the calculations

Looking ahead there are more changes coming, firstly, a future change of ownership at Court Green Farm. We went down there for a walk to see the newly arrived cattle. The farmer tells my owner that the magnificent Hereford bull is called "Otis". His heifers when they calve next year will be Dairy replacements for the milking herd which provides the milk for Allen Valley Milk Vending Machines. The nearest vending machine is at Winterborne Whitechurch.

The shop has changed hands. We will miss the Moose Family. Thirty five years is a long time and running a village shop is a full on business. We must continue to support the new shop and the visiting vans. The Pandemic has shown us how vital local businesses are. Remember dogs like to go to the shops for a walk as well.

The pubs re-open next week!!!! The Spring Bank



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NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER



Coming from a family of teachers, I have always had an interest in education, and from 2016-2020, I was Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Youth Employment. This group looked at a variety of ways in helping young people into training and employment. My interest in education and helping people into employment continues, so I was delighted by the plans announced in the Queen's speech about the Lifetime Skills Guarantee. New laws will create a post-16 and adult education and training system that is fit for the future, providing the skills that people need for well-paid jobs and opportunities to train throughout their lifetime.

For veterans, one way to develop to further their education might be through the Open University (OU) Disabled Veterans' Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships for up to 50 disabled veterans to build on their unique

military skills and experiences by studying at undergraduate or postgraduate level for free. The OU has awarded 160 such scholarships so far, helping individuals from

a variety of service backgrounds with a range of physical disabilities and mental health conditions. Each scholarship is tailored to support disabled veterans, injured during or due to their service, as they transition to civilian life, providing a free OU education and wraparound disability and careers service support. The application deadline is midnight on 9th July 2021 and you can find information online here: <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/veterans>

The Queen's speech announced the Government's new legislative program for this Parliament, and other measures included the plans to continue the work in establishing an advanced research agency. This work will build on the success of the vaccination program, to lead work in life sciences, and conducting ambitious scientific research. This will be developed through the Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA) Bill. This Bill started in the last Parliament, and part of my recent work has been scrutinising the Bill line by line in the committee stages. These committees are a vital part of the work in Parliament, as each Bill is thoroughly scrutinised and debated by a cross party group of MPs. The committee may call expert witnesses as part of the evidence gathering for

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each clause. Oral and written evidence can be submitted, and all proceedings are recorded in Hansard, so you can read them online. Some shorter Bills need only one meeting, and others can stretch into many hours of scrutiny and discussion. So far we have had 6 sessions on the ARIA Bill, and it is now with the House of Lords.



Also announced was the Environment Bill, which will include new legal duties to tackle sewage discharges into rivers and help protect our waterways. Many of you have been in touch to express concerns about storm overflows in Dorset, and these changes are planned to be implemented by the end of this year.

It will be another busy session of Parliament in Westminster, but as always I am continuing my surgeries, so please do get in touch if you need support. You can contact me via email michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01202 624216. I send out

a regular email update – you can sign up on my website www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk where you can also find links to the latest coronavirus advice.

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pottering round local towns. She goes shopping or just does things she wouldn't normally do. You meet new people, hear different gossip and do something useful as well. They are desperate for additional volunteer drivers, so if you're interested, do see the advertisement on page 31. Dorchester County museum reopens at the end of the month following its substantial refit and there will be hours of interest in there. This will be a good place for tourists to go on wet days and us in the winter.

Following the international Black Lives Matter Campaign, the Drax Arms Pub has been vandalized with Anti-Slavery Slogans. My owner had thought that Charborough Park might have been vulnerable but it was surprising that the Pub was targeted. The Pub now has no financial connection with the Drax family whatsoever. What was the point?



It occurs to her that this might be a good time to change the name of the Pub, now the Drax family is in the process of divesting itself of so many of its interests in the village. Now don't get me wrong, normally she hates the names of pubs being changed as they are local landmarks and part of local history. In this case one must remember that the Drax Arms was known as the King's Head before 1700. Its name may have been changed previously because the village did not want its pub to be associated with the crime of regicide? More likely the first name change came when the pub was purchased by the Drax Family and coincided with the family acquisition of their Arms

My owner being whimsical tried to think of a new modern name and came up with "The Bere Down" or "The Platinum Crown". It is probably better it stays as it is. We don't want a "Boaty Mac Boatface" name disaster.

It was a record breaking April for lack of rain and cold frosty nights. Apart from cutting the grass about every two weeks we have done no gardening this year. She says we are waiting for things to warm up. The ground is hard with 1 cm wide

DOG BLOG

DOG TIRED

I think things may be getting back to normal, my owner has started listening to 'the Archers,' again after avoiding the programme, for over a year during the pandemic. The script writing still has its faults and the characters are irritating but at least I know that nothing is going to happen when that music starts, she will not even answer the phone. Stupid really she can always listen to it later on catch up.



This item will be published in June and if the Government Road Map still holds good we should soon see the end of personal restrictions. There are still worries about the India third wave infection and its mutants. The news from there is horrifying. My owner has had a cold and took a lateral flow test before going to work. I watched her do it poking the swab down her throat until she gagged

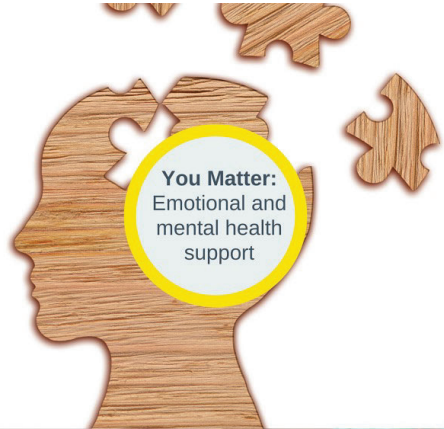
and then up her nose. It looked really unpleasant. After that the test was really simple to do. I am pleased to say thirty minutes later the result was a clear negative. The downside of that meant she could still go to work. I was left on my own again.

My owner has had her second vaccination. Humans will be able to entertain at home next week and go to eat inside pubs and restaurants. I know my owner is looking forward to going to the pub for a Sunday Roast and for an Indian meal. We have had a few windy chilly outside meals including a cream tea at the Past and Present tea rooms in the Old School House at East Lulworth. There was another excellent breakfast at Clavell's restaurant in Kimmeridge. A good place to visit on the way back is Steeple church. This church is an oasis of tranquility in the rolling Purbeck country side. Inside you will find an ancient old church organ and heraldry links to American History. She also went for a walk in torrential rain at the RSPB nature reserve at Arne. I was left at home.

My owner is a volunteer driver for the neighbourhood car drivers scheme. She took a client to Dorchester Hospital and while we were waiting took me up on the ramparts of Maiden Castle. The views of Dorchester and Poundbury are stunning from up there. NeighbourCar is a great way to get out of the village, enjoy local towns, cafes and unusual shops. There is usually some time to spend to go

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Camp Bestival Dates

Details of the forthcoming Camp Bestival event at Lulworth Castle are as follows: Thursday 29th July to Monday 2nd August; site build/break: Wednesday 14th July to Wednesday 4th August. For additional information, such as event timings and a traffic route map, please visit:

<http://www.campbestival.net/info/residents-information>



Forthcoming events at the Tank Museum in Bovington

Dorset Council have received two applications from The Tank Museum to impose temporary 30mph speed limits on Bovington Lane between the southern end of



the existing 30mph speed limit to a point approximately 65 metres east of its junction with Cologne Road, a distance of approximately 1,300 metres. The temporary speed limits have been requested as a traffic management solution to slow down traffic near the entrances/exits to the temporary car parks for two major temporary

events. The temporary speed limits will be in place:

Friday 24th - Sunday 25th July 2021 (for "Tiger Day 15"), and

Thursday 16th - Monday 20th September 2021 (for "Tankfest 2021").

The Tank Museum will place temporary signing on the road in this area to inform the travelling public of the speed limit.

DORSET businesses have received around £250m in Government help during the pandemic.

Upon reflection

Let me reflect upon that face
Whose features do ensnare my heart,
My heightened passion does embrace
Each wondrous aspect, work of art.

A thinker's forehead smoothly drafted,
Wry dimples that appear with mirth,
Regal cheek bones, finely crafted,
A knowing nod: bestowing worth.

Earlobes shyly half revealed,
Haughty nostrils, right and left,
The tip of tongue barely concealed,
A chin bearing a hero's cleft.

Eyebrows jaunty and mischievous,
A hairline shrouded in mystery,
Lips apart of juicy rubiness,
Genes spawned of noble history.

Such a piercing gaze, so cool,
No complexion could be clearer...
Snap out of it, romantic fool,
Cease your looking in the mirror!

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A hedgehog knows, without a doubt,
He needs to keep the water out.
Whatever else, he doesn't need you,
To tell him what he needs to do,
So, if he considers it doesn't conform,
To what he thinks of as his norm,
The chance of him hanging around are slender,
Inside your hedgehog hacienda.

Paul J Openshaw (April 2021)

Sock

I wandered lonely as a sock,
That somehow went astray,
Which, can sometimes occur with socks,
When it comes to washing day.
Drifting through a parallel universe,
Destined for who knows where?
There's not much call for a sock,
When it doesn't come as a pair.

Having been recently laundered,
It's really a bit of a sod,
Even although I'm squeaky clean,
I will always be thought of as odd.

Without any sinister leanings,
The fickle finger of fate,
Has dealt a cruel blow,
For a sock, that's lost its mate.
The future is unpredictable.
Nothing is very clear.
A positive outcome is required,
Where can things go from here?
I could put an ad in the paper.
My hopes I can hang on a peg,
And go in search of a single foot,
At the end of a single leg.

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The money, in grants and business rate relief, has been administered by finance teams at Dorset Council. The high levels of payments had only been achieved by transferring some of the council's staff from their routine work to help with the grant payments and benefit reliefs.

The payments have included £170m in business grants and £55m in business rate relief with a further £32m is due to be paid out shortly in business re-start grants. Dorset Council has been judged to be one of the best performing in the country in how it has dealt with the operation.

Council's Annual Meeting

At the annual Council Meeting on the 4th May it was agreed that the council's senior roles are all to stay the same for another year. This includes the leader, the deputy leader and all the cabinet positions.

The meeting also agreed a recommendation to continue meeting virtually with powers delegated to senior officers to enact committee and council decisions. These will be passed as 'minded to' decisions until June 21st when social distancing regulations are due to be relaxed..

We are all very disappointed by the Government's decision not to allow virtual meetings to continue as we have lobbied the Government to listen to council leaders up and down the country and allow online meetings to continue. Dorset Council, like others, do not have spaces big enough for all councillors to meet whilst complying with the current Covid restrictions, although this will change if restrictions are lifted in the third week of June. Affordable Housing Dorset Council has exceeded its target for providing new-build affordable housing in the county over the last 12 months. In a year like no other, with building sites restricted and materials in short supply at times; 301 safe and affordable housing has been made available for the residents of Dorset whilst the target was 300. Dorset currently has over 6000 households on the housing register, and over 300 households in temporary accommodation.

An £8m project monitoring cliff falls at key points along the Jurassic Coast

5G RuralDorset partnered with Dorset Council has announced it will develop a coastal landslip monitoring system which will use 5G connected sensors to monitor ground movement, temperature and rainfall so coastal landslips can be better understood. It is hoped that the research can prove that by using 5G sensors, the process of data collection can be made safer, more cost effective, responsive and efficient, as well as contribute to coastal resilience in the face of climate change and rising sea levels. The system will be trialled at Lyme Regis and Burton Bradstock, which are both sites with active landslides posing public safety risks for the local community and visitors. The current management and monitoring systems at Lyme Regis represents a very significant cost to Dorset Council and we hope the new system will provide significant savings in the future.

Digital arts programme

Thanks to funding from Arts Council England and a National Lottery Project Grant to develop libraries as cultural hubs, Dorset Library Service is to run a digital arts programme for young people and adults. Working with The Arts Development Company, the focus will be on celebrating diversity with a selection of artists. There will be bespoke events for specific community groups, including adults living with dementia. Activities will also support mental health in young people. The range of activities will include author events, music, arts, poetry, and dance linked to national celebrations such as National Poetry Day, Black History. All events and booking information will be available at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/LibrariesAsCulturalHubs

Helping the Deaf – a good news story

When profoundly Deaf Bridport resident John Phillips received a free smartphone from Dorset Council, he had no idea just how much it would transform his life. The 76-year-old received the gift on Christmas Eve, as part of the council's drive to help digitally connect people in need. By then John, whose only method of communication is sign language, had spent nine months in lockdown isolation, had very little contact with

people and was feeling very low. With support from Millbrook Healthcare's Sight and Hearing team in Dorchester, John started to use his smartphone to communicate with people and it changed his life. He said "The best part has been contacting my friends again via WhatsApp because I had no contact with them for so long. I've been able to



communicate with my oldest friend of 45 years for the first time in more than a year. We send each other videos and messages and it's been wonderful."

John is one of 50 people in Dorset who have received, or will receive, a free tablet or smartphone thanks to Dorset Council teaming up with the Good Things Foundation charity.

Twenty of those devices are currently being distributed to people in the county who have learning disabilities.

POETRY CORNER

When there's music in your heart

When there's music in your heart
Then life flows along with a merry
swing
Every day is like a day in spring
When there's music in your heart.

When you have a song to sing
Then the sky seems bright and blue
above
Everybody seems to be in love
When you have a song to sing.

The day seems much brighter
Your heart feels much lighter
And you walk along with a smile.
The birds seem more willing
To start up their trilling
And everything is worthwhile.

When there's music in your heart
Then everything in life is fun
And you feel friends with everyone
When there's music in your heart.

Eileen Richardson

100 Not out

Today I have made it a century
And I'm pleased, it's not a bad score.
Now the burning question I'm asking
'Is that it or will there be more?'

I made up my mind at the beginning
To play well in the tradition of cricket
Though the game has not always
been easy
Sometimes it's been a difficult wicket.

Often I've played as a fielder
I've had a blunder, dropped a catch
Then tried to make amends for my
side
Only to find – we've just lost the
match!

Though I'm not really much of a
batsman
I've tried to hit hard in my innings
But I'm usually on the losing side
Must be great on the side that's
winning!

I hope you'll excuse my humour
That it's all merely words and puns
The fact is my hundred is different
It's poems I've written - Not runs!

Eileen Richardson



The police runners escorting me on my run were wonderful. "You're doing great Bob, keep it up" said one as I ran the whole way very slowly to milk the moment! As we got to the finish, the little Davey lamp which was to carry the flame between the villages was brought out of the bus for me to light with my torch. However, even with assistance, I was unable to light it because of the driving rain. A decision was made to retreat to the shelter of the bus where I was then able to ignite it for its journey to the next village of Portesham.

My moment had come and gone but the memories will linger for ever. My fellow torchbearers were there to greet me back on the bus. After picking up the last two runners at Portesham, we headed back to Bridport whilst the torch gas cylinders were being decommissioned. We were handed our own torches (each

of the 8,000 torches is unique) as we disembarked the bus.

Diana was there to greet me and we shared some of our experiences as she drove me back to Abbotsbury through thick fog and rain for the family party in the Ilchester Arms. What a greeting we had and there was again warm applause and I was very touched to receive a bottle of champagne from Gina and the East Dorset Open Water Swimming Club. Pretty well everyone in the pub wanted their picture taken with me and the torch, a superb way to end an amazing day.

Like most volunteers involved in grassroots sport, I have spent the last 60 years of my life in swimming because I enjoy it and get so much from the sport. I have felt happy to pass on this infectious love of swimming and have made many life long friends who share my passion.

What my torch bearing day showed me was how much people appreciated my contribution and I was representing them with any small achievement I may have attained over the years.

As I looked back over the day, there was lump in my throat and I began to well up with the pride in being given this special honour. The torch will remain with me and then my family as a permanent reminder but the memories of the day will last forever!

Bob Holman

Dorset Police reorganisation

Dorset Police have recently formed two Local Police Areas (LPAs) in a bid to better respond to the issues that matter most to communities in the county. The two LPAs share their borders with the corresponding councils and are made up of the County LPA, which covers the Dorset Council area and will be led by Chief Superintendent Steve Lyne, and the BCP LPA, which covers the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council area and will be led by Chief Superintendent Mark Callaghan.

Police bosses hope that this will enable Dorset Police to work more proactively with partners to strengthen plans and provide a local service that works for local people across the two council areas. Over the coming months, there will be opportunities for members of the public to engage directly with local officers, both in person and on social media.

Fly-tipping

We have called for jail time for the worst offenders of fly-tipping - as it emerged it cost taxpayers more than £60,000 to clean up in less than a year. There were 1,501 incidents of fly-tipping reported to Dorset Council between April 2020 and January 2021 - costing £60,840 to clear up.

During that period, 252 investigations into incidents of fly-tipping were carried out which resulted in just 10 fixed penalty notices being handed out, with 47 fines for other environmental crimes. There were 1,870 fly-tipping incidents were reported to Dorset Council in 2019-20. Council leaders have called for an increase in the punishment for the worst offenders of fly-tipping, which currently stands at an unlimited fine and up to five years in prison, as well as more freedom for the council to install video cameras to 'catch fly-tippers and litterers in the act'.

We would also welcome any change in legislation that made the Enforcement Team's job easier, such as less legal bureaucracy involved in installing video cameras to catch fly-tippers and litterers in the act, or stricter rules on advertising 'man in a van' services on social media.



Four Council owned sites disposed of so far – realising £4.6million

The four sites were sold by the end of this financial year in March with another eight or nine in preparation for sale. The four have been named as the former Mountjoy School site, Bridport; the former Norden council offices at Blandford; St Martin's at Gillingham and Roman Road, Weymouth. All are expected to be developed for housing. The council has also vacated several sites, although in some cases they were leased, rather than owned, further cutting costs. These include Furzehill, the former East Dorset District Council headquarters near Wimborne and Princes House in Dorchester. Two key south Dorset sites are still awaiting a decision – the former Weymouth and Portland HQ at North Quay and South Walks House in Dorchester which the council has said it will not be returning to.

The Council owns 600 sites of which 24 are currently occupied offices. It was always planned to reduce the number of sites as a result of the merger of the councils into one. There will be further savings and rationalization because of changing working practices accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grid Power

Grid Power to parts of Dorset, already difficult in some areas, could get worse in the future as electric networks come under greater pressure. At a recent meeting Dorset councillors were told that some of the county's industrial estates are already at capacity. Councillors agreed that suppliers will be asked to attend a future meeting to explain their strategy, current capacity problems and how they hope to overcome problem in some areas. The committee heard that the electricity networks had not responded to the recent consultation on the revised Dorset Plan, although the meeting was told that whatever developments are proposed the network providers would be legally obliged to provide for it. There is the potential, across the county, for growth to be held back in some areas by the lack of an adequate energy supply.



Problem areas for supply are across the Dorset Council area but include, locally, Dorset Innovation Park and Holton Heath Trading Park.

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We had a five minute wait for the convoy to pass and as it did there was a crescendo of noise as the crowd erupted. The Coca Cola bus was soon followed by ones from Samsung and Lloyds Bank followed in a crescendo of noise and the atmosphere was electric! They were flanked by police motorcycle outriders adding to the sense of occasion.



As I waited and chatted and waved to everyone, a metropolitan police runner dressed in a grey t-shirt and shorts came up to me. He was asking what I had done to earn my place in the torch relay when around the sharp bend came Margaret, her torch ablaze and held aloft.



We were to perform what they called “the kiss” when she was to transfer the flame from her torch to mine. One of the security runners stepped forward and turned on the gas from the cylinder in my torch and it was quickly alight. Here I was in this moment of time with the Olympic flame and was a small part of the greatest athletic show on earth. I could not hide my delight, it was awesome and an experience I will cherish and never forget.

I guess most people can count on the fingers of one hand, the unforgettable moments in their lives; their marriage, the births of their children, achieving a special goal. Well this was one of those moments for me.

My first instinct was to jump for joy holding the flaming torch aloft for all to see. The crowd whooped as I grinned like the Cheshire cat and set off down the road for my 300 metre run. More friends were lining the route. There was Gerry, Gina, Bob, Andrew, Adrian, Sue, Julien and Bernie. Also Phillip, Kasha, Will and Martha from the village. Diana told me later that another friend Beverley said “After all the years Bob taught my children to swim, I couldn't let this moment pass”. I know there were many more as well as the whole of Abbotsbury who were there but the run was but a blur.

Now I am not a runner and it would have been easier for me to swim it. If the rain had been even heavier that may have been possible but nothing was going to spoil my day. Just for once I felt like a star as the crowd willed me on and I was at the centre of it all.

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I was the last to be dropped off as I was to run the eastern leg through Abbotsbury. The bus had edged its way to a point where my family and friends were waiting for me to emerge in my plastic cape and into the driving rain. This was a truly wonderful moment as it erupted in applause and cheering. Miranda was carrying a banner with We are so proud of Bob Holman written on it. Special friends Paula, Irvine and young Kieran were there along with

my friend and doctor Tim Harley who might have been there to check me over after my run!

There were also many friends from my swimming activities and my local rambling group and they were all there for me!



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Next stop, Summer in Dorset! We want as many children to benefit from this programme as possible, therefore, we are planning a much larger, more accessible, and more exciting 6-week programme of activities over the summer holidays. We're currently in talks with many existing activity providers, voluntary organisations, and schools so that together we can deliver a brilliant programme of enriching activities, nutritious meals, and fun. Please contact summerindorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk for more info.

Surgery

We are not holding face to face meetings for the moment. However, we would be more than delighted to talk to you on the telephone or via Zoom. Please ring or email us with the subject matter so that we can prepare ourselves. Peter's email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com telephone 07986 600799 and Laura's is clrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk telephone 07814 569563.

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The time had come to get on the bus and leave for our first drop off point at Burton Bradstock. The rain was still coming down in stair rods as we splashed through the puddles towards the village. We were to park up by the roadside for about 10 minutes awaiting the convoy of the major sponsor's buses which would lead the parade through the villages. They were to provide the razzmatazz to our special moment.

There were hoots and much cheering as the procession past and we dropped off our first torchbearer and our bus moved off. Nothing could have prepared me for what was to follow as the crowds lining these small villages were staggering. Simply everyone had turned out to cheer us on and their enthusiasm was infectious.

Suddenly I felt like a celebrity. There was often a roar and applause and the crowd was in an almost raucous delighted mood. A little bit of rain was not going to spoil our day and everyone was there to cheer us on! I felt it showed our country at its very best: the cheerfulness, the friendliness, the stoicism. I loved it!

We passed through Burton Bradstock and on to Abbotsbury waving like mad to the crowd. I now know how the queen feels as I waved out of the bus window, beaming from ear to ear. They were all here to see us torchbearers and we were stars for the day!

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I awoke early and took our usual cup of tea back to bed. Diana was as excited as I was and really looking forward to my "moment to shine!" when the telephone rang. It was Samantha saying our Evie who had been poorly overnight was in hospital and they wouldn't be able to make the long trip down the M5 to be with us. Evie was to recover from her chest infection over the next few days but we were very sad for them not to be there with us.

Diana and I have been married 47 years and she has always been a great support to me in my swimming activities whether it has been my long distance swimming, my involvement with Bere Regis Swimming Club, East Dorset Open Water Club or the period when I was heavily involved in water polo in the county. She has been a real brick over the years and I am sorry to say that I don't tell her often enough.

The forecast was horrendous but what do these weathermen know? Well yes quite a lot really! During the early morning the clear blue sky turned into a misty grey. The bank of heavy rain rapidly approached from the west and the first drops fell at around 11 am. This would get steadily heavier as the day progressed, as the heavens opened its floodgates.

We set off for Bridport and travelled along the A35 through Winterborne Abbas. The road had just been reopened after a three day closure through flooding. With all this additional rain it would be soon closed again causing traffic chaos through a lot of West Dorset.

Diana dropped me off at the St Mary's School collection point where I was to be met and briefed on the day's events. Britney and Henry introduced themselves to the eight torchbearers who were to run through Burton Bradstock, Abbotsbury and Portesham. These were truly inspiring people who had done a lot of work in their local communities. I was to share the Abbotsbury leg with young Fabian (15) who was nominated by his brother for being on the local youth club committee and his love of boxing and football. Also Margaret who had done a lot of fundraising for cancer research in her local community.



We were there for over an hour, a time to chat and tell each other a little about ourselves. Everyone had a different tale to tell and it was clear that all of us led full and interesting lives. Britney called us together for the briefing and we were each asked to tell our story. This ranged from working for charities to having an active involvement in grass roots sport.

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The Parish Council met remotely via Zoom on Thursday 6th May 2021 for the Annual Parish Meeting, immediately followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. Two members of the public were present. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th July 2021, hopefully, face to face. If you wish to join the meeting or wish to send in a question to be read out, please contact the Clerk beforehand.

Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Ian Ventham read his report to those present. A full copy of the report is available on the website and it will be in the Parish Magazine. Normally, the report would consist of the events of the past year. However, on this occasion, as Cllr Ventham was standing down from the Chairmanship of the Council after 12 years at the helm, his report covered of many of the various activities undertaken by the Parish Council during that period of time: from the Royal Wedding street party to the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and everything in between. A great deal has been achieved during Ian's Chairmanship and we wish him well for the future, although he will remain a parish councillor for the time being.

Election of Officers

Cllr Moira Mathers was elected to the role of Chairman of the Parish Council with Cllr Bryan Benjafield continuing in the role of Vice Chairman. The remainder of the roles and responsibilities will be confirmed at the July meeting.

Accounts

This being the AGM, the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 were signed off. Income for the year was £81,607 and expenditure was £86,423. The full set of accounts can be found on the Parish Council's website.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Mathers and Ventham, together with the Clerk met representatives from the Drax Estate to discuss the development sites in the village. You may have seen surveyors on the Back Lane and North Street sites in recent months. All the surveys have now been undertaken and the Estate are in the process of preparing the layouts for the sites. As soon as we are able to hold a Village Meeting, they have agreed to attend and put forward their proposals.

Cycling on the boardwalks

Complaints have been received regarding young people riding their bikes on the boardwalks. Until now, this has not been seen as a problem. However, both boardwalks are narrow and there is not room for cyclists to safely pass someone walking or pushing a pushchair. We must now ask that all cyclists dismount and push their bikes along the boardwalks. This is in the interest of safety and consideration.

NeighbourCar

As all those of you who used this service before and during the Covid19 know, this is a vital service but we are in danger of losing it unless more volunteer drivers come forward. You do not have to commit to regular trips; you need respond only when you are able to spare some time and you will get paid 45p per mile. Please contact Brenda House for more information on stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com

Next Meeting

As was said at the start of this piece, we are hoping that the next meeting will be face to face and back in the Drax Hall on Thursday 8th July. At this time, it is not known what guidelines will be put in place, but it is highly likely that social distancing will still be on-going, and it will be necessary to wear facemasks. Whilst we would love to see everyone there, please remember there will be limited capacity. If you are thinking of attending, please email the Clerk in advance so we have an idea of numbers.

Amanda Crocker

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No matter, I felt greatly honoured and privileged in being given a place in the London Olympic Torch relay. Suddenly the great day was looming. The months had rolled into weeks and the weeks now into days and the air of expectancy rose.

My family was turning out in force with my sister Sylvia and her family coming from North Devon and our daughter Samantha and son in law Noel bringing our grandchildren Danny and Evie down from Much Wenlock in Shopshire. I am reminded that Much Wenlock was the very place where it all began and the home of Doctor William Penny Brooks who in 1850 founded the first Wenlock Games, the precursor to the modern Olympic Games first held in 1896. The Wenlock Games were originally designed "to promote the moral, physical and intellectual improvement of the inhabitants of the town and neighborhood of Wenlock".

Also our younger daughter Miranda would be there with Robert just 4 and the proud owner of his 25 metre swimming badge!

A week before the great event, my uniform arrived with instructions for the day. The gear looked superb but slightly transparent so the advice to wear white clothing underneath was very sensible. I was to be at the designated collection point, Bridport County Primary School at 2.45 pm on the day. My run was from Rodden Row to Glebe Close on the eastern side of Abbotsbury.

The Olympic flame had arrived in the UK on 18th. May after being lit by the sun's rays at the Temple of Hera in Olympia, in a traditional ceremony amongst the ruins of the home of the ancient games. Over its 70 day journey, the flame will have travelled around the UK through more than 1,000 cities, towns and villages coming within an hour's travel of 95% of the population. The journey will end when the last torchbearer lights the cauldron at the Olympic Games opening ceremony at the Olympic Stadium on 27th. July marking the official start of the games.

I was pleased to accept the offer to buy my torch and will not be selling it! How could anyone other than those giving the proceeds to charity, think of selling theirs on E-bay! The torch was designed by east London design company Barber Osgerby. The 8,000 cut-out circles represent each of the torchbearers. The circles run the length of the torch enabling you to see the burner system that keeps the Olympic flame alive and also ensuring the torch itself doesn't get too hot to hold.

The triangular shape of the torch was inspired by a series of 'threes', found in the history of the Olympic Games and the vision of the Olympic Movement. The three Olympic values are respect, excellence and friendship and the three words which make up the Olympic motto are Faster, Higher, Stronger. The torch is coloured gold to embrace the qualities of the Olympic flame and the brightness and warmth of the light it shines. It is 800mm long and weighs around 1kg with the burner system fitted.

Thursday 12th. July: the great day arrives!

MOMENT TO SHINE

"I would like to nominate you as an Olympic torchbearer Bob. Are you up for it?" My friend Adrian Stuart whom I had known for many years and who had been our club treasurer was asking the question one day last summer. "Of course I would Adrian. I'd love it!

Imagine, carrying the torch and being albeit a small part in making history. It would never come around again in my lifetime and for a short period of time I would be part of it!

The nomination was made and I gave it no further thought. Surely with all those worthy people to select from, there would be only a small chance that I would get chosen? And then it happened. An email from the London 2012 Torch relay team told me that I was now on a shortlist of 28,000 people (some shortlist!) from which 2012 of the 8,000 torchbearers would be selected. My nomination would be reviewed by one of 12 regional panels and I would hear from them in early December whether I had been offered a place.

My excitement was building but it was still only a 1 in 14 chance and again there must be others with a greater claim than mine? Then in early December I got a further email telling me that I had been given a conditional offer of a place. Fantastic! Security checks on my past would be needed so would the speeding fine I picked up in 2001 count?

In the middle of March confirmation came that I had a place in the Olympic torch relay and my "Moment to Shine". I was to keep the news to myself over the weekend until the official launch on the Monday.

Interviews with the local press and radio followed and the word spread amongst my many friends in the local community, but where would I be running? My hope was that it would be at Puddletown near where so many people knew me and would turn out to cheer me on.

In early May I was told that Abbotsbury was to be the place on Thursday 12th. July, a good half hours drive away. Looking at the list it struck me that no one had really sat down with a map and made a real effort to place runners in their immediate locality. I know it would be a logistical challenge and you cannot please all of the people all of the time, but there seemed no logic to some of the placings. When I met other local torchbearers on the beach at Weymouth for a publicity shoot a few weeks later, there was a young man from Portsmouth who was down to run in Weymouth!



PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021

It is customary at the Annual Parish Meeting for the Chairman to give a report on the activities undertaken by the Council over the past year. This past year, and indeed this meeting have been very different from anything we have previously known.

Our year has been dominated by COVID, and, even as we slowly move back to some sort of normality, this meeting, being held electronically as it is, is still affected by the pandemic.

For sure, some of the functions of the Parish Council have continued much as normal, despite the fact we have been unable to meet face to face. Planning applications have been perused and commented on; the Lengthsman's work on our open spaces hasn't stopped; the office functions supervised by our clerk have continued, but Council activities such as Salt and Pepper, and Commibus stopped dead with the first lockdown.

The focus of our year, inevitably, has been COVID. On Friday, 13th March 2020 the situation was looking sufficiently serious that the Parish Council convened a meeting that brought together representatives of the School, Pop In Place, WI, the Church, the Surgery, Scouts and the Sports Club to discuss and agree a community wide response. Out of that meeting emerged BereConnect, the posters which were distributed to all households with emergency contact numbers and advice, the food bank, our volunteer response, the Emergency Fund and much else.

I would like to pay tribute here to the extraordinary commitment given by Councillor Brenda House to mobilising and managing our volunteers. BereConnect volunteers originally numbered over fifty people. As the need for voluntary help became clearer this settled down to a core group of about 20 people, mostly from our NeighbourCar scheme, who provided, and continue to provide, an invaluable service in delivering prescriptions from the surgery to the housebound, and by driving residents to hospital appointments as necessary. Latterly these drivers have taken on the task of getting people to and from vaccine clinics.

We originally thought that many volunteers would be needed to undertake shopping trips for residents who were shielding, but in the event, many of these tasks were taken up by Dorset Council delivering food parcels, and by relatives, friends and neighbours stepping in to give help.

Some of the BereConnect volunteers found themselves in a new role by providing a 'Buddy' link to isolated residents who valued the human contact of an occasional chat on the phone.

Of course, many other people, organisations and businesses as well as our community as a whole rose to the challenges created by the pandemic, but this report concentrates on what we as a council undertook.

The Neighbourhood Plan was approved in the Summer of 2019, but not much happened until early in 2021, when planning consent was sought for the White Lovington site. The planning application was heard by Dorset Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee on Wednesday 7th April. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan had specified approximately 12 dwellings on this site, the plan that was approved will allow 17 dwellings. The Parish Council opposed granting the application mainly on the grounds that an uplift of 42% in the number of dwellings was not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. The planning Committee nonetheless approved the application by 6 votes to 4. Whilst we regret that our objections were over-ruled, it is worth noting that if the Neighbourhood Plan had not been in place, a developer could have brought forward plans for a development of up to 30 houses on this site.

On a personal note, I am giving up the chairmanship of Bere Regis Parish Council today after 12 years, which is far too long a period. I am sure the Council will elect a very able successor at the meeting which follows, who will refresh the priorities and set a new course.

I joined the Parish Council in May 2006, and took over from Jim Parsons as chairman in 2009. Please indulge me if I list some of the achievements and highlights of this council over the past decade. Parish Councils have very little power but they can exercise influence and take on work that would otherwise just not happen. May I make it very clear that it has truly been a team effort with every councillor playing his or her part in making these things happen.

Play park --The Bere Regis Community Play Association was created in January 2011 to see the project through. £42,500 was raised, and the 'Amazing Prack' was opened by Annette Brooks MP on 2nd March 2013.



Souls Moor – Souls Moor was purchased by the council from the Grainger Trust in 2012. It cost £25,000, and much of the money was a grant from Viridor's landfill tax credit fund. We are pleased that Souls Moor, with the Elder Road open green space has enabled us to create a superb local nature reserve.

The Lengthsman Scheme — This scheme was promoted in 2011 by Dorset Council which undertook to part-fund it for 3 years. Those funds have long since

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home one Sunday afternoon and telling my grandfather we had been learning about Moses. He asked if we had been told about Moses' family and proceeded to tell us what had happened to them?

We said no and his reply was as follows:-

Moses was a good man,

Of children he had seven.

He bought a brand new donkey cart to take them all to heaven.

He thought he knew the way but he didn't know it well.

He upset the donkey cart and sent them all to hell.

Buriton is a wonderful place for me and brings back many happy memories. As a young child I remember sitting in the very wide windowsills playing with my toys. Unfortunately the painting does remind me of my brother's death in February my sister's in March and my brother in law's in January. My sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones recently, may you all be comforted and receive God's blessing

God bless you all

Ted Cox

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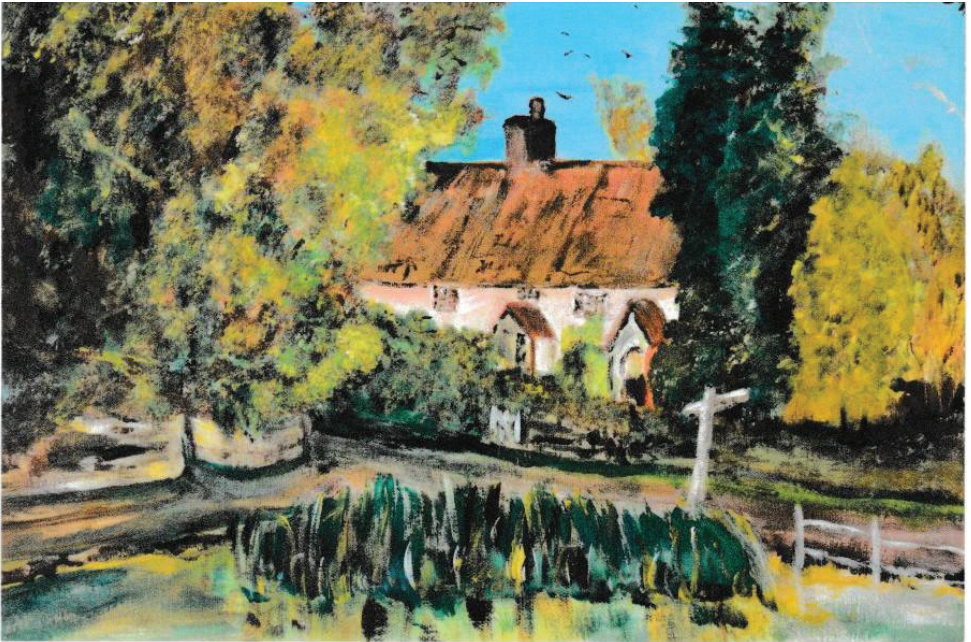
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many hours playing cricket or football in season there. I have included a photograph of a painting of the bottom of the High Street completed by my elder brother some weeks before he died of covid in February of this year. It shows the village pond in the foreground and the house where my mother, my two brothers, myself and my sister were born It is the second door in the building on the right.



The house is built of chalk, with walls almost three feet thick with plaster and pebbledash to protect it from erosion. At that time the only other buildings there were the rectory in the gateway on the left, the church and Manor House on a slope away to the right.

No cars were parked in the road as they are today, it was a beautiful and quiet spot. Today there are numerous houses built around the trees on the right and in the meadow behind these houses and to play in the street today would be suicidal. Although there are no through roads, there are so many new houses built there and with no parking except in the road for the bottom eight houses, there is little room to walk safely let alone play football.

Despite a high rise in population there is no full time vicar, the Methodist Chapel, where we went to Sunday School has been converted into a house as has the old village shop. Sunday School was a must for all the youngsters living nearby, because it organised parties and outings to the seaside. I remember coming

stopped, but due to Tony King, our village remains well-maintained, tidy and safe due to the continuation of the scheme.

Salt and Pepper and NeighbourCar — Up until when the pandemic hit, Salt and Pepper lunch club was hosting around 50 people a month and NeighbourCar and Communibus were providing transport and mobility for scores of residents.

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Events — There have been four community social events organised by the council over the past 10 years.

We celebrated the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine in April 2011

On 4th June 2012 we commemorated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a carnival procession, a party and the lighting of the beacon. We also installed the Commemorative Stones at the three entrances to the village.

In June 2016 we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a memorable Street Party on West Street

On 30th June 2019, with no particular excuse except that we seem to like holding parties, we held the Bere Fest on the rec, to raise funds and showcase our many community organisations.



New school — In 2012, the Council had a significant role in the creation of the new school which opened in December 2016. With our MP and District Councillor, we were instrumental in persuading Dorset Council to purchase the land in advance, even though there was no money with which to build the school at that time. Later we made the land we owned on Souls Moor available on which to build the school access drive.



Elder Road Open Green Space —

We acquired what is now the open green space and streamside walk from Purbeck District Council in 2012, and, with another grant from Viridor, improved the footpaths there. Later, in 2016, we were able to improve the footpaths to the South of the Bere Stream to provide a great walking area and good access to the school.

Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan — This was a real labour of love by the whole council to create a plan that we hoped the majority of the residents could sign



conkers, which supplied us with great sport. The edible fruits, together with the odd apple, "scrumped" from any possible garden that we happened to pass, together with the leaves of the hawthorn bushes, especially in spring when this foliage was very young and known to us as "bread and butter" often supplied us with a mid

day meal. Frequently we would leave home at around nine o'clock in the morning not return until tea time. We never took food with us but occasionally a bottle of water to drink. Which we would refill at any home that we happened to pass in our travels

Those were wonderful days and we lived in a wonderful village, quiet with no roads passing through on direct routes to other towns or villages. A mile to the south there was the A3 Petersfield to Portsmouth road and a mile to the west, the Petersfield, Chichester road. The main street was very quiet and we boys spent

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LOCKDOWN STORIES

Over the Hill June 2021

As I write this, spring is at last with us. It is the 10th of May and we haven't had a frost for three days and last week on the 7th of May I heard the cuckoo for the first time, calling from the Throop direction You probably all know the old saying:-

The cuckoo comes in April

It sings its song in May,

In the middle of June it changes its tune and

In July it flies away and in August go it must.

As well as the cuckoo numerous birds are singing and the bird feeders are being emptied far faster than before, which suggests that there are many more mouths to feed.

Also there are more wild flowers in bloom and we have gone from yellow to blue from the primroses, celandines, daffodils and dandelion to a massive show of blue, from the bluebells and violets. Snow drops, snow flakes together with the kingcups at the riverside are also over for this year. Trees are also showing leaves beginning to open, particularly birch and oak but not the ash yet.

This of course tells us we are to have a dry summer:-

The ash before the oak we will surely get a soak

The oak before the ash we will only get a splash. .

As a youngster I would have been out picking bluebells and looking for the very rare white bells growing amongst them to take home for my mother and grand mother. At that time, just after the second world war, I lived with my grandmother, mother and grandfather in the village of Buriton, just north of the South Downs in Hampshire. Where the soils were very chalky and ideal for all sorts of wild flowers, including primroses, bluebells and numerous varieties of orchids.

We as a group of young boys spent hours looking for all sorts of flowers and in season blackberries, wild strawberries, hazelnuts, chestnuts and of course



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up to. We worked on it from 2012 until it was finally agreed at referendum in May 2019. We very much hope the major elements of it, on the Drax owned land at Back Lane and on North Street will be brought to planning soon.

The Central Car Park — and other land in the village was transferred to Parish Council ownership from Dorset Council in March 2021.

The members of the Council have changed somewhat over the years, but what unites them is a desire to make this a great place to live, and a fit place for all our residents. Councillors all have different expertise, and bring different attributes to our work. The Parish of Bere Regis owes them all a great debt for what that they do in their unpaid role to sustain our community on behalf of all our residents. I have mentioned Brenda House, but the following are also very active, hardworking and committed councillors: Bryan Benjafield, Laurie Fairhurst, Simon Munnings, Tony Bates, Moira Mathers, Robin Pitcher, Philip Morgan and our County Councillor, Peter Wharf.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute, and say thank you to the one person on whom a heavy responsibility for fulfilling our decisions falls -- Amanda Crocker our clerk. We rely greatly on her knowledge, experience and professionalism. Without her very little would get done. Thank you, Amanda.

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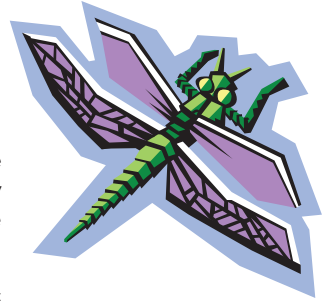
pots by inference in their thousands and Mediaeval pottery associated with the Boys' School and its surroundings.

Something very strange was found in 2008 and it was some time before it was discovered what it was. It is a small piece of a moulding, made of carved jet which was once used to cast gold into a filigree banding which was sewn into jackets for royalty to make them shimmer and shine.

This particular example was broken, which might explain why it was thrown away. The pattern of the moulding is intricate and beautiful at the same time. It is blacker than black due to the material used, but just visible in the photo is the pattern in which the gold would have been cast, probably some time in the very early Mediaeval, or perhaps the twelfth century.

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We had one of the driest Aprils on record and at the time of writing we seem to be in the midst of a very damp and cool May. Hopefully the sun will emerge and we will have a flaming June!

The cool weather has certainly slowed down trees coming into leaf and blossom. So, in early June we will probably be still enjoying the wonderful white Hawthorn blossom in our hedgerows. These should be followed by the white flowers of the Guelder Rose and Elderflowers. Also, there should be plenty of flowers in bloom - Foxgloves and Pink Campion in the hedgerows while in the damper spots along the riverside path you will see Ragged Robin and Purple Loosestrife. And, in the stream you will see the dainty white flowers of Water Crowfoot above their long strands of green weed.



Ashy mining bee on dog violet

Things that go buzz in the Spring

As Spring developed we all noticed activity in our gardens as bees and other insects emerge from winter and go searching for nectar of spring flowers. The loudest and one could say clumsiest are the bumble bees. There are 24 different species in the UK and the species we mostly frequently see are the White Tailed and the Red Tailed Bumble Bee. One of the many other bees that come out in spring is the Ashy Mining Bee – so called because it digs holes in bare soil on banks to make its nests.

The next and in many ways the most attractive is the Bee Fly, 9 species – so called, of course because it is a fly but looks like a bee with its furry brown body. Very characteristically it has a long straight proboscis adapted for hovering beside spring flowers to collect nectar.



White tailed Bumble bee entering its nest in a hole in a flint stone

The next are the hover flies, there are many of them, 280 species, in the UK. Many are striped yellow and black, an interesting trend of evolution with that body colour to imitate wasps for defence against predators.



All these attractive insects, many of which nest in our gardens play a key role in plant pollination. There is now much concern in the dramatic decline of insect populations. Maintaining adequate flowering plants for pollination both in the

countryside and in our gardens for these insects to thrive is key to our future.

Newts

Newts have been seen in the pond on Black Hill, no doubt enjoying a feast of tadpoles. There are three native newt species in the UK – the smooth newt, the great crested newt and the palmate newt. The sighting on Black Hill was of a palmate newt.

The Palmate Newt relatively common throughout the UK. It is a relatively small species, reaching only about 8.5 cm to 9.5 cm. They are olive-green or brown with a dark line running across the head with some dark spotting on the back.

During the March to May breeding season they are active during the day as well as night, but outside this period their activity is restricted to rainy or humid nights.

Newts spend their breeding season in ponds, marshes and other still water. At other times they tend to be land based in woodland, grassland, hedgerows and marshy areas. They feed primarily on invertebrates and hibernate under logs and stones over the winter period. A good reason to leave an area of your garden untended with piles of logs and stones. Do let us know if you spot any.

Cuckoo

Have you heard a cuckoo this year? We would be interested to know if you have

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Thursday 17th – Charlton Down Red U13

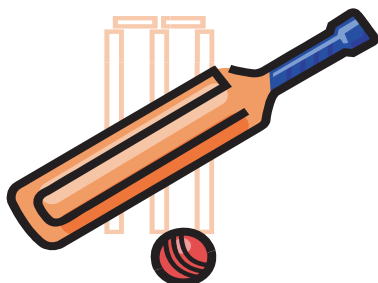
Saturday 19th – Bropadstone III

Wednesday 23rd – Abbotsbury

Thursday 24th – Dorchester U13

Saturday 26th – Poole Town

Monday 28th – Cattistock & Symene U15



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VILLAGE HALL

Reopening of the village Hall for Public Hire

If all goes to plan we will be looking at opening the village Hall on Monday 21st June there will still be very strict Covid Safe Procedures, including cleaning hand sanitizing etc the full details are yet to be published.

If you are interested in hiring the hall phone 01929 471528

More updates will be in this magazine over the next few months.



Defibrillators in Bere Regis All of these are Public Access

Drax Arms West Street

Visible from street on front wall

The Village Hall North Street

Visible from Street on front wall

The Sports Club end of North Street

On Wall of the larger white building near entrance (not the old barn building)

There is a defibrillator at the Doctors Surgery Manor Farm Road for use by them it would only be available when the surgery was open.

Monday -Friday 8.30- 6.30 Weds 8.30 -4pm

There is also a defibrillator at the school that would only be available when the school is open.

Alison Bennett

and where. At the time of writing the cuckoos have been heard was in Wareham and Moreton Forests. But, perhaps you know of others closer by.

Reptiles

There are six reptiles native to England – grass snake, adder, smooth snake, slow worm (which isn't a snake but a legless lizard), common lizard and sand lizard. All are to be found in Dorset. Slow worms are sometimes seen in gardens around the village along with the occasional grass snake. Do let us know if you have seen any of these reptiles either in your garden or elsewhere in the Parish.

Wildlife Friendly Gardens

Don't forget that all our wildlife friends – birds, butterflies, birds and other insects, and hedgehogs and other mammals all need water. So, please put out some water – a dish at ground level is good for hedgehogs while something out of the way of cats for birds. Even better, create a pond – ponds are a haven for all sorts of wildlife from frogs and newts to damsel and dragon flies. You'll be amazed at how quickly wildlife searches out and establishes in a new pond. Helpful suggestions in creating and looking after a pond can be found on the Dorset Wildlife Trust website.

Souls Moor Ponies and their Conservation Work

By the time you read this the ponies should be back on Souls Moor – do say “hello” to them when you pass, but please do not feed them, approach them and keep dogs on a lead. They are there to continue munching through the long rank grasses that have built up while the area remained ungrazed. This is all in the interests of good nature conservation. Indeed, we have already seen more wildflowers appearing. With time the long vegetation will reduce further and we hope to see a more interesting and varied array of plants and wildflowers. So far, the plentiful flowers include bright yellow marsh marigolds, along with pink campion, meadow buttercup, sorrel, ragged robin, comfrey, sorrel, orchid and cuckoo flower.



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For those of you concerned for the ponies' welfare, be assured they are regularly checked and they have a plentiful supply of water from the pond.

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:

Tony Bates at tonybates19@gmail.com / 01929 471563

Amy Yates at AmyEyeats@hotmail.com or

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

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Bere Regis Food Bank

Thank you so much for all the food donations we really appreciate them, there is a box outside the village Hall . Moving Forward we will continue to run the Food Bank when the Village Hall reopens , our thanks to the Parish Council for the generous grant to make this possible. It will operate on a part food part voucher basis this will be from June 25th

If you need help and are struggling in this crisis email popinplace@gmail.com

Please make sure that all users registration forms are back to 3 Rye Hill Close

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Volunteers Wanted

The Pop In Place will need a rota of volunteers to help with the community café to serve the teas, to chat to people if you think you would like to become one of our amazing team of people who make such a difference to others lives please do get in touch.



Pop In Place Rainbow Café

If everything goes according to the Government roadmap we hope to reopen the Community Café on Friday 25th June 10am. If this looks like a feasible thing I will call a meeting of all volunteer helpers on the previous Friday 18th at 10am to have a training session on opening in a covid safe way, and make a rota of helpers and drivers. If you want to come along but need transport phone 471170

Pop In Performers Group

If regulation allow, our plan is to start this group up in September using some of the Grease items we started working on mixed up with a few Christmas favourite we will invite you to Rydell High Christmas Prom our Christmas Show in December.

New Projects being proposed

The Repair shop

We hope to develop this in the Lower room during the community café hours for people to make or repair items if you are interested in the project please pop into the café and let us know.

Garden of Hope

This is still very much on the agenda but the holdup is trying to find a suitable space to develop it in, in the meantime it is hoped we may be able to enhance some other areas of the village that are owned by the Parish council while we work on the right site for this project. The first area we hope to start work on with the Parish Council representative Robin Pitcher is improving the cemetery, planting trees and bulbs and renovating the shelter. Please let me know if you would like to help with this project.



We're back!

Come and help us celebrate on:

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

(7:30pm at Bere Regis Sports Club)

**This is an open meeting – we'll be welcoming
existing members and anyone
who's interested in finding out who we
are and what we do**

**We'll be serving wine, soft drinks
and nibbles**

To find out more, visit our new website at:

<https://bereregiswi.weebly.com/>

Email us at:

BereRegisWI@dorsetWI.org

Telephone:

Di Pitts on 01929 471322

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites

Chicken Curry

Most of the ingredients can usually be found in your store cupboard but I sometimes leave the odd one out if I don't have it.

Ingredients

- ◆ 6 skinless chicken thighs
- ◆ Pinch of salt
- ◆ 1/2 tsp dried mixed herbs
- ◆ 1 chicken stock cube
- ◆ 1 clove of garlic
- ◆ 2 cm piece of fresh ginger thinly cut
- ◆ 1 tbsp oil
- ◆ 1 medium onion chopped
- ◆ 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- ◆ 30g butter
- ◆ 1 heaped tbsp hot curry powder
- ◆ juice of 1/2 lemon
- ◆ 2 tbsp desiccated coconut
- ◆ 2 tbsp honey
- ◆ 1 tsp cornflour



Method

1. Put 125ml of water in a pan with a lid and add the chicken thighs, salt and herbs. Next crumble in the stock cube along with the ginger and garlic.

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The Pop In Place Bere Regis

New RAINBOW CAFÉ



Friday Mornings
10am until 12 noon



Upper Village Hall North Street
(Chair Stairlift available)



A warm welcome awaits you
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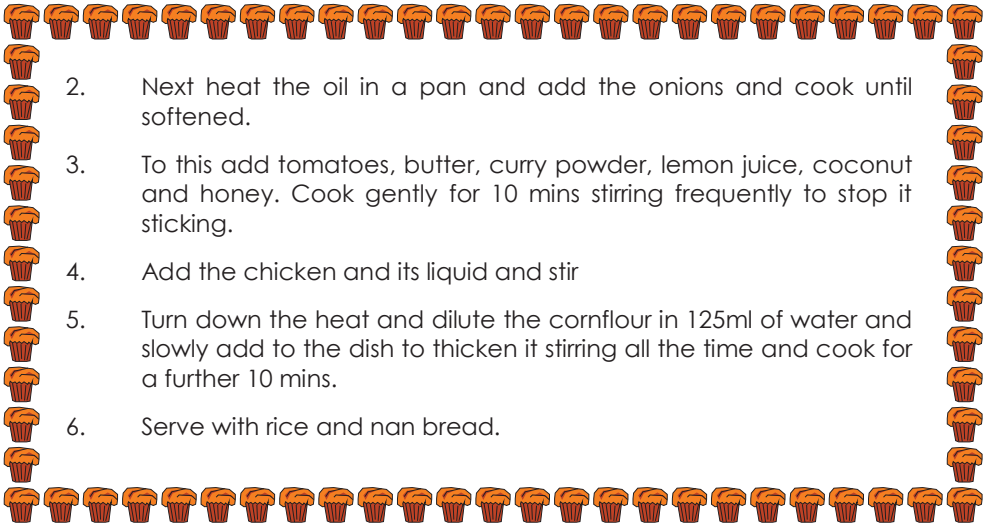
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2. Next heat the oil in a pan and add the onions and cook until softened.
3. To this add tomatoes, butter, curry powder, lemon juice, coconut and honey. Cook gently for 10 mins stirring frequently to stop it sticking.
4. Add the chicken and its liquid and stir
5. Turn down the heat and dilute the cornflour in 125ml of water and slowly add to the dish to thicken it stirring all the time and cook for a further 10 mins.
6. Serve with rice and nan bread.

BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

We would like to thank our patients for your patience and continuing to bear with us during COVID pandemic continues and our safety procedures are in place. This is very much appreciated by all the Staff and Doctors.



In answer to requests we are starting to receive; we don't anticipate restarting the ear syringe or freeing clinics for the foreseeable future.

Are you aged 75 79 years old? Have you had your shingles vaccine? If you haven't and would like one, please contact the Surgery

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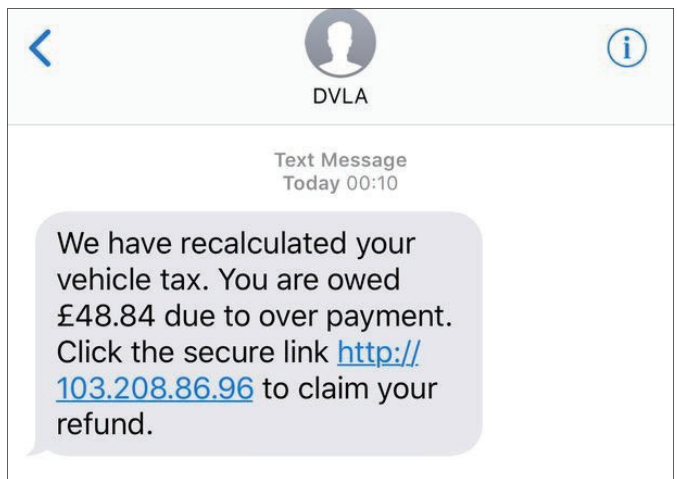
Helping you to recognise a scam

Scams can affect us all, but certain types of scams are more likely to target people by age. If you recognise your age group, then you may recognise a scam.

'Young people' aged 18 to 24 don't represent the largest group of people falling victim to scams, but numbers of scam victims in this group is rising. In particular, young people are a growing proportion of victims of online and identity fraud. Having grown up with technology they are often confident in their ability when using the internet. This can lead to them feeling that they are unlikely to fall for internet scams, making them complacent and increasingly vulnerable. Research shows that over half of young people are unlikely to report scams.

'Life established' people in their 40s to 60s are the group most affected by scams. Part of this is due to the fact that they are most likely to report scams, but also because certain demographics within this group are targeted due to their circumstances. For example, this group tends to be more settled and has access to financial assets. This makes them more likely to be targets of scams, such as pension scams, dating scams and property scams.

'Older people', over 70s, are often targeted by scammers. Research has found that 75 is the average age of reported scam victims and those over 70 suffer the highest detriment. Older



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people tend to fall victim most to phone and mail scams. Figures from National Trading Standards show that older people are deliberately targeted more than other demographics. This group also sees the largest proportion of people who are recurring victims of scams.

If you have fallen for a scam and you want advice on what to do than call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline freephone 0808 223 1133 or visit their website at [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Why not become a 'Friend Against Scams'? Over 2300 people in Dorset already have. Visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

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V E N U E S 2021

Date	Venue	Trophy	Winner
30th April	Wareham Golf Club	There will be no trophy play this year. Forthcoming matches will be noted as confirmed.	Curtailed — bad weather
28th May	Salisbury and South Wilts		
25th June	Ashley Wood Golf Club		