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## **A LETTER FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST**

Dear friends

There's definitely been more of a chill in the air as Zinnie and I have taken our morning walks. We've been lucky that it has been mainly dry, except for the grass, and we've certainly enjoyed these last days of warmth before autumn really sets in. We start out now just as the dawn is breaking and it is a lovely time to walk, quite quiet except for the traffic in the distance. The morning I was writing this was particularly atmospheric. There was a mist over Black Hill and down at shrub and tree level, even though it was quiet, there were definite signs of busy workers. Spiders! The intricate webs were amazing, not so nice if you walk into one though. I was taking a picture this morning of two quite close together, when Zinnie decided to try photo bombing and walked right through one of them! She looked lovely with it wrapped around her nose. It got me



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thinking of how resilient spiders have to be and reminded me of the rhyme Incy Wincy Spider:

*Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the waterspout.  
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.  
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain.  
Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again!*

We used to sing it a lot with toddlers and preschool children, it has some lovely actions to go with it.

Anyway, that morning there were cobwebs everywhere we looked, the spiders had certainly been very busy.

It's two years since we moved into Bere Regis and as I reflect on that time much of it, of course, has been dominated by COVID 19. I still feel I am getting to know this lovely community and then of course there are six other communities to get to know too. The rhythm of life is certainly changing now, as there are less restrictions and we all decide what we will or will not do and how we do it safely. I'm sure like me, you are meeting up with more people and fitting more than one thing into your day. We have all been 'washed down the waterspout' like Incy and are now having to slowly climb up again into the sunshine and we all need resilience to keep on climbing up. As I was reading Daily Prayer one day last week, some of the words in Psalm 31 really struck me and have been very helpful.

'You have seen my affliction and known my soul in adversity.' (From verse 7) 'My trust is in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God' ' (verse 14) ; The psalm ends with 'Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait in hope for the Lord.' (verse 24). These words, written way before even Jesus was born, gave hope to a people who were asking for deliverance from their enemies. I believe that even now in the Twenty-first Century these words are still just as relevant today.

Continue to take care,  
with blessings  
Sandra

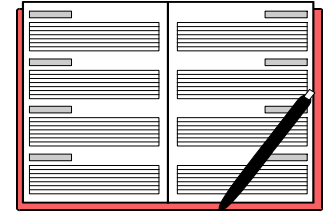
### Benefice and Parish news

#### Harvest

Harvest will be celebrated at Affpuddle and Bere Regis Churches on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Whilst we can't enjoy a traditional Harvest Lunch or Supper, it will be so good to come together to thank God for all the good things we have. In such a

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 2022



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

### January

WI 12th Egyptian Dance

### February

WI 16th Joyce Grenfell

### March

WI 1st Pancake Day

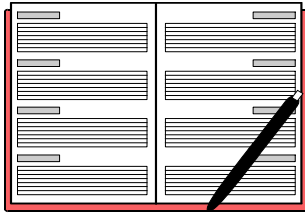
WI 16th Jurassic Coast

### April

WI 20th Annual Meeting



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- AL Autumn Leaves
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- WI Women's Institute
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- GC Gardening Club

## October

16th 'Spindle Ensemble' at Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 pm

WI 20th Yoga

29th Purbeck Film Festival, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.00 pm

## November

WI 17th Garlands

## December

PiP 2nd Rydell High Christmas Prom - Pop in Performers 6.00 pm

PiP 3rd Rydell High Christmas Prom - Pop in Performers 7.00 pm

PiP 4th Rydell High Christmas Prom - Pop in Performers 2.00 pm

WI 15th Xmas Festivities



## 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

### October Services

	Streamed	Church	Church	Church	Readings
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Trinity 18		9am BCP Holy Communion with Harvest Thanksgiving East Lulworth 10:30am Café Church Winfrith Village Hall "Glimpses of Heaven"	11am Harvest Thanksgiving Affpuddle 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Bere Regis	10:30am Holy Communion Wool	(For Trinity 18) Gen. 2.18-24 Or Heb. 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10. 2-16
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10am BCP Holy Communion				
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19		9am Holy Communion with Harvest Thanksgiving West Lulworth	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle 11am Family Service with Baptism Bere Regis	9am BCP Holy Communion Wool	Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15 or Heb. 4. 12-end Mark 10. 17-31
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> October			11am Holy Communion Bere Regis		
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 20	10:45am Harvest Celtic Prayer & Praise	9am Holy Communion Chaldon Herring	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis 11am Holy Communion Affpuddle		Isa. 53. 4-end or Heb. 5. 1-10 Mark 10. 35-45
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> October				10:15am Holy Communion D'Urberville Wool	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> October Last Sunday after Trinity		10:30am Holy Communion Winfrith Newburgh	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle 11am Holy Communion Bere Regis	10:30am Holy Communion Wool	Jer. 31. 7-9 Or Heb. 7. 23-end Mark 10. 46-end
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> October			11am Holy Communion Bere Regis		
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> October All Saints' Sunday				10:30am Benefice Eucharist Wool 4-6pm Messy Church Light Party D'Urberville Wool	

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

Important information about attending Services

Live services will only take place in accordance with the Government COVID regulations prevailing on the day.

rural part of the county, it is important for us all to remember our farmers at this time and pray for them and their livelihoods.



### Family Service at Bere Regis

How lovely to be able to welcome everyone back to St John the Baptist for the 11am Family Service on 12<sup>th</sup> September. We managed to have live puppeteers, thank you to Emma, Poppy, Daisy, Imogen and Sharon who all stepped in with very short notice! We are looking forward to welcoming you all back this month on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Messy Church

By the time you read this we will have had our Messy Harvest online and will be looking forward to actually meeting up for our Messy Church Light Party on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 4pm in The D'Urberville Hall, Wool. There will be lots of games and crafts on offer, we have a celebration story and some singing, and we'll finish off eating together, but bring your own picnic!

### Life Events

Please do get in touch with me if you are interested in the church being involved in any of your life events.

From the sad ones – Funerals, to the happy and joyful ones – Christenings and Weddings, we're here for you. There are also a few young people interested in confirmation – if you'd like to know more and maybe join in then get in touch.

Rev Sandra [revsandrawestpurbeck@outlook.com](mailto:revsandrawestpurbeck@outlook.com) 01929 792235. Please use this contact for any visiting requests too.

### Ride and Stride

Thank you to all who supported the Ride and Stride for The Dorset Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Whether it was cycling round the many churches in the county, walking not quite so far, manning the church to welcome visitors, bringing and buying produce at the stall or most important donating or sponsoring THANK YOU. Half the money raised comes back to the church and it will be very welcome!

## 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	Amanda Crocker				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	
Hedgehogs - support, advice and rescue	Mrs Sue Aldous	07720 266346			Bere Regis' resident expert on all things hedgehog related

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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 Stieham Bank, MSA DT11 0LE)	01258 837575	Lane End, Milborne St Andrew.	<a href="mailto:msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk">msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk</a>	A new allotment site adjacent to the Sports Club in the village, whole plot £30, half plot £20 per year.

Fun!
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Messy Church
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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

4pm - 6pm

Light Party!

Songs
Pumpkins

At the

D'Urberville Hall, Wool

Celebration Story

Lanterns

Come dressed up and bring a picnic!

Children must be accompanied by an adult



The Parishes of Wool, Bere Regis, Affpuddle, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh, Chaldon Herring and surrounding villages

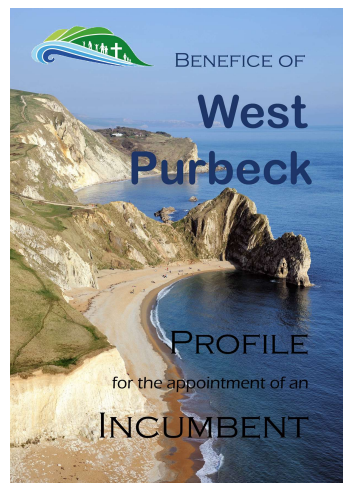
## WEST PURBECK BENEFICE VACANCY

Many of our readers will be aware that St John the Baptist Church in Bere Regis and St Laurence in Affpuddle are now part of a larger group of churches which make up the West Purbeck Benefice.

Following the sad death of the Reverend Carol Langford, a recruitment process is now taking place to find a new incumbent and for those who are interested in this, a very detailed document exists on the following link:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whos-who/job-vacancies/clergy/incumbent-west-purbeck-benefice/west-purbeck-profile>

We are providing here, some extracts from this document as this may be helpful for our community to know more, and understand how the benefice came about and how we hope to attract a suitable person to fill this very important vacancy.



### Foreword by the Bishop of Sherborne

Ministry in Dorset is a joy and a delight. In recent years significant changes have been made in the way clergy are supported and encouraged, leading to a greater sense of collegiality in our rural and urban areas.

The West Purbeck Benefice has been formed in the last few years by bringing together a number of separate benefices and reflects a commitment to collaborative ministry, lay and ordained across a number of villages in a beautiful part of Dorset. Following the recent sad and unexpected death of the Incumbent we seek a new Vicar to lead the clergy and lay team into the next stage of its growth and development in a creative way.

Supported by three Associate Priests (one self-supporting, one part-time and one House for Duty), and a growing team of Lay Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders, there are huge opportunities in Wool and the surrounding villages to build on what is already happening and develop new forms of worship and ministry to meet the needs of residents and visitors alike. The first task of the newly appointed Vicar will be to appoint the third Associate priest who will be based in a House for Duty role in Lulworth.

The Purbeck Deanery, in which the new West Purbeck benefice is situated,

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Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@joneser.freereserve.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	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@bereregis.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 Junior Church	Pat Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage, West Street	peterwharf@btinternet.com	Second Sunday of every month in Church 10.00-11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Parish Council	Moira Mathers				Monthly, Drax Hall 2nd Thursday
Bere Regis Sports Club Cricket Football	Andy Kent Herbie Swann	471079 472812	94 North Street	andy@contact.go-plus.net	Village football and cricket teams for all ages
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bobdholman@btinternet.com	5.15 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Purbeck Leisure Centre, Wareham
Bere Regis Wildlife Group	Tony Bates Mike Gee	471563 07759 884942	The Beeches, Barrow Hill	tonybates19@gmail.com mike.n.g@outlook.com	Meetings arranged as and when



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encourages collaborative working by ensuring that benefices in the north and south are shaped for mission as well as for mutual support and fellowship.

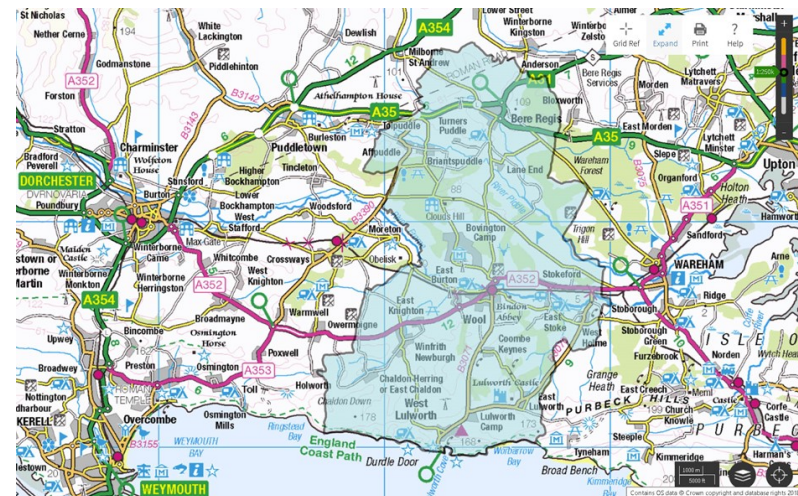
There is a renewed sense of working together and this includes churchwardens and other parish officers. And therefore whoever comes to fill this vacancy does so at an exciting time. I meet many people around who pray regularly for the Isle of Purbeck and mission and ministry there.

The West Purbeck Benefice enjoys beautiful countryside, heathland, beaches and a stunning coastline. Many parts are filled with holiday makers during the summer season (more so this year than ever before). The benefice is varied and includes Lulworth and Bovington camps, with their own needs, the Dorset Police Headquarters (with its own chaplaincy team) and a number of schools. The larger towns of Dorchester and Poole are within easy reach, as is the market town of Wareham. The railway station gives access to going further afield with links to London Waterloo, Bournemouth and Weymouth.

Ministry in a rural location is always challenging and because of this the Diocese is wholeheartedly committed to it. RuralHope is a development project supported by the National Church to encourage, support and grow the rural church. Strands of this work include increasing capacity through the work of an archdeaconry rural field officer, resourcing and supporting clergy and laity through projects, events, and encouraging people to move into rural ministry through a development programme at Sarum College, and local placements.

If you would like to discuss the vacancy further please do not hesitate to contact either the Venerable Antony MacRow-Wood, Archdeacon or myself.

+Karen (01747 811960) Archdeacon Antony (07775 574971)



West  
Purbeck  
Benefice  
area

## Introduction to the West Purbeck Profile

Thank you for your interest – and welcome to our profile of the beautiful and diverse West Purbeck Benefice. We are praying for the person of God's choice to come here. West Purbeck is a rural and holiday area of South Dorset between Wareham and Dorchester, shown blue on the above map. The southern boundary is also the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage Site, and has some of the best coastal scenery in the world. Alongside all this beauty are not just our seven churches, but five primary schools, two Army bases, large engineering workshops, a science and technology park, a railway station accessing London Waterloo, and the fast growing village of Wool with large areas of new houses (and 800 more currently proposed). Most of this would have been unimaginable to Thomas Hardy as he wrote his novels based on this area.

So what can and should the Church be achieving amid iconic views, large agricultural estates, picturesque cottages, mediaeval churches – and also rural poverty and social housing? What is our mission to our population—the farmers, engineers, teachers, scientists, retailers, landowners, carers, unemployed, labourers, commuters, nurses, hospitality workers, holidaymakers, and the retired?

We hope this profile will help you to see where we are and where we hope to be in answering that question—and we hope it will inspire you to take up the challenge to shape our new benefice and lead us all onward together with God into whatever our expanding future holds.

## A New Benefice

West Purbeck benefice is new — and in the process of formation. It was inaugurated on 13th March 2019. Bere Regis and Affpuddle to the north, then in vacancy, was joined with its larger neighbour to the south (Wool, Bovington, and surrounding villages). The Wool Vicar, Revd Carol Langford, became the new Incumbent. At the same time Revd Jenny Alidina, a part-time self-supporting priest, volunteered to be licensed to West Purbeck. In October 2019 a new Associate Priest, Revd Sandra Williams, was licensed with pastoral oversight for Bere Regis and Affpuddle.

After years of informal links between Wool and the parish of the Lulworths, the latter was joined to West Purbeck on 29th March 2020. Following an extended period of ill health, the incumbent for The Lulworths retired in May 2020.

These changes, including cover for the Lulworths, were overtaken by the Covid-19 pandemic and excellently managed by our whole team, led by the Rector, Revd Carol. Sadly Revd Carol unexpectedly became gravely ill in August 2020, needing indefinite sickness leave. She died on Easter Tuesday, 6th April 2021.

equally at home in concert halls and village halls, delivering spell-binding performances rooted in spontaneity and improvisation, resulting in truly captivating sonic soundscapes. Following the success of their critically acclaimed debut album BEA, their second album INKLING launched in May 2021. Spindle Ensemble are keen to take world class modern classical music out of the cities and into smaller communities.



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"Beautiful sounds, definitely a band to watch..." *Fiona Talkington, BBC Radio 3 Late Junction*

"Such a rich live feel!" *Gideon Coe, BBC Radio 6 Music*

Further Dates For Your Diary:

Saturday 11th December: 'A Christmas Carol' With David Myrne. More information to follow.

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### .... a reminder

Date – Friday 29th October 7 for 7.30 pm

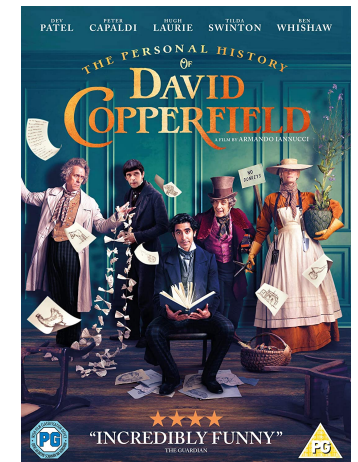
Tickets – Adults £6: Students and under 25s £5 : available online [www.purbeckfilm.com](http://www.purbeckfilm.com).

Film – 'The Personal History of David Copperfield.' Duration just under 2 hours. Rating PG

Refreshments on sale.

We will adhere to whatever Covid regulations are in force at the time.

Please telephone Maggie Hoyle on 01929 472733 for any further information..



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## ARTSREACH

### Back in Briantspuddle Village Hall This Autumn

Artsreach presents the acclaimed contemporary chamber quartet: SPINDLE ENSEMBLE

**Venue: Briantspuddle Village Hall**

**Date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30p.m.**

**Ticket Price: Adult: £10 Child: £6 Family: £25**

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## Our Team

### Incumbent (Full time, this post)

The Incumbent, resident in Wool, has been working across the benefice, setting our overall plans and direction, and taking pastoral responsibility for Wool and Bovington, discipleship and fiscal matters.

### Revd Sandra Williams, Associate Priest (half time post)

Revd Sandra was licensed to the benefice in Bere Regis Church in October 2019. She works across the benefice with pastoral responsibility for Bere Regis and Affpuddle. Revd Sandra is also our Benefice Contact for Baptisms. Special responsibilities: Schools and Children's work.

### Revd Jenny Alidina, Associate Priest (usually self supporting) – currently serving as part-time interim minister

Revd Jenny generously offered to work with us in 2019. She is currently working beyond her ideal commitment to cover the Wool Parish pastorally while continuing as our Benefice Contact for Weddings. Special responsibilities: Missional work across the benefice – currently Lay Worship Leaders Course follow up, Supper Church, and Café Church Services. Jenny is currently leading the Alpha Course that started in February 2021.

### Associate Priest (House for duty) – VACANT

This post is resident in West Lulworth and has previously taken pastoral responsibility for the area of the Lulworths, Winfrith Newburgh, and Chaldon Herring.

### Revd Canon Keith Hugo (temporary cover)

Canon Keith, a retired priest from Poole, has kindly stepped in to take the Sunday services in the Lulworths and to provide pastoral care during their vacancy.

### Lay ministries

#### Jenny Hunt (LLM, Wool)

Jenny Hunt is based in Wool. She is the Benefice Contact for Funerals. Jenny shares in preaching, led some of our Church services pre-Covid, and is licensed to officiate in Holy Communion by Extension.

#### John Matthews (LLM, Wool)

John is active in a home group, shares in preaching, and generously gives his time as organist when the church building is open.



**Lay Worship Leaders** (Commissioned on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

Michael Menzies (Affpuddle)	Marion Barker (Wool)
Pat Wharf (Bere Regis and Wool)	Peter Wharf (Bere Regis)
Sue Marsh (Lulworths and Wool)	Giles Marsh (Lulworths and Wool)
Sarah Welton (Bere Regis)	

**Lay Pastoral Assistants in post**

Gren Irwin (Wool)	Erica Moriarty (Affpuddle)
Pauline Matthews (Wool)	Penny Haigh (Affpuddle)
Paul Pinnock (East Lulworth)	Ted Cox (Bere Regis)

Further information on the future challenges for the Benefice, the Worship Pattern and some interesting facts on what has been learnt during the Covid 19 times will follow next month, as well as items on Working with Children and Families and Working with Older People which will be of particular interest for people in those categories.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD 2021**

October		November	
3rd	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	7th	Mrs Clifford
10th	Arrangers Please check your own flowers	14th	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
17th	Mrs Close	21st	
24th	Mrs Close	28th	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
31st	Mrs Clifford		

the B3390 and wider highways network as Dorset Council grit A and B roads.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider purchasing grit bins and locate them around the Parish. These could be used by any residents to grit other roads. Councillor Graham Lightfoot is preparing a plan suggesting possible locations for these so that the highways authority can be consulted for an opinion and decision on whether the locations would be classed as “community” or “strategic”. Dorset Council funding depends on this categorisation. Dorset Council fill all grit bins at the beginning of the winter season but will only keep strategic bins topped up for free. The Parish Council would be expected to pay to refill any community grit bins.

The Parish Council will discuss this again once a draft plan is ready for consideration and public consultation.

**Dog Fouling**

Parish Councillors have been made aware of a particular issue concerning dog fouling along footpaths in the parish as well as along verges and roadsides. Dog fouling laws are in place because dog faeces are not only unsightly and unpleasant but also represent a serious health hazard. More information is available on the Community website under Council Notices but dog owners should be aware that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allows local authorities and communities to create bylaws relating to dog mess and issue dog control orders against individual owners for offences including allowing their dog to foul in a public space. Councils can issue fixed penalty orders and serious cases can result in prosecution.



For the Parish Council to work most effectively with the Dog Warden to improve the situation, it is helpful for reports to be passed directly to the Dog Warden. It is unlikely that the Dog Warden will act if evidence of the problems has not been logged on Dorset Council's website. If you come across dog fouling, the best place to log the incident is through the Dorset Council website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service.aspx>

Sue Jones, Chairman



Many hands make light work and this is particularly true for the village shop. Many people are involved in helping to run the village shop and we'd love you to be part of the team. Please consider how you might play a part.

Thank you for continuing to support the Village shop.

To place an order please contact us on 01929 472000 during opening hours and by email [Briantspuddle.shop@gmail.com](mailto:Briantspuddle.shop@gmail.com). You can collect or we're happy to deliver.

Ali Chorley, Chair, The friends of Briantspuddle post office and village shop

## AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

At the request of the Village Hall Committee the Parish Council invited ideas from Parishioners about how they would like to celebrate or mark the Jubilee next June at its September meeting and several suggestions were received. These included a photographic display or tapestry focussed on celebrations of Jubilees past, a dog show or fete, and a "big lunch"/street fayre. Ideas will be passed to the Village Hall Committee. Residents with any other ideas who missed this opportunity to input into the discussion may contact the Clerk who will pass on any further comments.

The Parish Council has a small amount of funding to spend on infrastructure before the end of the financial year. Councillors are keen to commemorate the Jubilee and will include this discussion as an Agenda item at its next meeting.

### Gritting for Winter

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle Parish Council maintains a supply of salt to keep the road between Briantspuddle and Affpuddle which runs past Bladen Valley clear. A local volunteer with appropriate machinery distributes this as required. This is to ensure that residents can access



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

#### Bere Regis

3<sup>rd</sup> September

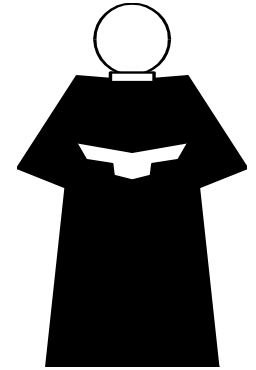
Phil Robbins

16<sup>th</sup> September

Jennifer Lake

22<sup>nd</sup> September

Mike Benjafield



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING THROUGH WORDS AND MUSIC

**St. John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis**

**At 6pm on Sunday 3rd October 2021**

During 'lockdown', did you find yourself saying: '*Aren't we lucky living here, surrounded by stunning countryside, wildlife and local produce*'?

Please come and join us in our beautiful church, especially decorated for the occasion, for a short service to say thank-you to God.

Then let's share bread (the Harvest loaf!) and cheese

Sarah Welton, Churchwarden Tel. 471562 Email: [sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk](mailto:sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk)

# AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS – OCT 2021

October 2021

## FLOWERS & CLEANING ROTA

Date	Flowers:	Cleaning:
2 Oct	<b>Decorate for Harvest</b>	Lindy Ventham
<b>6 Oct</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning</b>	<b>Special Clean</b>
9 Oct	Anne Forty	Sue Taylor
16 Oct	Andrea Smith	Andrea Smith
23 Oct	Helen Frost	Helen Frost
30 Oct	Christine Ralls	Christine Ralls
6 Nov	Elizabeth Whatley	Nicky Killer

## CHURCH YARD MOWING ROTA

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
<b>27 Sep – 10 Oct</b>	David Griffith	Paul Nottingham	Ben Bunnell	Ian Kaye
<b>11 – 24 Oct</b>	Richard Hall	Chris Parker	Ken Kilbank	Marek Cropper
<b>25 Oct – 7 Nov</b>	Grass dormant			

The mowers are stored in a container in Roger's yard.

The key to the container lock is in a key safe on the door post of the adjacent barn.

Give me a call if you need help. Mike Menzies 01929 471263

## COFFEE ROTA

<b>10-Oct</b>	<b>9.00</b>	Mary Nesling & Chris Ralls
<b>24-Oct</b>	<b>9.00</b>	Mike & Hilda Menzies

You need two pints of milk, some tea towels, and to turn up early.

Give me a call if you need help. Mike Menzies 01929 471263

## SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

Date	Sidesmen:	Readings:	Intercessions
<b>3 Oct</b>	Harvest	Festival	
<b>10 Oct</b>	David Coates & Robin Gainsford	Robin Gainsford	Celebrant
<b>17 Oct</b>	Chris Parker & Marek Cropper	Marek Cropper	Richard Killer
<b>24 Oct</b>	Sandy Moriarty & Deborah Hepburn	Deborah Hepburn	Mike Menzies

The village shop continues to provide a wide range of great value fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and bread. We are happy to take orders for regular requirements or one-off items. Fruit, Veg and Meat arrive on Wednesday's and Saturday's. We have fresh bread on Monday's Wednesday's Thursday's and Saturday's.

Newspapers and magazines do need to be ordered in advance, but can be stopped for holidays/weekends away. We're happy to accept vouchers for the papers.

We have a wide range of cards from local artists.

We're open 9 till 12 Monday to Saturday and 10 till 12 on Sunday's.

Please come and do your shopping!

We have committed to review our covid policies on a monthly basis. At this point we have decided as we head towards Autumn and Winter, and covid still virulent, we will continue to allow just one customer in the shop at a time and hope with the help of the village hall to maintain the one way system. We will keep the screen up in the shop and whilst we encourage the wearing of masks we're not enforcing them.

We continue to look for "new" and "returning" volunteers. Have you considered whether you could play a part.

Could you spare just a few hours a week or a fortnight. We would really welcome some more help in the shop. You need to be at the shop by 8.45am to help prepare the shop for opening and you should be away by 12.15pm. You will have training and support in the use of the till and stock system. It is a very good way of getting to know others in the village and keeping up with the local news. If you're interested speak to Stuart or Lesley next time you're in the shop or email me at the email below.

You might prefer to collect stock. Even if it's just once a month, help on a Saturday or Wednesday morning to collect fruit and veg from Wareham market, or the newspapers from Puddletown on a Thursday morning, it would be a massive help - 24% of all our sales are fruit and veg and it's all collected from market.





the lobby by the jubilee room and kitchen. Please bring along your donations for these worthy charities and treat yourself to some delicious jams and pickles for the incredible price of only £2.50 a jar.

Pulling together has brought us all safely so far through this pandemic and I truly hope going forward we can continue to enjoy each other's support and company as we're able to do more things together making even greater use of our amazing village hall.

Stuart Chorley, Chairman of Briantspuddle Village Hall Trustees

Email [scorley30@gmail.com](mailto:scorley30@gmail.com) Mobile 07818078191+

## BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE SHOP - OUR VILLAGE SHOP

Apologies I missed writing for the Parish Magazine for a couple of months. I'd love to say I was on holiday – sunning myself in the Caribbean! But alas we have not yet managed to get away. Instead the business of life over took.

Some of the value of the village shop for me personally is that it gives me the opportunity to do something very different to my day to day role at work and home. It also provides a great opportunity to meet and spend time with the amazing people in our community. Whether it's meeting customers at the weekend or fellow volunteers at committee meetings or organising stock I get the chance to spend, albeit small amounts of, time with "real" people. Which if we haven't come to realise the value of over the last 18 months when the privilege was removed, maybe we never will.

We were actually able to have our 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting in 12 months last night. It was so good to be back in the room with my fellow committee members. Sharing stories of life in the shop. Acknowledging the volunteers to whom we as a community are indebted. Looking at the numbers which evidence the great contribution, particularly the fresh fruit, veg and meat make to the overall running of the shop.

We have set the date for our long overdue AGM for early December. This will cover 2 financial years and bring us up to date. It's a great opportunity for us to all meet together, and recognise the value the shop brings to the community. And if you don't want to come just to hear the update please come and join us for a glass of wine and some nibbles.



## AN OPEN AIR JAZZ CONCERT AT ST LAURENCE'S

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, a rather cloudy and grey day, a very cheerful event was held in St Laurence's Peace Garden.

The 'Capone 4' played New Orleans and Trad Jazz between 12.00 and 3pm and what an excellent group they are. The event was very well attended with over 80 people, of all ages, enjoying the music. All brought picnics and there was a bar and teas and coffees. Despite the weather a great time was had by all with dancing and much toe tapping and singing.

Many thanks go to the musicians, and all those who contributed to the afternoon.

Elizabeth Whatley & Michael Menzies, Churchwardens



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## BISHOP'S LETTER

### From the Acting Bishop of Salisbury, Karen Gorham

I was delighted recently to be able to issue recommissioning certificates to those continuing to serve as Lay Worship Leaders, Lay Pastoral Assistants and Commissioned Lay Pioneers across the Diocese. We are grateful to all who play a part in the local church in this way, to assist in the leading of worship, visit those who are ill, co-ordinate baptism preparation, or bereavement care and work with those on the fringes of church life in faith sharing and outreach.



I am delighted too that this year we have an increased number of individuals embarking on training for Licensed Lay Ministry, and who have been licensed for that ministry. Our LLMs are key to the life of the local church as they lead in church and society, teach the faith and act as enablers of mission. As we think as a Diocese about Generous Giving it is gratifying to see so many offering their gifts to the church and that includes churchwardens, treasurers, and PCC Secretaries too.

It is so easy however to concentrate on what happens in and around the local church and forget the role that each person following God's call plays in their everyday life. The Christian contribution to education, farming, the health service, business, politics, social services, charity, local government, commerce, retail, leisure, and our local community is enormous as individuals play their part in being the person God calls each one of us to be in the places he has put us. This, as for those playing a part inside the church, takes courage and confidence to be people of faith in the world.

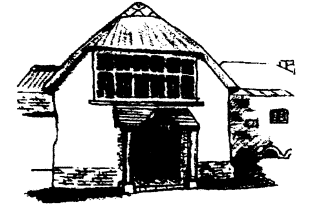
We are a diocese of disciples, and all need one another to encourage and support us in our day to day lives. So, this month let us not only give thanks for those serving in our churches, but intentionally pray for those amongst us who are called to live out their calling in the world. We all have opportunities to bring about change for good and by using our God given gifts, with the encouragement of each other and the power of prayer together we have what we need to further God's work across the Diocese and beyond.

+Karen

## BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

I don't know if this is the new normal or not but it definitely feels like we're getting back to somewhere like things used to be. It's marvellous to see most of our hirers back making good use of the village hall facilities and we look forward to seeing the rest and hopefully some new people using the hall in the not to distant future.



It's great to see the members of the community group feel able to start up again and they're now running the Saturday morning coffee shop and Let's Lunch programme, welcome back. The village hall café is now able to ease up slightly and is just running the Tuesday morning café at the moment. Please feel free to come along between 10&12 on Tuesday mornings, all the usual teas coffees cake and rolls, bacon sausage and egg available. We may try a few alternatives as the autumn rolls in with maybe soup and a roll or even a light lunch or all day breakfast if there's a desire for it so let us know your thoughts and we'll see what we can do.

Yoga and Pilates classes during the day along with short mat bowls on a Monday evening are already happening and so if you'd like to join in any of those either see the notices in the hall or give me a ring or email and I'll gladly put you in touch with the appropriate people. There is an Artsreach event happening on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm 'SPINDLE ENSEMBLE' a contemporary chamber quartet will be performing. For more details please contact Deborah on 07788100273 or myself. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm the Purbeck Film Festival returns to the village hall and will be showing 'the personal history of David Copperfield'. For more details contact Maggie Hoyle or myself.

The trustees have started putting ideas together for the festive season, I know it's still only early autumn but draw breath and Christmas will be upon us. Barring any return of covid restrictions we are planning a full season of events with a Christmas Fayre, Christmas lights competition and evening of fun. As well as a New Year's Eve party to kick off 2022, any ideas or offers of assistance in any of these will be greatly appreciated.

The Jenny's jams along with the food bank box and the collection boxes for the air ambulance and Joseph Weld Hospice continue to be available every day in

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



**We are happy to vaccinate you whilst have an appointment at the Surgery with a clinician for another matter. Please ask when you book your appointment.**

We strongly recommend you book early as we hope to complete the majority of our flu vaccinations before the COVID booster campaign is in full flow (details on that to follow next month, or look out for information on the Bere Regis Village Facebook page, Purbeck Primary Care Network Facebook page or on our surgery website)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Bere Regis Scout Hut morning and afternoon appointments available

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Winterborne Kingston Village hall – morning

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Briantspuddle Village Hall – morning

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Bere Regis Scout Hut – morning

**Please**

**Arrive at the exact appointment time**

**Provide easy access to your upper arms**

**Wear a face mask or face covering**

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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, via zoom.**

**Tuesdays at 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer, meeting in the Manse and also on zoom.**

**Wednesdays Chapel Toddler Group. 9.30am. Advance booking is essential, please contact Suzie on 07962142552**

Final restrictions on Sunday Services have been lifted and we are enjoying congregational singing again, and coffee and tea are served after the service. Our services also go out live on you tube.

### Looking for gold in Cornwall

It's always been possible to look for gold in Cornish streams, and gold was also found when the tin mines were at their most active. But according to the newspaper, gold prospecting has taken off, and many people are going to Cornwall, hoping that they may be the one to find a large amount of gold!

Gold is one of the most valuable of all metals. It keeps its beautiful colour, and when used to make jewellery such as a wedding ring, it will stay strong for many years.

During the great gold rush in California, which started in 1849, many people travelled far across America to look for it in the Californian gold fields. It was a hazardous journey so the prospectors organised themselves into groups, and each group appointed a captain who was responsible for the discipline of the party.

One such party appointed as captain a man who was a Christian. This man insisted that the party had a complete rest each Sunday, during the long trek across the American continent. The men in the party were greatly annoyed the first Sunday, as they saw 1700 other people pass in front of them, but as the journey continued they not only passed that 1700 but also a further 2,200 who were travelling seven days a week. Moreover when they arrived in California they were ready to start work at once, whereas the others were so tired that they were unable to start work for several days.

Our bodies were made by God in such a way that we really do need one day of rest in seven, and we can see from this story why it is necessary. Many people

today work every day, if not at their regular job, then doing other tasks, and so their bodies never get a proper rest, just a change of work!

In the Bible it is one of the ten commandments that says, "Remember the Sabbath day, (Sunday to us) to keep it holy, (set apart for God). In it you shall not do any work, nor your family or employees or your animals." Everybody and every animal was to have a rest. Exodus 20:8-11

God goes on to say "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day."

So the principle of having one day off in every seven was built into the universe from the beginning and we are programmed to function at our best, and to stay healthy, when we do the same.

The more scientists find out about our bodies the more amazing they are. It is thought that we have about 37 trillion cells in our bodies, but it is impossible to count them all. There are fewer cells in diseased organs. "Some 34 trillion cells cooperate for decades, giving rise to a single human body, instead of a chaotic war of selfish microbes." (National Geographic Magazine) It is impossible for bodies of such complexity to have come about by chance, we each prove that there is a Creator who planned and made our bodies. Our Creator God, not only made us, but He cares about us, and knows us, whatever may be happening to us. He loves us, and wants us to turn to Him, so that we can get to know Him too. Psalm 139 talks about how God knows all about us, verse 14 says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Your works are wonderful." If you have a Bible read the whole Psalm (it is in the middle of the Bible), you will be encouraged. Think about the different parts of your body and how everything works together. You are a walking miracle! Much loved by your Creator.

## Just a Smile

From Motor Insurance claim forms

"The driver in front swerved to avoid a squirrel. The squirrel and the driver ran away."

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

Father: Well Tom, what did you learn on your first day at school?

Tom: I learnt that the other boys get pocket money from their dads every Friday!

Joyce Healey

## MILBORNE MOVIES

Friday Oct 8th at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St Andrew DT11 0JX.

Doors and bar open 7.00

Tickets cost £5, which includes a drink or an icecream (Contactless payment preferred)

### Blinded By The Light

This film, which came out in 2019, is inspired by the book about his childhood written by the journalist, Sarfraz Manzoor. It is directed by Gurinder Chadha, who gave us Bend It Like Beckham.

Javed is a Pakistani teenager who experiences racial and economic turmoil while living in Luton, England, in 1987. He writes poetry as a way to escape the intolerance of his hometown and the stubborn views of his traditional father. When a classmate introduces him to the music of Bruce Springsteen, Javed sees parallels between the singer's powerful lyrics and his own life and working-class environment. Springsteen's melodies soon inspire Javed to find his own voice and follow his dreams.



## BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

Our flu clinics are now available to book by ringing Reception on 01929 471268. We are returning to the 3 venues we used last year, Bere Regis Scout Hut, Briantspuddle and Winterborne Kingston village halls.

**The vaccination is available to all patients 50 years and over plus those with long term conditions.**



plus various single arrangements around the Church in the pale colours suggested by Phil's two sons so we think we did the family proud and we also enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of arranging such lovely flowers. Going back to Tesco's finest will not be the same somehow!

As you can see we get involved with a variety of occasions and next month we are having a Yoga evening on Wednesday 20th October at the Sports Club in Bere Regis so please do come along and join us - those muscles must need a workout! For further information please contact our President, Mrs. Di Pitts on 01929 471322 or look on our Facebook page @Bere Regis Wl.

## ARTSREACH IN MILBORNE ST ANDREW

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Flats and Sharps are a four-piece bluegrass outfit from Penzance, Cornwall. Delivering energetic, enthusiastic and spirited Bluegrass, Flats and Sharps have been performing their unique take on this music for over eight years and, during that time, the band have made their presence known all around the world, including multiple tours in Australia, Europe and around the UK. Their shows include a wide variety of influences, from a fresh and modern outlook on foot-stomping Bluegrass material through to their powerful and well-crafted original songs, with beautiful moments everywhere in between. Their music perfectly blends strong harmonies and stonking solos, and their incredible stage presence and energy creates an evening that'll have you dancing, laughing and singing along in no time.

Touring Dorset with Artsreach, full information and tickets are available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)



## BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Dear Friends,

Though the Parish magazine we would like to tell you about a couple of things that are happening at the Chapel here in Bere Heath.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> is our Harvest Weekend

On the Saturday we are having our First Buggies and Brunch since the pandemic started. Its from 2.30pm to 3.30pm and its for Children to come along with their parents. There will be various crafts and refreshments. ALL our welcome.

On the Sunday it's our Harvest Festival service. Further details from the Stewards Jackie and Philip Morgan.( 01929 472283)

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November our Monthly service will be led by the Rev Gwyneth Owen at 3pm.

Peter Jenner – Lay worker -

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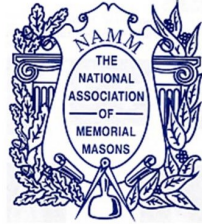
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## BERE REGIS WI

We are sad to say that due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our outing to Minterne House but instead we are lucky enough to have a Fire Arms Officer living in Bere Regis who has offered to give us a brief history of firearms with policing in the UK and Dorset. It should give us an insight of what our Police have to cope with night and day in these uncertain times. We are meeting at the Police Headquarters in Wool for what we are sure will be an interesting evening. Full disclosure in next month's magazine!

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We have been very busy lately starting with August Bank Holiday Monday when we were asked to provide tea for the annual cricket match between Bere Regis and a team - Leaside - from Essex. This team plus their families have come most years since about 1980 and they play local village teams whilst staying in various Hotels. We were asked to supply tea for approximately 40 people and a very good spread of sandwiches, sausage rolls - which went very quickly - and a variety of cakes were all gratefully received.

We also had a tombola for the wives and children which was well supported by several young boys who went away with various items - a carriage clock, several rather nice vases and lots of other items - which must have pleased their mothers! Anyway we did make some money for our funds so everyone was happy. AND Bere Regis won the match!

It was also the WI's turn to arrange the flowers in the Church for the first two weeks of September and this coincided with the funeral of Phil Robbins and we were asked if we would like to obtain the flowers, for which we were given an impressive sum to spend, and make the Church look as splendid as possible for this special day. Four Members of our WI did pedestal arrangements





The pool is now used by regular groups of scouts, guides and brownies who come from the town and all over the New Forest. Regular parties are held at around 6pm. each evening and they were holding their 4<sup>th</sup>.consequetive birthday party in a row this week.



It was time for my swim and I enjoyed my few widths (47 metres!) in the middle of the pool. Yes, I suppose that the inflatable to the swimming purist may seem a little garish but if you want to keep a facility like this you need to cater for everyone including the young. On the day I was there, the sun shone brightly warming the pool to a comfortable 22/23C, positively balmy for a sea swimmer.

Wetsuits were on hire for those who feel the cold but for today, none were needed. As I turned after another width, I glanced up and there was the wonderful sight of the Isle of Wight ferry coming out of Lymington Harbour and sailing past: just magical!

By midday, the pool was already filling up and this despite it being carnival day in the town. The kiosk managed by Ollie Packwood was doing a roaring trade. Lido life was really bubbling with time to sit in a deckchair, read a book, eat your sandwich lunch or maybe take a gentle dip.

I love this pool, the friendly staff, the jokey lifeguards and the sense of fun! For just £2.50 you can spend the day here and just relax. I was not tempted to try the inflatable but the water zorbing looked interesting. A little voice inside me said "Act your age Robert, when will you grow up!" to which my reply has always been "Why let the youngsters have all the fun!"

Bob Holman



## OBITUARIES

### Phil Robbins

Phil or Philip was:

Husband to Audrey

Partner to Sylvia

Dad to Mike & Will

Granddad to Emma, Tristan & Cori

Brother to Jim

Uncle to Caroline & Pete

Friend to many

Helper to countless

He was born and grew up in a Gloucestershire village – following many Robbins before him.

Philip knew how to work - be it in his chosen careers of teaching and computing, or making ends meet with railways, removals or building bits of the M4. A work ethic he passed on to his sons and Grandchildren.

He also knew how to volunteer - running Cubs with Audrey, refereeing rugby, organising running and orienteering races, or becoming a guide at Gloucester Cathedral. And in Bere Regis he helped to run Autumn Leaves with Sylvia and would happily clear Bere Stream with the wildlife group.

Sport has always been important to Philip starting out with rugby (scrum half obviously), hockey, squash, orienteering, road running, hill walking and in his 50's and 60's gamely taking up sports after his sons – like mountain marathons, fell races, mountain biking and cyclo-cross; all done with appropriate competitiveness and some success.

Another interest was trains; following steam locos around Britain in the caravan with sons and long suffering wife, and then with the grandchildren. Later he was very competitive at bridge and crib; partners who played the "wrong card" got "The Look".

Starting married life living in a row of Robbins houses, family was very important to Philip, and at the same time taken for granted in the right sense. To his sons



## OBITUARIES

he was early on - a strict father and later on - game for anything and great fun. His grandchildren saw only his sparkly eyed fun side – unless they stepped over the line in which case they also got “The Look”. But above all he was always there, always supportive however difficult the situation.

Flower arranging was another of Philip's skills! Not the arranging, but the assistance to Audrey in building, carrying and appraising. He also supported Audrey with her elaborate cake decorating, either formal wedding cakes, or a full velodrome birthday cake! His love and care were undaunted and unstinting during Audrey's long illness.

Phil, to his huge credit, always lived for the present and for the future.

While attending a Jazz Festival, he met Sylvia, and sometime later moved to Bere Regis. Together they have found happiness in singing with choirs (Sylvia knows the notes), travel, village twinning and simply being in each other's company. Sylvia has supported Phil so well during his last illness.

In a short time Phil found many friends in Bere Regis – he just had to talk to everyone and join in with everything. In many ways it was the village that he was born in.

As a partner, father, granddad, friend and helper – the sparkle in his eye, the mischievous comment, his enthusiasm and his love will be greatly missed. A full life – a good life.



initially by some town councillors and older local swimmers who thought that he wanted to turn the site into flats. All he ever wanted to do was to keep the structure much the same whilst developing the facilities to include a younger but broader customer base.

He eventually took over the lease which runs until 2017 with his company handing over a proportion of its gate takings to the council which ploughs back its share of the profits for maintenance of the pool. The council no longer makes a loss, the older swimmers still have their designated swim area, the large family area is still well used and a new giant inflatable (the largest in the South of England) has been installed. Everyone is a winner! The council is still responsible for the structure and the chlorination of the pool (a relatively new feature) but Hugo would eventually like to take over the maintenance.

“Customers need continuity and we were determined to open seven days a week throughout the summer with no breaks no matter the weather”. Hugo was also keen to extend the activities of the pool at either end of the season in the spring and autumn with thoughts of it becoming an activities centre.

“The beauty of this place is its uniqueness” said Hugo. Indeed it is, set in this lovely Georgian market town, it was built in 1833 and is the oldest open air sea water baths in the UK. The baths gained Grade 2 listed building status in 2012 which limits what can be done with the original structure.

Hugo took over the running of the pool in July 2013, so this is his third season. The pool is a massive 113 metres long and 47 metres wide with an irregular shape. The maximum depth these days is 1.6metres with a hessian basin and pebbles lining the bottom. With head lifeguard Ashley Booker in charge it employs 22 lifeguards throughout the season. Hugo and Pauline's sons Louis and Felix are part of the team with younger son Fin helping with the cleaning, so it is a real family affair. In all 55 students are employed at the pool and are paid well. As Hugo says “It's a growing up job for many”.

Kayaking was already part of the pool's activities but Hugo quickly added the inflatable obstacle course in 2013. Through Aflex Technology, a New Zealand based company, it has become a distributor for the product. Paddle boards and Zorbs were added in 2014 and on hot days the pool can attract up to 1,100 customers, a real success story. Regular model boat competitions are also held by the local club.





# LYMINGTON SEA WATER BATHS

I have often thought that my small musings in this column were as much about the people I met as the pools themselves. Here in a few sumptuous days in July 2015 I was to meet a recent X Factor singer, the guy who taught Frank Skinner to swim and here in Lymington, Hugo Ambrose who with his friend Guy Quilter rowed the Atlantic in 2003 in their boat Atlantic-Wholff named after the pair's six children. Wonderful!



In a former life as a property developer, Hugo was living in London when he rowed the Atlantic from Lugamara, Tenerife to Port St Charles in 59 days. Here was a successful businessman who began to re-evaluate his life. "If you spend 2 months naked you begin to question consumerism and capitalism" he told me. His three sons were very young at the time but he and his wife Pauline decided to get out of the rat race. Their first thought was Dorset but they came to Lymington and decided "This will do".



Putting their boys into local schools, they bought a house in Kings Saltern Road overlooking the pool and very quickly saw that it was under-used. By then Hugo was running his Lynx Sports Company and was responsible for getting sponsorship for the "three blondes in a boat" Sara Ayton, Sara Webb and Pippa Wilson. He had

gained valuable experience in getting the money together for his Atlantic adventure where they raised £100,000 for the Children in Need fund

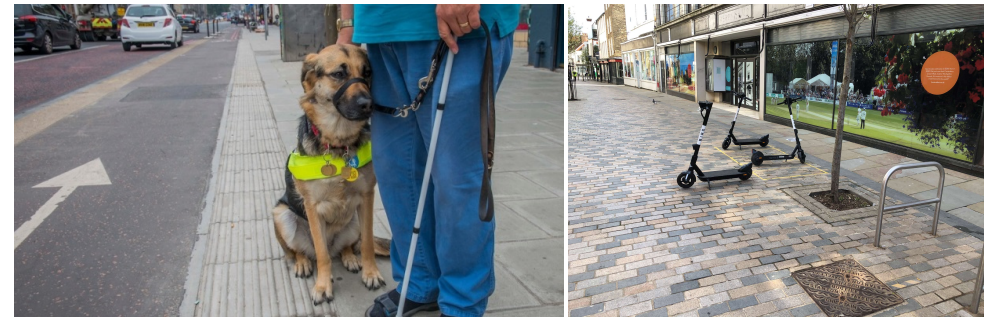
At the time the Lymington and Pennington Council was having problems justifying the £50,000 to £60,000 loss the baths was making each year and there were many in the town including local councillors who would have been happy to fill it in and close it for good. Hugo had a vision to make it a viable, sustainable asset whilst retaining the fabric of the building. However, his good intentions were not trusted

# NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

October is Conference season in politics, and I will be heading to Manchester for the Conservative Party Conference. Constituents have already been in touch with me to request that I meet with various charities and organisations whilst I am there. One is the Alzheimer's Society, who want to discuss the future of care, and find out more about dementia. My staff and I are all trained as Dementia Friends, and I will certainly visit the Alzheimer's Society stand to find out more. The recent news about an increase in funding for social care is a very important one, meaning that fewer people will have to sell their homes to cover the costs of their care.



Another charity that many constituents have contacted me about are the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Their current campaign is about the issues arising from the use of e-scooters and electric bikes. There is currently a trial running in Poole of "Beryl" e-scooters. This trial is backed by the Department for Travel, as part of



its Transforming Travel plans to reduce our reliance on cars. The scooters are speed-limited, and users have to have a full or provisional driving licence and be over 16. They are not allowed to be ridden on pavements or pedestrian areas, but may be used on roads and cycle paths. Part of the reason for the trials is to establish whether they are a safe and viable option for general use in the future. Whilst operators have to ensure that the e-scooters have a bell or horn to alert partially sighted and blind people to their presence, I will be interested to speak to the Guide Dogs charity about their views on these trials. It remains the law that privately owned e-scooters are not permitted on public roads, pavements and cycle paths, and I know that Dorset police are being very pro-active about stopping riders, fining them and seizing their scooters.

I'm delighted that along with the start of the new term came the increase in



sport and clubs available to our young people again, and I was delighted to present prizes to young cricketers at the end of their season at the Hamworthy Club. If you would like me to come and visit your club, business or charity please do get in touch with my office.

I will be continuing my surgeries, both in person, and by phone, so please do get in touch if you need support. You can contact me via email [michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01202 624216. Every month or so I send out an email newsletter to update people on what I have been doing in London and the constituency, and with useful links and information. You can read previous issues on my website, where you can also sign up to receive it: [www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk/newsletter)

*Michael.*

At present the green leaves are prolific, on the ground in the bushes and in the trees. Only the ash trees are losing their foliage at this time and this is understandable as their complex leaves of many leaflets are considerably heavier than those on any other species. The oak is certainly looking as green as ever as are the beech, except of course the copper beech, which are still magnificent in their copper coloured leaves. The beech of course prefers the chalky, calcareous soils, while the oaks are found on darker slightly more acidic soils, where there is plenty of humus, which accounts for their present well being. Their foliage prevents too much loss of moisture from the soil on which they stand.

Now we must sit and wait and see what is to come next in the weather changes. We must all work much harder in our efforts to control climate change. Despite what Mr. Trump tried to tell us when President in the USA, our climate is changing and many lives have been lost and other have lost their homes and livelihoods. We must all pray for a more stable world, where we can live in a manner that is sustainable for all,

Ted Cox

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hundred acres of grassland on Blackmoor Estate. The grassland had a cottage located in it, which Old Bob's younger brother George lived. George had been in the merchant navy and had travelled around the world and now worked on the estate in charge of the woodlands. George had two teenage sons and Old Bob said that George should have sent his boys out to pull up these weeds. This created some weird comments from the gang and I learnt afterwards that when George had been told what his brother had suggested he went ballistic.

However when I was managing the two and a half thousand acres of the Wexford North Slobs in Ireland, there was an extensive area of grassland next to drainage waterways, where herbicides could not be used for environmental reasons and there was an abundance of ragwort.

There was a gang of some dozen women employees, who were employed for the grading and preparing potato and other vegetable crops for sale. They also were also used to pull wild oats in our cereal crops. Because of these experiences I felt that they could cope with the removal of ragwort from grassland that was to be cut for hay. In one particular field I had left it rather late to have the ragwort pulled and there was a mower working in the same field cutting the grass ready to make into hay as the gang of ragwort pullers arrived.

Later that Day I sent a man with his tractor and trailer to collect the pulled ragwort. He returned very quickly, to tell me that the women had pulled the ragwort but had laid it in piles on the grass that had been cut for hay. I have to admit that I didn't know what to say but I can assure you it would not have been suitable for this article if I had managed to say anything.



Now it is the 12<sup>th</sup> of September and I can say we had our proper summer on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, when the temperature climbed above 30 degrees centigrade, It only lasted for one day though and we are back into September weather now. The swallows must have known about the change to come and we saw them in huge numbers collecting on the electricity cables that pass over our garden. Normally they stay for several days, increasing in number daily but this year, one day and they were off. I wonder if they know something we don't.

## DORSET COUNCIL- WEST PURBECK REPORT

### Bovington - Military Exercises 10 - 15 Oct

Bovington Garrison will host a Military Aviation Exercise from 10 – 15 Oct in support of National Security Taskings. To meet all Training Objectives up to 8 helicopters will operate daily between approximately 0900-0200. The aircrew are required to achieve a number of night sorties, so flights will more than likely continue till 0200 from Monday through to Thursday in order to achieve this. Aircraft routing around Bovington Garrison has been planned to minimise disruption as far as possible and the continued support of the local community is very much appreciated during this essential training.

If there are any major disruptions as a result of Military activity over these dates people are requested to call the Army's Officer, Rich Jenkins (07793 727857) to log their concerns.



### Citizens Advice

A further contract has also been awarded to Citizens Advice in Dorset (which is a consortium of Purbeck, Bridport, Central Dorset and East Dorset Citizens Advice), who provide information, advice and guidance on matters such as benefits, debt and money, energy and fuel support and other welfare advice. This contract will also start on 1 October 2021. We are very grateful for the work they do and will continue to work closely with them where required.

### Customer Access

Following our phased reopening of customer service points earlier this summer in Blandford, Bridport, Dorchester, Wareham, Wimborne and Weymouth, here is an update: We are seeing approximately 200 customers per week through our doors. We are resolving enquiries such as council tax payments; parking fines; homelessness and housing register enquiries; and requests for small bin containers. Our council colleagues and partners (e.g., Citizens Advice) have been working with us on more complex enquiries that cannot be resolved at 'first point of contact' and require the help of a specialist officer e.g.: housing. We continue to encourage customers to self-serve online or use the telephone whenever possible.

These are our most efficient channels which helps us focus on customers who most need our face-to-face support or who cannot go online. Where pre-booked appointments are necessary, many are taking place digitally via video call, saving on travel and in-person contact.

## Supporting Afghan Refugees

As a Council we are committed to support the government's Afghanistan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) scheme by providing housing and support to a number (to be confirmed) of Afghan families. The government has announced funding for this scheme: the Afghan LES (Locally Employed Staff) Housing Costs Fund will help councils meet the costs of renting properties. We have now issued a media release and related communications, appealing to private landlords and owners of second homes to come forward if they can provide suitable accommodation. We are looking for a range of homes of varying sizes, particularly larger family homes that are available for at least 12 months.

These need to be self-contained properties as opposed to offers of spare rooms or house sharing as this is not in line with current Home Office guidance. We are asking property owners to contact [afghanfamilieshousing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:afghanfamilieshousing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) with any offers. There will be central government assistance for initial rent and deposits until the families are settled.

Local residents are asking how they can help with relocation of Afghan families. The single thing we need right now is offers of suitable accommodation. However, we also have existing high levels of demand for accommodation for local families on our housing register and in temporary accommodation. This is why we are specifically looking for private landlords or owners of second homes to come forward so we can identify additional properties for this scheme, ensuring the scheme won't disadvantage anyone and we can provide the support we've committed to.

Please note, at this point we are not seeking offers of volunteering or donations. Our overriding priority is to secure suitable accommodation, in line with Home Office guidance. If the position on volunteering or donations changes, we will update you and residents straight away. Please help by spreading the word on this matter and encouraging anyone with suitable properties to come forward. Councils have a long and proud history of stepping up to provide places of safety to those fleeing violence and we want to play our part in supporting efforts to resettle Afghans in the UK, building on our successful Syrian resettlement work over recent years.

Dorset Council has announced cuts to its planning services in a bid to alleviate pressure on the department, amid a huge increase in planning applications as well as additional demand for local land searches. Local land searches are a requirement of most mortgage companies - but delays of up to 13 weeks are

## OVER THE HILL

What a weird year we are having? Today is the 6<sup>th</sup>. of September and we are having a really beautiful day as far as the weather is concerned. It is a very warm sunny day, probably the best of the year so far. What can we expect yet? Listening to the news daily we hear of dramatic changes in climate problems throughout the world. Here in the U.K. we have been subjected to some horrid flooding and gale force winds but nothing compared to other parts of the world, where climate change has created havoc. Here in Dorset we are having the greenest summer that I can remember. The foliage of all the trees and shrubs is prolific and despite being late in coming into leaf now there is an abundance of greenery, with no intention apparently of disappearing.

The flowering of all plants, herbs, shrubs and trees was very late in coming about. Now in early September, we are seeing not only an abundance of foliage but also of flowers, particularly of roses. The roses here are in spectacular form, with an abundance of flowers and a wonderful display of buds that I can never remember seeing before. What next can we expect from climate change. Will our deciduous plants become evergreens? I can't imagine what it will be like to see all our oak tree species, beech and ash having green foliage at Christmas. What next?

Earlier this year we had tremendous late shows of bluebells, daffodils and ragwort. The latter is still flowering now. Despite the fact that it was made illegal, in I think it was a 1947 Agricultural Act to have it growing on your property. This of course was due to its very poisonous effect on grazing animals. However, it is now grown in prolific style by the councils on roadside verges and banks. If you remember the wonderful yellow flower displays on the banks each side of the dual carriage way to Dorchester, these were ragwort. In my early days of farming I spent many hours in gangs of fellow agricultural workers pulling up this weed and having it collected and taken to a dump. This of course was in the late nineteen fifties and early sixties, but this was before the extensive use of herbicides came into a regular routine.



Old Bob who I have mentioned before, was in the gang when I first pulled ragwort all those years ago in Hampshire. We were sent to pull some in about two



## Take My Songs to Heaven

I'm going to take my songs to Heaven,

I'm going to sing them with the Heavenly choir.

I'm going to sing my songs with the Angels

We're going to set the Heavens on fire.

I'm going to save my songs till eternity  
And sing them with the Angels up above.

I'm sure that their voices will all sing out;

That the Spirits will appreciate my love.

It's not easy to make them listen –

Everyone's so busy down on Earth.

I'm sure the Angels will have more time

Up there I'll sing for all I'm worth.

I'm going to take my songs to Paradise;

Up there I know I'll be reborn.

I shall hear the Heavenly voices,

Accompanied by Gabriel's horn.

I'm going to take my songs to Heaven;

Up there we'll sing with just one voice.

I'm going to take my songs to Paradise;

Then the Heavens will sing and rejoice.

Eileen Richardson

### To All Local Clubs and Societies

If you are a village club, society or organisation that is now getting back on track with regular meetings, could I please encourage you to let me have your future events for the 'Dates for your Diary' section which has now been re-introduced at the back of the magazine - thank you to the WI for the first batch.

Just email me to request a pro-forma template as this will make it easier for me to copy and paste in and also make sure that I have all the information we need - date, event, location, start time etc

Many thanks, Alison [alison@culverdell.co.uk](mailto:alison@culverdell.co.uk)

being reported in the county, as demand has almost doubled amid the current property boom, caused by an influx of city dwellers combined with the stamp duty holiday. In addition, Dorset Council has also been carrying out a significant project to transfer planning records from the six former borough and district councils into one system.

It comes as the council's planning teams are also dealing with increased number of planning applications amid a national rise in people carrying out changes to their homes.

As a result, cuts have been made to non-mandatory planning services, bringing an end to the practice of sending letters to neighbours when a planning application is lodged, as well as changing the way notices are published, and automating lists for parish councillors, in a bid to free up officers' time to focus on planning applications. The council is urging residents to be patient and not to chase planning applications to avoid adding to the workload.

"The construction industry has seen a huge surge during the pandemic," a council spokesman said. "Homeowners with additional cash in their pockets are considering extensions or changes to their homes because working from home has become the future. Last month planning applications rose in every English region compared to July 2020. This follows a bumper start to the year where February saw an 25 per cent increase in applications (compared to the same month in 2020) across the country. Throughout 2020 there was a 36 per cent increase in the number of applications, compared to 2019. This activity has led to a huge demand on Dorset Council's planning services."

Cllr David Walsh, Dorset Council's portfolio holder for planning said: "We ask our residents to bear with us; we know it is frustrating, but these delays are being felt across the country and it out of our control. It is incredibly busy, and we are working on all applications in date order. So, I ask for people not to chase their application, by phone or email. Doing this only takes up officer time that could be spent on progressing work. "We have kept fellow councillors, town and parish councils and property agents informed of the situation by newsletters and emails and will continue to keep them up to date."

Another area that has seen a huge increase in demand is land searches and charges. The stamp duty holiday encouraged people to move home to new areas to give them a better life balance. This national incentive to help the property market has meant that the number of searches needed to be carried out have almost doubled.

Thankfully there are some areas that are not seeing such delays. The Building Control service have been site checking and visiting sites throughout the pandemic to ensure that buildings are constructed to national building regulations. They have filled vacant positions and have also recruited two apprentices who will start their building control degree in September.

## Waste Collection Service

As many of you will know there have been recent incidents of missed collections. The effects of the national HGV driver shortage, coupled with the continuing impact of the pandemic, are starting to be felt across Dorset Council's waste services as collection rounds feel the strain. The impact of the driver shortage is being felt by councils across the country. In Dorset, some crews are regularly having to work overtime and often at weekends, which is not sustainable. These pressures also come on the back of a year of increased household waste amounts as more people stay and work from home. Dorset Council members and senior officers recently briefed local MPs on the issues currently impacting waste collections, street cleansing and bin deliveries, in the hope that a long-term solution can be found.

Recruitment of drivers in Dorset has always been challenging, particularly due to high local housing costs, but the current widescale staff shortages across all depots are unprecedented. The Council currently has multiple vacancies for drivers and loaders across their waste services team, along with some absence due to sickness and others on planned annual leave.

All employees across waste services are working hard to ensure that key waste services continue to run throughout this challenging time. We are having to temporarily suspend or delay some garden waste collections so that crews can be redeployed to support vital rubbish, food and recycling collections. Litter bins are also being emptied less frequently in some areas of the county, and new bin deliveries are also being delayed. While we continue to work on tackling the problem, residents are being kindly asked to note the following:

**Always report your missed collection, even if your whole street is affected.** The website has an automated system that will inform you what's happening with your bins and provide guidance on what to do next

**Please ensure your bins are out by 6am on your collection day.** Some rounds are being carried out differently, meaning operatives might turn up earlier (or later) in the day than usual

**If you find a litter bin is full, do not try to leave your litter on top/next to it or on the floor nearby – please take it home and place in your household bin.**

**If any garden waste collections have to be cancelled or stood down we will contact customers directly to advise them.** As compensation for any garden waste collections you did not receive, we will automatically apply a discount to next year's subscription fee.

**Rubbish, recycling, garden and food waste can be dropped off free of charge at any of Dorset's household recycling centres, which are operating as normal.**

## Outstanding

When I heard the word  
"outstanding",

I could not believe my ears.

A lump came to my throat,

And my eyes filled up with tears.

This child of mine had been hard  
work,

Since the moment of his birth.

At last, I thought, someone out there,  
Has recognised his worth.

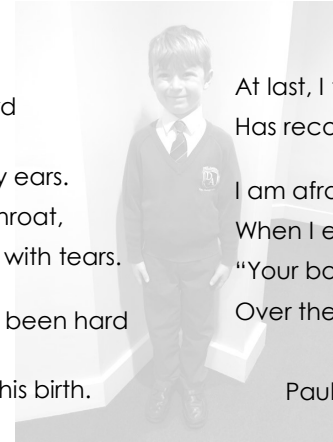
I am afraid this was short lived.

When I enquired a little more.

"Your boy, is outstanding in the corridor,

Over there, beside the door".

Paul J Openshaw (September 2021)



## October Sunshine

October sunshine filters through the trees;

The leaves all rustle in the gentle, sighing breeze:

The changing shades of Autumn contrast with shades of blue;

Let's enjoy the welcome warmth before Summer's really through.

Late flowers brighten life with their cheerful bloom;

Their colours seem to call us, to dispel thoughts of gloom.

The rays of golden sunshine caress and gently warm,

As though to prepare us for Winter's coming storm.

Before long we'll hear Autumn, as she changes her tune:

The evenings will be long and cold beneath a frosty moon.

The wind, so kind now, will then whistle and shriek;

We'll huddle in our woolly scarves as Winter reaches a peak.

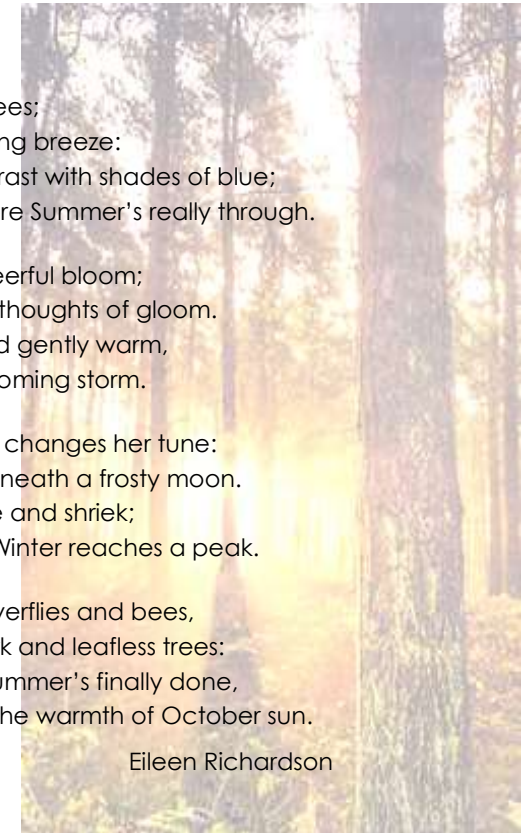
Sitting here in sunshine, listening to hoverflies and bees,

It's hard to think of Winter and her stark and leafless trees:

But when it's cold and windy, when Summer's finally done,

I'll remember these lovely things and the warmth of October sun.

Eileen Richardson



## POETRY CORNER

### Roger the Rooster

They give me eggs for breakfast.  
What more can I say?

They drop them in a nesting box,  
when they want to lay.

They always have fresh water. I make  
sure they are fed.

And then to keep them safe at night,  
I lock them in a shed.

That is where they go, when the sun  
sets in the west,

And the rooster's name is Roger,  
because that's what he does best.

#### Chorus

He is first up in the morning when the  
grass is wet with dew.

He is first up in the morning to do  
what roosters do.

You can tell he's done long service  
by the medals on his chest,

And the rooster's name is Roger,  
because that's what he does best.

Chickens have a pecking order. They  
often have their tiffs.

It seems to take a while, to work out  
buts and ifs.

They scratch around the  
undergrowth, when they are free to  
roam,

But they seem to like the hen house  
and they think of that as home.

To keep them warm at night, with  
feathers they are blessed,

And the rooster's name is Roger,  
because that's what he does best.

When the night has fallen, at the end  
of a working day,

They settle for the evening, and that is  
where they stay.

They roost upon a perch. I don't know  
the reason why.

Until the morning breaks, and the sun  
lights up the sky.

I don't have to say much more. I think  
you know the rest.

The rooster's name is Roger, because  
that's what he does best.

Paul J Openshaw 2021



We are hopeful that the situation will improve with the pandemic unwinding and the recruitment of drivers. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we tackle the issues at hand, many of which are outside of DC's control.

### Bere Regis Poole Roundabout & Rye Hill closure

There is to be major resurfacing and repair works on Rye Hill, Bere Regis in November. From Monday 1st November 20:00 to Wednesday 3rd 06:00 the road will be closed at night between the hours of 20.00 and 06.00 but it will be open daily. Then from Wednesday 3rd 06:00 to Friday 5th 06:00 the closure will be in place 24 hours per day. During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available. Parking restrictions will be imposed to prevent waiting or parking on the road. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been towed the owner will need to contact our towing contractors Bride Valley on 01305 889421. Dorset Council will be repairing sections of road within the area marked in red indicated on the map. The main diversion route is marked in blue. National regulations state that we have to divert traffic onto the same classification of road as the one we have closed. There will also be a local diversion in place for villagers. In the current financial climate, the highways service has had to focus its budget on targeting the most damaged sections of road and areas with safety issues and this is one. I will put notice on the various Facebook pages if there are any changes (which there might be) to the dates of the work and the closure needed. I have included a PDF attachment (at the end of this report) for those people receiving this via the internet showing the Diversion - which is very long for the reasons stated above.

The residents of Bere Regis will be able to follow the diversions in place to access their properties and to travel in and out. Access for residents, is for any resident that live within the works area and they will be guided through the site to their properties whilst the closure is in place. People in the village will also be able to access the bypass to and from the western end.

If you wish to discuss any issues regarding this work, please contact Jason Loibl Site Agent Dorset Highways 01305 228100.

#### Latest Update from Dorset Highways

Additional Stakeholder Information (local) for **Southbrook Roundabout, Bere Regis**

From **Monday 1st November 2021** at **8pm** to **Wednesday 3rd November 2021** at **6am**, the road will be closed overnight between the hours of **8pm** and **6am** but it will be open during the day.

Then from **Wednesday 3rd November 2021** from **6am** to **Friday 5th November 2021** at **6am**, the closure will be in place **24 hours per day**.



This is to complete essential works required to keep the roads safe, both for the local community and the travelling public in Dorset, and we do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Residents immediately affected by the closure will be advised by post with this information approximately 3 weeks prior to the start of works. Please take note of the advice supplied on the resident's letter regarding the arrangement of any important access required during the closure, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Emergency access will be maintained at all times. The bus companies have been advised of the closure and will make alternative arrangements for any affected service routes- please check details with the transport provider directly.

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Possible local diversion routes available are:

- A35 westbound to go west to Dorchester and the A35 from Dorchester Eastbound to access Bere Regis.
- A35 westbound to the A354 junction and come back on A35/A31 to get to Poole
- Southbound on Southbrook / Rye Hill to Wool and then use the A352

Please see the detailed location plan of the works area below.

## Paths & Rights of Way - Consultation

Dorset residents, landowners and visitors are being asked for their views and ideas to help shape the next Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which is the prime means for Dorset Council, as the Local Highway Authority, to identify and prioritise actions to develop and improve the network of Dorset's footpaths, bridleways, byways, and wider access routes.

Over the past 18 months, more Dorset residents than ever have found that getting outdoors and into the fresh air comforting, restorative, and revitalising. To do this, many have used Dorset Public Rights of Way, footpaths, bridleways and byways to walk, ride, cycle, off-road and horse carriage drive to explore our locality. Some have perhaps discovered paths and places they haven't visited before, immersing themselves in Dorset's stunning landscapes, rich heritage, and fascinating natural world. The consultation – which includes online maps – will help us understand the key issues that need to be addressed, and let people





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submit location-specific concerns and project ideas to help us improve Dorset's public rights of way.

The survey will allow respondents to: –

Highlight a “missing link” where a new path would join up the network.

Identify a strategic route linking communities that could be shared by walkers, equestrians & cyclists

Explore the possibility of creating a safe off-road route where walkers, equestrians and cyclists currently must use the road

Pinpoint good locations to improve a path's surface, replace stiles with gates and generally indicate where small measures can potentially make a big impact

Suggest areas where better signage would be useful

Raise concerns and how they might be addressed

Reveal historic details such as old stiles and river crossings that need protecting

Let us know how we might work together on ideas and initiatives.

After collating and reviewing the feedback from the consultation, Dorset Council officers will draft a new Rights of Way Improvement Plan early next year. This plan will be publicly consulted on in the Spring, with the final version published and presented to Cabinet for approval in Summer 2022.

Please fill in the questionnaire online at the Dorset Council website by midnight 31 October.

### Surgery

We are not (yet) 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 some details so that we can prepare ourselves. Peter's email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com telephone 07986 600799 and Laura's is cllrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk telephone 07814 569563.

Peter Wharf & Laura Miller, Dorset Councillors for West Purbeck

# BERE REGIS NEWS

## BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Thursday 9th September 2021 in the Drax Hall. No members of the public were present. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th October 2021. Members of the press and public are welcome and there is a period for public participation at the start. If you are unable to attend but wish to submit a comment or question, please contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

### Court Farm and Dorset Wildlife Trust

Members of the Parish Council met with Brian Bleese and Imogen Davenport of the DWT on site on the 2nd September to listen to the proposals and find out how they wanted the Parish Council to be involved. This is still at a very early stage, with the land not becoming available until after the 28th September. However, the Parish Council is keen to support the various initiatives proposed and will continue to discuss how the two parties can work together for the benefit of the parish.

### Community Speed Watch

This initiative continues, with huge thanks to Angie and Ian Wright and their team of volunteers. A snapshot of their findings for July and the beginning of August:

Saturday 14th August between 5-6 pm: 556 vehicles came through the village. Of these 34 were travelling in excess of 30 mph.

# BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP



using a variety of creative bases including a metal heart, a fabulous bark log and an ornate urn.

Tuesday 14th September saw a return for the members of the Floral Group with a lively and humorous demonstration from Carole Norman. She kept us entertained with chirpy chatter whilst creating some delightful arrangements. The theme was Hearts and Flowers so she had chosen to do several topics on that theme



The next meeting of Bere Regis Floral Group will be on Tuesday 12th October at 2pm in Winterborne Kingston village hall.

The demonstrator for the afternoon is Martina Coleman, and her title is Strictly Flowers. We look forward to welcoming back our members, friends and visitors. If it is your first visit to the club, it is free of charge.

For more information contact chairman Bob Holman on 01305 848262 or just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!





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The Thursday 19th August sessions was cancelled due to bad weather. However, the C6 road was covered by the Dorset Police mobile camera team between 6-7pm.

Thursday 26th August, between 10-11am: 739 vehicles came through the village. Of these 14 were travelling in excess of 30 mph.

Monday 30th August had to be cancelled due to a shortage of volunteers/other commitments.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Angie and Ian Wright direct. In the meantime, a full copy of their September report can be found as an Appendix to the September Parish Council minutes.

## Elder Road Path Improvements

A contractor has now been appointed and the work will commence during early October 2021. This may lead to some disruption but please be patient – the result will be worth it.

## Salt & Pepper Lunch Club

Having been shut down since March 2020, we are very happy to announce that the Lunch Club will be re-opening from 21st October. It will be held on the third Thursday of each month and the cost will remain at £5 per head. This is an extremely valuable village initiative, and it has been greatly missed. We are all very grateful to Brenda House and her team of volunteers for bringing this back. If you want to get involved, either by helping or by enjoying one of the lovely lunches, please contact Brenda direct on [stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com](mailto:stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com).

## Remembrance Sunday

This will take place on Sunday 14th November and, weather permitting, the service will be held outside. There will be a marching band from the Scout Hut to the Churchyard and the service will, hopefully, be followed by refreshments in the Scout Hut. Full details will be available nearer the time, but everyone is very welcome.



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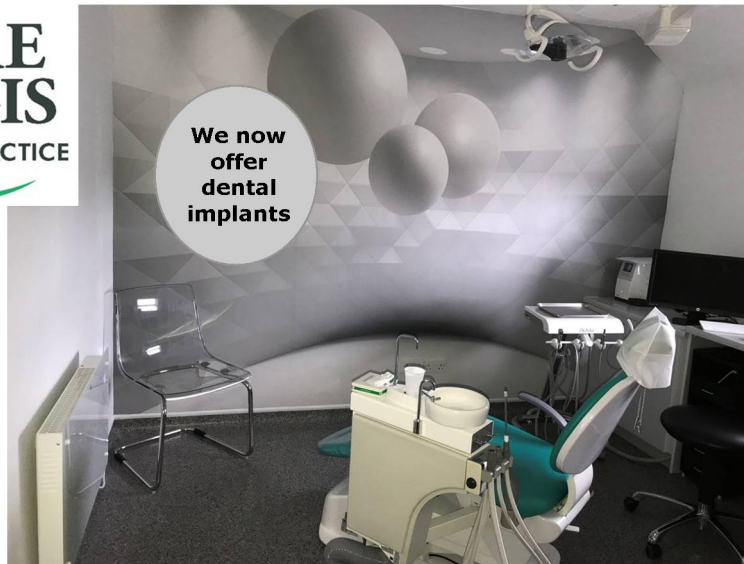
  
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## Cemetery Improvement Community Project

Thanks are extended to Alison Bennett and her team for undertaking this project. The shelter at the top of the cemetery has been refurbished and looks as good as new. The trees and bulbs are to be planted in October 2021 and new benches will be installed. We would like to thank the folks from Nisa for making this possible by giving a grant of £2,200 for the project.



### Communications

It is always difficult trying to contact as many parishioners as possible to keep them on top of what is happening in the parish – whether it is notification of road closures, local events, village meetings or anything else. We do, of course, have the Parish notice boards, Facebook and the Parish Magazine but not everyone sees these or chooses to use

them. We would, therefore, like to start up an email communications system which parishioners can sign up to if they wish to be kept informed. If this is something you might find of interest, please contact the Clerk and confirm that you would be happy for your email details to be held, and that you would like to receive updates. Your contact information will never be passed to a third party and your details can be removed at any time on request.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th October 2021, commencing 7pm at the Drax Hall. If you wish to have an item added to the agenda for discussion, please contact the Clerk or a member of the Parish Council by the end of September.

Amanda Crocker, Clerk to Bere Regis Parish Council

## FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

'Are you considering adoption but not sure where to start? Families for Children is holding an information session to give you the opportunity to find out more.

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To book please contact Families for Children on 01364 645480 or email [devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk](mailto:devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk) or alternatively you can book online at [www.familiesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.familiesforchildren.org.uk)

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday 23rd September 6.00-8.00pm

Saturday 9th October 10am-12noon

Monday 1st November 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 23rd November 3pm-5pm

Wednesday 8th December 6pm-8pm



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## BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY

### CHAMBERLAINS MILL, 1768

Some years ago I was asked about information for the provenance of a painting by William Tomkins made in 1768. It was described as being of Chamberlain's Mill painted in 1768. The original was 25 x 40 inches and shows



the building, over a mile south of the village centre, as it was between about 1620 and 1820, each rebuild being after a serious fire. Mills were particularly susceptible to fire as they dealt with airborne fine powder which could be ignited by a single spark. There had been a Mill at Chamberlain's since about 900-950 AD and was

originally apportioned to the King's Chamberlain for its rents as a gift. The painting shows the Mill-house on the left, while a mill-stone can be seen leaning against the wall on the right and the view is looking North. The Mill ceased operating sometime between 1899 and 1902 after which the spelling for this area changed to "Chamberlaynes".

John Pitfield, Project Secretary

## BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP



We may be lucky and have some warm, bright days in October to remind us of Summer. But, in truth October brings us well and truly into Autumn and the season of morning mists and mellow fruitfulness. It's a time when swallows and other birds prepare for their migration to warmer climes and nature generally slows down as it prepares itself for a rest over the winter months. Nevertheless, there are plenty of birds that over winter here and mammals that are active throughout the winter season. It is vitally important that they have a good food source. So, please don't be over tidy in your gardens – leave some seed heads and dead foliage. This will provide food for birds and refuges for various insects like ladybirds. Also, if you have a bird feeder keep it topped up and if you don't, why not consider getting one – the birds provide a great spectacle.

### Autumn Colours

One of the joys of this time of year are the colours that Autumn brings to our deciduous trees. Depending upon the variety of tree, we can be treated to glorious red, yellow, brown and orange tones before the leaves fall. The intensity of the colours varies from year to year, influenced by temperature, sunlight and rainfall.

Leaves appear green during the tree's growing season due to the presence of chlorophyll, which is abundant in the leaf's cells during the growing season. The chlorophyll's green colour dominates and masks out the colours of any other pigments that may be present in the leaf.

Chlorophyll has a vital function as it captures sunlight and the resultant energy is turned into the tree's food and sustains its growth.

As autumn approaches, daylight hours shorten and temperatures drop. With that, the amount of chlorophyll in the leaf begins to decrease. In turn, the green colour fades revealing the colours of other pigments that are present in the leaves but hidden by the dominant green colour of chlorophyll.

As Autumn progresses other chemical production in the leaf changes. These weaken the adhesion of the leaf stalk to the tree's branches. This allows the leaf to break away and fall to the ground, often aided by Autumn winds.

The benefit to the tree of shedding its leaves is that it can then preserve the moisture in its branches and trunk, instead of drying out and dying. A dormant tree needs less energy to remain alive. Leafless trees are also better able to

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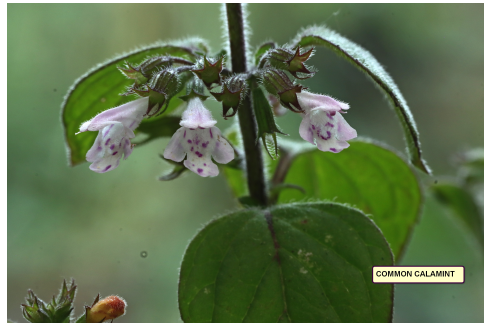
tolerate Winter storms as strong winds can move through the branches more easily. Any remaining nutrient in the leaf will nourish the ground and provide food for future growth.

### 'Common' Wild Flowers and Plants

We are all familiar with the flowers that welcome in spring – snowdrops, primroses, bluebells, and Marsh Marigolds. Then, later the annual flowers that grow in disturbed ground and such as cornflower and corn marigold, so called because they grow in cornfields and are sprayed out by modern cultivation. These flowers are now popular for sowing in places like the sides of Mays Wood for providing a fine summer show and nectar for visiting insects.



There are, of course, a multitude of attractive plants that flower later, some that used to be common and so called as 'Common' but now much less so because of loss of suitable habitat but still found around our village.



In former times these plants were very important in the rural community and had other intriguing local names in different parts of the country. For example Common toadflax with its colourful yellow and orange spikes had many other names such as in Dorset, 'Rabbit's chops' or in Wiltshire, 'Bacon and Eggs'!



Much less common now is Common Calamint which is highly mint scented and quite different to the garden mints. Then there is also White Campion formerly known in Dorset as 'White Robin', which is quite



We have started back and we have some very talented soloists and dancers, our Christmas Show "Rydall High Christmas Prom" will be staged in early December at the Village Hall...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

**Have you checked out our Pop In Place website [popinplace.org](http://popinplace.org)**

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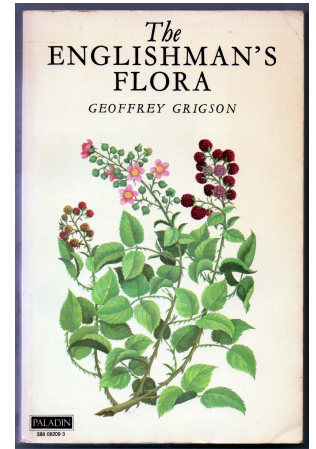


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different from the more familiar Red Campion. Then, currently two plants that have just appeared in the churchyard; a miniature member of the foxglove family, which has the delightful modern name of Weasel's Snout. Secondly, a small spike flower – Vervain which has ancient names as Holy Herb and Enchantment Herb. There are well known cultivated forms that are common garden plants.

If you are interested in the derivation of plant names there is a delightful book by Geoffrey Grigson called 'The Englishman's Flora', which is fascinating reading, in which the author has researched literature from over 500 years, many of them herbals, to investigate the local uses of our 'common' plants.



### Conservation Working Parties – we need your help

After a long pause we will be resuming our Conservation Working Parties on the morning of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We will meet at the stream bridge near to the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am. We normally finish about 12.00. We need more volunteers and your help for our conservation working parties as many hands make for light work! All are welcome at our conservation working parties (under 16s should be accompanied by an adult). No experience is required, there's a friendly crowd, it is great fun and good exercise too!

Our main task at this working party will be to clear some of the dense undergrowth that has grown up over the past two summers – this will allow more light to reach the ground and for a range of wild flowers to thrive. If you have shears or loppers, please bring them with you. If not, spares will be available and any other necessary tools provided.

Additional Conservation Work Parties will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Further dates in 2022 will be announced nearer the time.

### Contact Us

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

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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites*

## Spicy Tomato Chutney

There are only so many tomatoes you can eat in a salad so why not make some chutney. Makes wonderful gifts and goes so well with cheese and cold meats. Its also easy to make.

### Ingredients

- ◆ 1kg ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- ◆ 400g granny smith apples peeled and chopped
- ◆ 240g onions chopped
- ◆ 375ml malt vinegar
- ◆ 220g brown sugar
- ◆ 1/4 tsp chilli powder
- ◆ 1/2 tsp mustard powder
- ◆ 120g sultanas
- ◆ 1 clove of garlic crushed
- ◆ 2 tsp curry powder
- ◆ 2 tsp ground allspice



### Method

1. Combine all the ingredients in a large saucepan
2. Stir over heat until the sugar has dissolved without boiling.
3. Then bring to the boil, simmer uncovered for about 1hr, stirring occasionally until the mixture is thick.
4. Spoon the hot chutney into warmed sterilised jars and seal while hot.

## POP IN PLACE NEWS

### Mike Benjafield

We were very sad to hear of the death of our dear Mike, he was a sterling volunteer driver with us for many years and helped bring the most isolated of people to our cafes. This is such a vital role as it gives people company that they so enjoy.

Mike was one of the most knowledgeable people you could meet and everyone's first choice for a quiz team.

Mike will be greatly missed by the wider community but most of all by his family and we send our love and deepest sympathy to Kim, Bryan, Hannah and his beloved Grandchildren.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last month and to all who donated Raffle Prizes.

### Pop In Place Rainbow Café

The café' are going well and we are still operating within the covid safe guidelines, please do call in on a Friday morning there is a warm welcome to all.

If you need a lift telephone Kim 01927 471170

### New volunteer drivers

We are in need of some more people to help with transport please phone Kim Benjafield if you can help us by being part of a rota 01929 471170

### Repair Shop

Over the coming weeks we will be doing some wood work in the Lower room of the hall making bird boxes and bug hotels etc if you are interested in doing this please come in a sign up for a session.

### Pop In Place Performers Group bringing live entertainment to the community

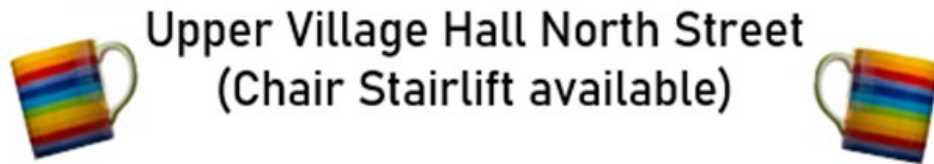


*The Pop In Place Bere Regis*

# New RAINBOW CAFÉ



Friday Mornings  
10am until 12 noon



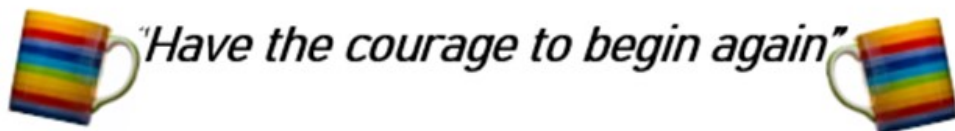
Upper Village Hall North Street  
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A warm welcome awaits you  
in the new Community Café

**Transport Available**

For Transport or more details or to volunteer

Tel: Alison Bennett 01929 472 023



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October 2021

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- ◆ Invoice/mandate fraud when criminals pose as a regular supplier in an attempt to change bank account details so a business is tricked into sending money to criminals;
- ◆ Technical support scams that make unsolicited contact with businesses falsely claiming a serious problem with their computers and an offer to fix the problem for a fee.

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- ◆ Supporting people to use stronger passwords and setting up two factor authentication;
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- ◆ Creating 'How to' guides for new software and tools staff may be using;
- ◆ Using VPNs to allow users to securely access the organisation's IT services.

If you're a business owner then why not take a look at this free information resource, or if you're an employee then we'd encourage you to speak with your employer about signing up as a 'Business Against Scams' too!

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