

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2022

- FG** Floral Group   **AL** Autumn Leaves   **CB** Communibus   **WI** Women's Institute
- SP** Salt and Pepper Club   **PIP** Pop in Place   **TA** Twinning   **GC** Gardening Club

## July

- CB** 6th Lyme Regis
- FG** 12th Michael Bowyer 'Designing for Summer' - Open Demonstration at Tarrant Keynston Village Hall 2.00pm
- WI**
- SP** 21st Salt and Pepper Club
- CB** 20th New Forest

## August

- CB** 10th Sidmouth
- WI**
- SP** 18th Salt and Pepper Club
- CB** 25th Shaftesbury, including Farmers' Market

## THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE



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

**Our Mission:**  
 To encourage awareness of the presence of God through worship music and the arts;  
 To encourage everyone in the Christian faith through example, learning and spiritual growth;  
 To make our churches open and welcoming to all, and supportive of those in need;  
 To challenge injustice at home and abroad and to balance our care for the environment.

## A LETTER FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear friends

### Happy New Year!

As I write this at the beginning of December, I wonder what sort of Christmas we will have had. Hopefully we will have been able to join with family and or friends in the flesh and enjoy all the festivities that go with what we think of as a Happy Christmas. We live in such an uncertain world and any planning is done with a lot of crossing of fingers! Since I started writing this, there have already been changes, the wearing of face coverings inside for example, but hopefully we will have been able to have our planned services and visits from the family.

I've just come back from a few days away at a retreat centre on the edge of Dartmoor. My time away was a bit later this year than usual, so days are not so long for walking if you want to do it in the daylight. It also means you have a different view of the countryside, views that are usually filled with green leafed trees and woods that are full of growth and bird noises are strangely much quieter, fields open up in the distance and trees on sentry duty point to an open sky, their bare branches reaching and stretching out like a dancer should on Strictly. I was particularly struck by the tangle of roots, exposed in mossy banks



Online

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022  
at 4pm

Love your world!

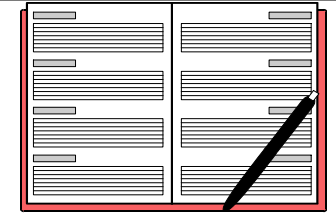


live on Zoom

**rsvp: email Pat Wharf**  
**[patswiftwharf@outlook.com](mailto:patswiftwharf@outlook.com)**  
for activity bags and zoom link  
**by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



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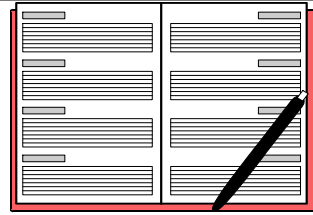
### May

- FG 10th Visit to Salisbury Cathedral - Flower Festival
- CB 11th Palmers Nursery, Yeovil
- WI
- SP 19th Salt and Pepper Club
- CB 25th The Donkey Sanctuary

### June

- CB 8th Swanage
- FG 14th Nicky Heale - Summer Inspirations
- WI
- CB 22nd Ottery Nursery, Exeter

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## March

- WI** 1st Pancake Day
- FG** 8th Maia Nash 2.00pm
- CB** 9th Haskins Garden Centre
- WI** 16th Jurassic Coast
- SP** 17th Salt and Pepper Club
- CB** 23rd Groves Nursery

## April

- CB** 6th Honiton Garden Centre
- FG** 12th 'No idea' - Irene Hickson 2.00pm
- SP** 21st Salt and Pepper Club
- WI** 20th Annual Meeting
- CB** 20th Bluebells at Bulbarrow, then Wimborne

# SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

## January

- 1st Christmas flowers continued
- 8th Christmas flowers continued
- 15th Christmas flowers continued
- 22nd Mrs Edmonds
- 29th Mrs Edmonds



## EASTER LILIES



Would you like to make a donation (suggested amount £1 per lily) towards the lilies for the Easter Service? These can be in memory of a loved one and a memory card will then be displayed in the church.

Should you wish to do so, please contact Diane Edmonds on 01929 472331 [edmonds473@btinternet.com](mailto:edmonds473@btinternet.com) or Sarah Welton on 01929471562 [sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk](mailto:sarahwelton@oceans.f9.co.uk) before 1st April 2022.

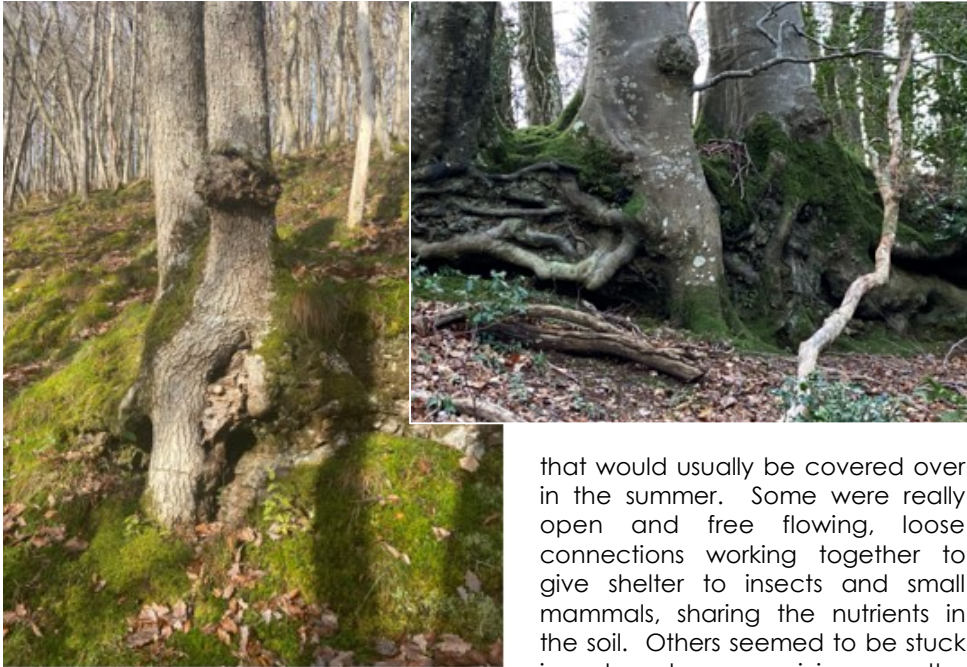
## GEOFFREY BOOTH

The family of the late Geoffrey Booth would like to thank all who who helped in any way to make the Thanksgiving Service for his life, and the burial of his ashes in the churchyard, such a moving occasion.

We thank the Rev. Sandra, Adrian and the bell ringers, Pat and the flower arrangers, Paul the organist, and David for digging his friend's final resting place.

Finally, we thank all those who came to say Farewell to Geoffrey, as he was laid to rest in the place he had loved for more than fifty years.

Thank you all so much.  
Joan and family.  
Oakdale Care Home.



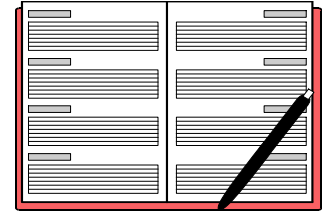
that would usually be covered over in the summer. Some were really open and free flowing, loose connections working together to give shelter to insects and small mammals, sharing the nutrients in the soil. Others seemed to be stuck in rocky outcrops, surviving none the

less, determined to conserve their energy for the spring. It reminded me of the importance of community. We all need to interconnect to survive. I manage about five days of solitude and it's lovely, but by the end I'm ready to interact with others and share my life again. As community we sometimes connect loosely with each other and other times we have to get stuck in together and make things happen. We work with each other and for each other in so many different ways.

Hopefully we will all have been able to enjoy those connections over the Christmas period and managed to continue to live with the uncertainty that this virus brings with it. Something I find very comforting, particularly in the times we are living in is a verse from the book of Psalms, 'In God I trust, and will not fear' Psalm 56 v4. Wherever we are and whatever is going on in our lives, God is with us in the mess and the muddle, in the joy and the sadness, reaching out to connect with us. Sometimes it's a bit of a loose connection, sometimes it's a bit like getting through rock, but rest assured, God will always be there ready and waiting with open arms to share our lives, bless us and wipe away the tears and uncertainty.

With blessings Sandra

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## January

- FG 11th AGM 2.00pm
- WI 12th Egyptian Dance
- SP 20th Salt and Pepper Club

## February

- FG 8th 'On the Spot' - Elizabeth Whitcomb 2.00pm
- CB 9th Communibus - Mystery Tour with lunch
- WI 16th Joyce Grenfell
- SP 17th Salt and Pepper Club
- CB 23rd Communibus - Bridport

## 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@gbplfd.co.uk www.warehamrotary.co.uk	
Salt and Pepper Lunch Club	Brenda House	471255		stockleyfarmpartners@gmail.com	Monthly, Scout Hut, 3rd Thursday. 12.30p.m.
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

## BENEFICE AND PARISH NEWS

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

As it is a bank holiday weekend there will only be a service at 10am for this part of the benefice held at Bere Regis. It will be a Holy Communion but will also include prayers and blessing of the plough. This is the first of our special agricultural observances in the year, you may recall that we had a service for Rogation in May, Lammas in August and of course Harvest in October. In medieval times some ploughs were kept in the parish church, and some churches kept a 'plough-light'. In days when work was scarce in winter, the observance looked forward to the time of sowing with the promise of a harvest to come.

### Messy Church and Junior Church

#### The Christmas Cake Service

This was going to be on 12<sup>th</sup> December, but with concern about the new virus variant and not wishing to put anyone at risk before Christmas with the family, hopefully, we decided to postpone this celebration until January. Therefore...

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 11AM

Junior Church and Messy Church will be joining together to bring you this spectacular Family Christmas Service! Puppets, a play with angels, shepherds, kings etc, Little Donkey action song, and even Carols along with the much-anticipated Procession of the Cakes. Followed by seasonal refreshments. We do hope and pray that this service will be able to go ahead. There will be activities and rehearsing for the children from 10am and the service starts at 11am.

There will be a Messy Church online on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 4pm. We will be thinking about our lovely world and how we can look after it. To get the link and order your activity bag please email Pat on [patswiftwharf@outlook.com](mailto:patswiftwharf@outlook.com) by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.





**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

January 2022 Services

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

	Streamed	Church	Church	Church	Readings
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> Christmas 2 or The Epiphany  <i>White</i>		9am BCP Holy Communion East Lulworth  10:30am Café Church Winfrith Village Hall	10am Holy Communion inc. Blessing the Plough Bere Regis		
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	10am BCP Holy Communion				
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of Christ  <i>White</i>	10:45am Prayer and Praise	9am Holy Communion West Lulworth	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle  11am Family Service Bere Regis	10:30am Holy Communion Wool	Isaiah 43.1-7 or Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> January			11am Holy Communion Bere Regis		
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany 2  <i>White</i>	10:45am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion Chaldon Herring	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis  11am Holy Communion Affpuddle	9am BCP Holy Communion Wool	Isaiah 62. 1-5 or 1 Cor. 12. 1-11 John 2. 1-11
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> January				10:45am Holy Communion D'Urberville, Wool	
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Epiphany 3  <i>White</i>	<b>4pm Messy Church 'Love your World!'</b>	10:30am Holy Communion Winfrith Newburgh	9am Holy Communion Affpuddle  11am Holy Communion Bere Regis	10:30am Holy Communion Wool	Neh. 8. 1-3,5-6,8-10 or 1 Cor. 12. 12-31a Luke 4. 14-21
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> Presentation of Christ in the Temple <i>White</i>			<b>10:30am Benefice Eucharist Bere Regis</b>		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10am BCP Holy Communion	7pm Licensing Service West Lulworth	<b>For Rev'd David Chillman</b>		
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> 4 before Lent <i>Green</i>		9am BCP Holy Communion East Lulworth  10:30am Café Church Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall	9am Holy Communion Bere Regis  11am Holy Communion Affpuddle		Isaiah 6. 1-8 (9-end) or 1 Cor. 15. 1-11 Luke 5. 1-11

Important information about attending Services

Live services will only take place in accordance with the Government COVID regulations prevailing on the day.  
Please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitizer.

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

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Liz Teather	01929 471216		<a href="mailto:lizteather@hotmail.com">lizteather@hotmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:angie@ptalbot.plus.com">angie@ptalbot.plus.com</a>	2nd Saturday 10 - 12 noon Briantspuddle Village Hall, in conjunction with Coffee Shop
Chapel Toddlers Group	Suzie Gee	472484	Rose Cottage, Butt Land	<a href="mailto:suziegitus3v4@talktalk.net">suziegitus3v4@talktalk.net</a>	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	<a href="mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com">peterwharf@hotmail.com</a>	
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 Shieham 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.

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Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Andrew Jones		19 Louise Road, Dorchester, DT1 2LT	andrew@joneser.freereserve.co.uk	Monthly Turberville Court 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	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

## Benefice Service

As there are 5 Sundays in January, Bere Regis will be hosting the Benefice Eucharist on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. The theme will be The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas).

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7pm Holy Trinity, West Lulworth

The licensing and installing of Reverend David Chillman as House for Duty Associate Priest in the West Purbeck Benefice will take place on this date. It would be useful if you could let the office know if you wish to attend: [westpurbeckoffice@gmail.com](mailto:westpurbeckoffice@gmail.com)

## 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.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### St John the Baptist

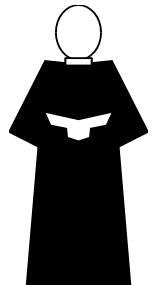
#### Interment of ashes

3<sup>rd</sup> December

Dennis Robinson

13<sup>th</sup> December

Geoffrey Booth



## A NEW ALTAR FRONTAL FOR ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH

When it was time to put the purple altar frontal onto the altar at St Laurence's, it became clear the one that had been used for many years, was worn out and was falling apart.

New altar frontals are very expensive, several thousands of pounds and need to be ordered several months before they are needed. A message went out to PCC members telling them that this Advent, the altar would have no frontal on it.

However, prayers were answered. Nicky and Richard Killer had a niece who thought that if she could not repair the old frontal, she could make a new one.



Cara Killer has a BA Hons in costume design. She has worked in London at the National theatre and on West End shows. She is currently wardrobe supervisor at Bryanston school.

Having looked at the old



frontal, Cara realised she would have to make a new one. Amazingly, this she did is just over 2 weeks and Nicky and Richard kindly offered to pay for the material.

The new frontal was fitted on the evening of 4 December and blessed the next day by Canon Keith Hugo at the 11am service.

All that remains to be said is a very, very big thank you to Cara, Nicky and Richard.

# SMALL ADS

### Village Hall

Available for Hire for private parties or regular meetings. Please note that the main Hall is on an upper level, we do however have a chair lift. There is a smaller room also available for meetings. The Hall hire cost is £8 per hour for both rooms. For hire and booking enquiries please email [popinplace@gmail.com](mailto:popinplace@gmail.com)  
**01929 471528**

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Mike and Andrew Menzies  
THE ELM BRANCH  
**Tel: 01929 471263**  
**Mob: 07419312517**  
Email: [michael.menzies@talk21.com](mailto:michael.menzies@talk21.com)

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**07831 312740**  
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*Full year advertising is based on complete calendar years. Adverts inserted for part years are charged at a pro-rata rate of the full year cost. Full year advertisers are automatically included on both village websites.*

<i>Full page, full year</i>	<i>£260</i>	<i>Full page, one month</i>	<i>£38</i>
<i>Half page, full year</i>	<i>£160</i>	<i>Half page, one month</i>	<i>£22</i>
<i>Third page, full year</i>	<i>£120</i>	<i>Third page, one month</i>	<i>£16</i>
<i>Quarter page, full year</i>	<i>£98</i>	<i>Quarter page, one month</i>	<i>£13</i>
<i>Small-ads, full year</i>	<i>£70</i>	<i>Small-ads, one month</i>	<i>£11</i>

*For all advertising enquiries, contact the Editor, details on inside back cover.*

# AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS – JAN 2022

## FLOWERS & CLEANING ROTA

Date	Flowers:	Cleaning:
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Anne Forty	Sue Taylor
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Vivi Armitage	Vivi Armitage
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Christine Coates	Christine Coates
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Erica Moriarty	Erica Moriarty
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Susan Wood	Susan Wood
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Chris Ralls	Chris Ralls

## CHURCH YARD MOWING ROTA

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Now until April	No-one	because	the grass	is dormant ?

Thank you someone for cutting area 2. The funeral party were appreciative. The mowers will be going away for service, back soon.

## COFFEE ROTA

9 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00	Alec Armitage & Emma Menzies
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00	Deborah Hepburn & Chris Ralls

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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2022	No service at Affpuddle	9:00 East Lulworth 10:00 Bere Regis	10:30 Winfrith Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00	Sandy Moriarty & Stephen Sanderson	Stephen Sanderson	Audrey Grindrod
16 <sup>th</sup> January 11:00	Michael Menzies & Deborah Hepburn	Deborah Hepburn	Rev Sandra
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 9:00	Elizabeth Whatley & Richard Killer	Richard Killer	Michael Menzies
30 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30 am	Benefice Eucharist	Bere Regis

## BISHOP'S LETTER

Our days are filled with calls upon our time and attention. Among the least welcome are the cold sales calls that intersperse our day – those anonymous, brief exchanges with callers who address us by the name of a long-forgotten tenant of our home, and with whom no kind of even fleeting relationship is possible. Several times a week, we might rush from the bathtub, meal table or meeting to pick up the phone, only to be asked whether we are the householder - and feel our heart sink and blood pressure begin to rise.



The poor fools who work in call centres have my pity - only because I was one of them for a while. I was selling advertising for a local newspaper. I found making cold calls so impossibly awkward, I even tended to depart from the usual script and began my sales pitch with 'I'm so sorry for bothering you' ,you probably won't want this' ,and 'you must feel free to say no, but I have to call you....' Just occasionally, this grovelling approach actually worked, and one could have a proper conversation. I lasted but five months on the job.

Then there are other calls: calls which are so surprising, so welcome, that life seems to open up with their appearance. These little epiphanies can come through the phone – in the good news of a job offer or an unexpected invitation. But, equally, they come in other ways: someone in need, for example, whose call upon our assistance somehow makes us more human; or perhaps in the form of a sudden revelation – like a film or piece of music, perhaps, which might fill us with a sense of expectancy, or expresses our yearning so deeply that we are renewed. These kinds of encounters not only inspire us, but they also ask something of us and call us forward into a different way of life.

'Behold' says the risen Christ in the Bible: 'I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in, and will eat with him, and he with me.' Scripture invites us to imagine Christ as an unexpected caller: one who will not barge in, but patiently waits for our response. He does not want a minute of our time, or have an unrepeatable special offer, but comes to meet us so that we might follow where he will lead. The Lord's arrival in our midst is the wonder of this season: bearing the light of the world, he calls us forth. As with gladness so many have done before, may we also follow.

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years the PC feels that provision should be made for a salt bin to be located there so that salt can be spread when ice occurs or is likely to occur.

The proposal is for a black salt-bin to be purchased at a cost of £70 (67cm high x88.5cm long x 61.5cm wide). The first annual fill will be supplied by Dorset Council free of charge, with any further fills being charged to the Parish Council. The effectiveness of this facility does depend on local volunteers salting the road at appropriate times.

## Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon

A second Liaison Group Meeting was held at the beginning of December and those present were informed that the slurry lagoon would be operational within a couple of weeks. Some increased traffic to and from the farm is anticipated over the course of a month as the lagoon is filled but movements will then settle down. The lagoon will not be operational over the summer. The Liaison Group will meet again in March 2022 when the impact on the community of traffic movements will be evaluated in advance of the autumn and winter. Anyone with concerns relating to the operation of the slurry lagoon should initially contact the Parish Council Clerk.

## Covid-19

As all of our lives continue to be impacted by Coronavirus, residents are reminded that the Parish Covid-19 helpline number 07745 796118, is still operational for anyone in need of help within the local community. Further information about Covid-19 and support available within the wider community is available on the Brianspuddle Community website, Dorset Council website, Gov.uk and the NHS.

## Parish Council Meetings

At the time of writing, it is unclear whether Parish Council meetings will continue at the village hall in the new year or if we will once again be meeting remotely. Please see the meetings page of the website on the 7th January for confirmation regarding the January meeting.

Sue Jones, Chairman

# NEWS FROM SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

## The 2022 Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival

Planning for the 2022 flower festival at Salisbury Cathedral is well underway.

"Celebration" A Festival of Flowers takes place from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and will involve hundreds of arrangers.

It is designed by Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner, all Chelsea gold medallists.

Michael, director of Salisbury Cathedral Flowers and president of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), said everyone was saddened when the festival planned for 2020 could not go ahead due to the pandemic.

But, he said, next year's festival will include elements of the cancelled festival as well as themes celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee, key workers, the power of nature, the cathedral's treasures and the Church's year.

"As well as members of Salisbury Cathedral Flowers, every flower club and every church from the Diocese of Salisbury has been invited to take part," said Michael.

He added that the festival would be environmentally friendly, as arrangers would be using compostable substitutes for floral foam, and a section of the displays would focus on bees and other pollinators.

**Tickets for the 2022 flower festival are now available from the cathedral's website**

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/celebration-festival-flowers>

Flashback to the 2015 flower festival and these displays depicting land and sea, illustrate the diversity of the Diocese of Salisbury. Pictures copyright Katharine Shearing.



# OTHER CHURCHES NEWS

## BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Sundays 10.30am Morning Service, Taken by visiting preachers, or our full time Youth Worker, John Williams.**

**Our services also go out live on you tube**

**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 at 9.30am Chapel Toddler Group, contact Suzie on 07962142552**

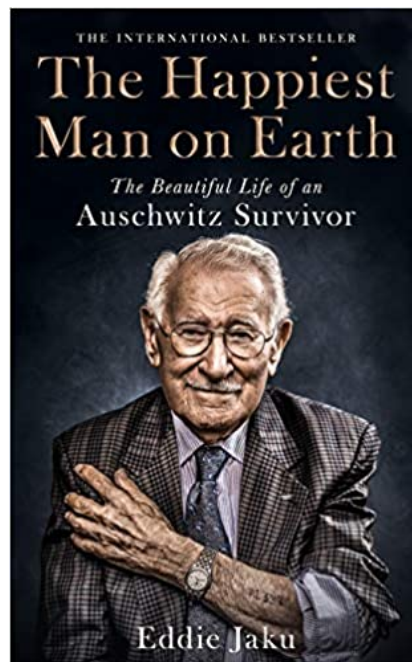
### We wish you a God blessed and very happy New Year.

Well, 2021 has gone now, and we are starting 2022.

Last year was a difficult year, with lockdown, and continual reminders and restrictions that we are in the midst of a pandemic caused by the Covid virus. By now we thought Covid would be a distant memory, but it is still very much with us. At the time of writing we are all hoping that Christmas will not be cancelled as it was last year, and that the New Year will see a great reduction in the number of people being infected. It is not easy to stay positive in the midst of all the doom and gloom, and our personal difficulties.

I recently read a review of a book entitled "The Happiest Man on Earth," with the sub-heading, "The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor."

How could you be the happiest man on earth when you have gone through the horrors of Auschwitz, Buchenwald or Hitler's other terrible concentration camps? The book was written in 2020 when Eddie Jaku, who now lives in Australia, was 100 years old.



# AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Precept 2022/23

The majority of the Parish Council's income comes from the precept which is a charge shared amongst Council taxpayers and paid to Parish Council's by Dorset Council. At the December meeting the Parish Council voted to maintain the charge per household so that residents will not face an increase to their payments that come to the Parish Council. The amount that the Parish Council receives for the year will increase to £11,261.44 in 2022 as more households are liable to pay Council tax. The extra income will be used to cover the increases in the Parish Council's expenses due to inflation, as well as allowing a budget for highways initiatives which the Parish Council is currently considering.

## Traffic Survey for the B3390

Parish Councillors are keen to carry out a traffic survey on the B3390 to establish the number of vehicles using this stretch of road through the Parish. The information will be used to extrapolate what total traffic movements might be if proposals in the Local Plan for housing development in Moreton and Crossways move forward. In the first instance the Parish Council asked Dorset Council to fund this initiative. Unfortunately, no budget was not available and as result Parish Councillors resolved to fund the survey. It is likely that the survey will be carried out towards the summer of 2022 at an estimated cost of £250.

## Litter Pick

Many thanks to all those who attended the community litter pick on the morning of Saturday 20th November 2021. The event was very successful, and the Parish Council aims to organise the usual litter pick again in the coming spring.

## Salt Bin – Briantspuddle Crossroads

The Parish Council has a Snow plan which aims to clear a way through from Briantspuddle Crossroads to the B3390 at Affpuddle. This route in and out of the village has been chosen because it is a short, flat section of road to clear and maintain clearance which links to a road that Dorset Council commit to salt.

In addition, it has been noticed over the years that the crossroads is particularly prone to icing and it is also well used by pedestrians for a variety of reasons. Because dangerous falls on ice are known to have taken place there in recent

another, it's a great way to get to know people and to support our community. The shop really is not just for Christmas. Neither is it just for a stamp or pint of milk.

We have been able to maintain a wide range of fresh produce in the shop, but we can only do that if the community together volunteer to collect and importantly regularly use the shop. We really want it to be more than a convenience store for the odd tinned or dried packet that's been forgotten.

Thank you for continuing to support our 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

## Recycling your Christmas tree

A message from The ELM Branch

The council web site <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/christmas-and-new-year-rubbish-and-recycling> guides you what to do with your

Christmas tree:

You can recycle your real Christmas tree by:

- home composting it
- cutting it up and placing it in your garden waste bin
- taking it to a household recycling centre
- booking a Christmas tree collection with a Dorset-based charity or service (check local availability)

So, if you make a donation to Bere Regis Church or Affpuddle Church (see the inside front cover of this magazine - treasurer) then you can put your tree outside your house on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and we will collect it, shred it, and compost it.

Please remove all decorations from your tree. Artificial Christmas trees, and trees with decorations attached, will not be collected.

To make sure we call at your house please email or text your address to us, confirming your donation to the church, and we will include you in our round.

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The ELM Branch is a branch of Kinson Power Ltd. We will carry out this work free of charge as part of our contribution to the church.



Eddie, always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all that changed in November 1938 when he was beaten, arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on a Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, and his country.

Before the war he had more than a hundred relatives all over Europe. As the war ended, as far as he knew there was only him. But he writes: "Liberation is freedom, but freedom for what?" "To be alone?"

"To have to say Kaddish (a Jewish Prayer) for other people? "That's not life, I was very sad, I was very lonely. I had to decide what to do, to live or to find a tablet and die like my parents. I had made a promise to myself and to God, to live the best existence I could, or else my parents' deaths would be for nothing. So I chose to live."

His principles of living are so very simple and basic, but also very profound.

"A vow to smile every day; meeting evil with kindness; believing happiness is something we can choose; having one good friend is enough; affirming life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It is up to you." His memoir is inspirational as he pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, and sharing his wisdom. As we read of so much evil in our world today, and wonder how to survive, this book will encourage you.

St Paul, in the Bible, gave similar advice. In the book of Philippians, Chapter 3v4-9, he wrote the following "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things, ....and the God of peace will be with you."

When we are finding life difficult, for whatever reason, those words in the New Testament, could become our New Year resolution. Think only good thoughts, be thankful in every situation, don't be anxious, talk to God about your problems and trust Him to help you, and you will know God's peace. In this very uncertain world that sounds like good advice to me!

We have a good example in Eddie Jaku, his positive attitude has contributed to his long life.

When things are hard, try following God's recipe for a peaceful and positive life.

May 2022 be a new start for each of us, with Jesus in control of our lives.

Joyce Healey

## Just a Smile

Preacher: Can everyone hear me at the back?

Voice from the back: Yes, but I wouldn't mind changing with someone who can't.

(Overheard at a party : " yours must be a soul destroying job, Vicar!"

Road sign outside the gate of a cemetery: DRIVE CAREFULLY – We can wait for you,

## THANK YOU

Three of our fabulous volunteer delivery folk are going to be 'retiring' shortly, once all the payments for 2022 have been made, so I wanted to say, on their subscribers behalf, a huge thank you to them. They have given many years' of dedicated service to this role and this has been very much appreciated.

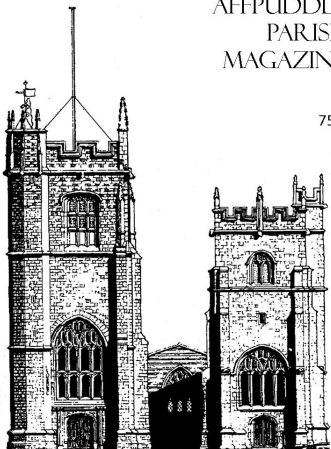
Sylvia Bayliss, who together with the late Phil Robbins, had one of the biggest rounds covering Old Barn Road, Egdon Close, Southbrook and Manor Farm Road. Sylvia's deliveries are being taken over by Alan Green and Eleanor Driscoll.

Hazel Green, who has looked after Turberville Court and Elder Road is passing her mantle to Glo Curtis and Gill and Dave Hart who have covered parts of Southbrook and Rye Hill Close will have their subscribers re-allocated to existing rounds.

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Hopefully, by the time this magazine is delivered to you, all subscription payments will have been made and a particular thank you to all those who have been able to make their payments by bank transfer - this is extremely helpful in cutting down the work for both our volunteers and our church treasurer.

If you would like to be added to a delivery round do please let me know. It's an annual price of £8, which is £1 less than if you purchase it monthly at the retail price of 75p.

Alison Debenham  
Editor

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## BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE SHOP – OUR VILLAGE SHOP

### And just like that it's 2022!

First of all, I hope you've had a great Christmas. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made both 2021 and December in particular a successful time for the village shop.

Thank you to you too if you have been a customer. I hope you took advantage of the Christmas "pop up shop" and the vast range of fruit and Veg we had in the week before Christmas. Shout out to the Village hall committee and Community group who helped to make all that happen by letting us use the space. As I write this, we have sold 80 2022 calendars, whilst I hope by the time you read this, we will have sold out I'm sure there will be a few left so if you haven't got your village calendar yet they are still only £5 and available in the shop.

As you make your new year's resolutions this week make sure you include: "Use the village shop regularly" to your list. We would like there always to be a wide range of fresh produce, fruit and veg, bread and meat. Not just for those who find it difficult to go to the supermarket but for all of us. The fresh produce we supply really is very good quality. It comes fresh from the market or local businesses. So, consider using the village shop for your fresh produce rather than buying frozen from the supermarket.



We are holding our AGM on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. We will be looking back over the last 2 years (we had to miss last year!), celebrating the efforts put in by volunteers and the success we have enjoyed. We would love you to join us for a glass of wine and some cheese & biscuits. If you're a customer or volunteer already its our way of saying thank you! If you're not already a

customer or don't already volunteer, please come along and find out how you could be involved. There are currently over 30 people volunteering in one way or

It is very much the desire of the trustees to see the hall continue to provide a focal point for the whole community and we look forward to the many opportunities we will have to get together this year. As always anyone with any new ideas of activities and events that could be available at the Village Hall, please chat with any of the trustees and let's see what else we can achieve together. And hopefully this time next year government restrictions over our everyday lives will be a dim and distant memory.

The Trustees of Briantspuddle Village Hall

**WINTER SERIES OF EVENING TALKS – Briantspuddle Village Hall**

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19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Wednesday)

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A talk by Miranda Robertson – Editor

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (Friday)

**“Echoes of Dorset”**

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A talk by Dr Richard Hall

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Wednesday)

**“The RNLI”**

Through a lens

A talk by Eleanor Driscoll – Senior Production Specialist, RNLI

20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (Wednesday)

**“Marine Biology”**

An exploration of the least known element of this fragile planet.

A talk by Sarah Welton

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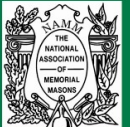
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# NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

The New Year is often a time to reflect, to look back, and also to make resolutions for the year ahead. As I am often asked how MPs prioritise competing calls on their time, and given the time of year, I have looked back and I will give a brief overview and summary of the past 12 months. Of course, due to the pandemic Parliamentary working practices have been different from normal, but legislation still needs scrutiny and debate, decisions affecting the country and our area need to be made, and constituents rightly ask me questions and also for help.



Looking back, I have attended Parliament every week that it has been sitting, other than when I had to self-isolate due to covid. I have voted in person more often than almost any other MP, in over 200 different votes, ranging from strengthening the law around domestic abuse, to fishing rights, to improving air standards and biodiversity. I have also attended numerous sitting Fridays, where I have supported a number of Private Members' Bills passing to the next stage, including careers guidance in schools; increased sentencing for people who abuse animals; and the Down Syndrome Bill to increase support for people with Down's Syndrome.

As I have mentioned before, part of my role in Parliament involves looking at Bills in committee, and this year I have sat on 6 different Bill Committees, involving 33 sessions of evidence taking and line by line scrutiny. Again, this is something of a record! These have included bills concerning education, including the Freedom of Speech Bill, and Skills Bill, getting employers more involved in higher education.

In the constituency I have held almost 50 constituency surgeries, right across the constituency, and also by phone. It's obviously not been as easy to see people in person this year, but I have undertaken as many visits as possible. This has included seeing a wide range of people, including schools, hospitals, vaccination centres, charities, businesses and individuals. I have been quizzed by schoolchildren and church groups, and had meetings with local councillors, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police & Crime Commissioner. If you run or work in a business or a charity, and you would like to highlight what you are doing, please do get in touch and invite me to come and see for myself!

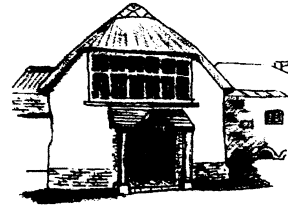
On a more personal level, I have sent over 3000 letters to constituents, and over 2000 emails have been sent from my office. I have contacted nearly every government department with wide-ranging queries from constituents. But supporting constituents is not about numbers, or data. It's about knowing that





# BRIANTSPUDDLE AND AFFPUDDLE NEWS

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS



2022 is here and a happy and healthy New Year is wished to you to you all. As has been the case for all of us the last year was a bit of a roller coaster for the Village Hall. Lockdown with restrictions, things opening up with restrictions eased, then uncertainty over who would feel safe coming out to events and should we or shouldn't we? A thoroughly testing and exhausting time for everyone but somehow we all got December and the village hall saw its regular hirers almost all return and we set to in holding the Christmas Fayre. A huge thankyou to everyone who helped in any way and also to all of you who turned up and made it such a successful event. All the stall holders reported having had a good day and many people commented on what a lovely atmosphere there was. Turkey rolls and mulled wine were consumed in admirable quantities with people being able to choose between sitting in the Jubilee Room or braving the chill under the gazebo outside. A good sum was raised for the Village Hall and everyone's Christmas got under way with a smile and plenty of Christmas cheer, thank you all again.

Unfortunately, we then felt the need to reapply the brakes slightly and take a cautious approach due to the uncertainties surrounding the Omicron variant and so reluctantly decided to cancel the Christmas Lights and New Year's Eve parties. We had already enjoyed Arts Reach and Purbeck Film Festival events in October, and we had a further Arts Reach event, "A Christmas Carol", to look forward to in December and so with so many people moving around and mixing much more over Christmas with wider family and friends we felt it best to be cautious and remain safe rather than sorry. And so here's to what hopefully will prove to be a better year for us all as we carefully continue to navigate life with Covid around.

Although there was a much-reduced income from hirings grants from the government and county council allowed the Village Hall to finish the year in a positive financial position, and looking forward to a successful and enjoyable 2022. In January we look forward to a joyous Burn's Night celebration, again regulations and conditions permitting. Rainbarrow will be returning to provide the musical entertainment and Campbell de Burgh will be piping in the haggis, so look out for tickets now on sale and get in quick as there are limited numbers and this event is always oversubscribed.

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



when someone gets in touch needing help with their visa, or getting through to the DVLA, or advice about travel rules, or needs information about school places, that my team and I will do everything to help. MPs don't of course get issued with a magic wand, and change does not always happen quickly, but my excellent team and I do everything we can to

assist when you get in touch. Where an issue is not within my gift or power, I do my best to help and point constituents in the right direction.

The last 18 months have challenged us all, but I am optimistic as we look forward to a new year ahead, with the brilliant vaccination rollout and the booster scheme, that the worst is behind us. As always, please do get in touch if you need help or support, or if you would like me to visit your business or charity.

You can contact me via email [michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:michael.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01202 624216. I send out a regular email update – you can sign up on my website [www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk](http://www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk)

*Michael.*

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## DORSET COUNCIL- WEST PURBECK REPORT

### Editor's note

*I have received the occasional comment about the length of the monthly Dorset Council report.*

*It is important to let readers know that our councillors cover West Purbeck, not just our own parish. It is not really possible for them to produce separate articles for each local area, and regrettably, I simply don't have the time to edit the articles to make them more relevant to just Bere Regis and Affpuddle.*



### Large Military vehicles through Wool

We were notified of military vehicles travelling through Wool and past the school. We contacted the Army and they have issued the following clarification.

Large military vehicles should not be transiting to and from Lulworth Camp through Wool village. Previous offenders were traced to civilian contractors transporting military vehicles to Lulworth through Wool because they were following SatNav directions. The contractors concerned were contacted and reminded of the route they should be using. Small to medium size wheeled vehicles may transit through Wool and where possible will avoid school opening and closing times. However, this is not always practical or achievable.



### Purbeck Local Plan

Some of you may recall I forewarned you of another consultation on the Purbeck local Plan because of the Government Inspector raising some queries which Laura and I found odd (our opinion). I list below the details (provided by Officers) relating to the forthcoming consultation and your response is obviously entirely up to you but our concern is that any suspension or cessation of the Purbeck Local Plan would endanger the plan and might lead to increased housing provision in any

## CASTLE PLAYERS - LYTCHETT MATRAVERS



### It's Panto Time!

It is that time of year again when Castle Players puts on one of their excellent pantomimes. This year, it is Aladdin, written by Lee Redwood, who works with both Weymouth Pavilion and Wimborne Tivoli each year. It is directed by Becki Lavender and includes over 20 members of the group including some of our youngest members.

Tickets are selling up fast and are limited to only 60 per performance, so do hurry if you would like to come and see the show. There will be a bar available, with alcoholic and soft drinks, but no tea and coffee at the interval due to covid regulations. Tickets are available by pre-booking only on the website [www.castleplayers.com/tickets](http://www.castleplayers.com/tickets)

The group have also just had a read through of the Spring production – Still Alice which will be directed by Deanna Langford, who previously put on our very successful Elephant Man. It is looking to be an excellent show, and if you would like to audition or get involved in some way, please do get in contact with us on [info@castleplayers.com](mailto:info@castleplayers.com)

### Did you Know?

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We have a fantastic team of volunteer distributors who undertake the delivery of this magazine, and for just £8 a year (which is £1 less than you would pay at the retail price and no charge for delivery), you could be included on one of these rounds.

Contact the Editor, for more information: Alison Debenham  
[alison@culverdell.co.uk](mailto:alison@culverdell.co.uk) or 01929 471780

## BERE REGIS SURGERY NEWS

### Happy New Year to all our patients!

At the time of writing we are in the process of re-siting the dispensary hatch.



Because of COVID restrictions the hatch will have to remain outside but will be on the wall as you enter the car park. The intention is that there will also be a shelter to stand under but in the short term the tent has returned

We are producing a small questionnaire regarding Dispensary which will be given out with medication. We would be grateful if you could complete it and return it to us (in our post box is fine) as this will help us shape the service we provide you in the future. If you don't receive a questionnaire and would like one, please let us know.

### COVID vaccinations

With the age groups and timings for second vaccinations and boosters being extended the vaccination clinic at Wareham will continue into the New Year. It has been a difficult service for them to provide at times with the guidelines continually changing at short notice. There was a period where a large number



of patients from out of the Purbeck area were booking at Wareham, but this has now been resolved and there should continue to be sufficient access for Purbeck patients.

Text messages are being sent to patients when the next cohort of patients is being booked. If we don't have a mobile phone number on your medical record we will phone or write to you inviting you to make an appointment

new Dorset wide Local Plan (for Purbeck). So, in summary, we are looking for support of our Officers proposals.

This is a targeted consultation that specifically relates to those policies for Green Belt release and a holiday park at Morden (policies I5 [Morden Holiday Park and Strategic SANG] and V2 [Green Belt]) – we will not be attaching any weight to any comments received on other policies in the local plan (there has been ample opportunity to comment more widely on all of the local plan's policies through earlier consultations and during the examination hearings sessions).

The procedure for making a response is as follows. We will be individually notifying those people who have previously made a response on the local plan (the consultation will also be more widely publicised with posters, a press release and social media engagement). The consultation is due to open on 6 December 2021 and will close on the 24 January 2022.

People will be able to view copies of consultation documents in local libraries and online through the council's website. If people decide that they would like to make a representation on the revisions to Policies I5 and V2 they will need to make their response in writing and complete a response form prepared by the council. Responses can be made electronically by e-mailing completed forms to the council or on paper forms addressed to:

Purbeck Local Plan Proposed Further Main Modifications Consultation, Dorset Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road; Dorchester, DT1 1UZ. We will not accept anonymous responses – it is important that people sign their form and share their contact details.

After the consultation closes, we will collate responses and prepare a consultation response document (which summarises the issues raised) and we will share copies of all the responses and the consultation response document with the Inspector. After considering the issues the Inspector will prepare a final report early next year and decide how to proceed.

### Dorset Council Youth Grant Funding

Dorset Council's Youth Fund grant provides funding for initiatives that deliver youth projects and activities within the Dorset Council area. This fund is to support community-based youth centres and clubs to deliver a range of positive activities for young people and to help with Covid-19 recovery plans. The closing date is 17th January. Details are on the website or give me a ring.

### Planning Applications – the process

I have been asked to explain the process for considering planning applications plus questions as to whether MPs have any role in the determination of

applications. The piece below has been written by the (member) portfolio holder for planning. I am happy to answer any further questions on this process.

All planning applications are considered on their merits and must be determined in line with adopted Local and Neighbourhood Plans, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. There is a statutory 21-day consultation period for planning applications, and Parish Councils are notified of all planning applications in their area. The officer's report for each application sets out how the application has been assessed, and how any concerns raised in representations have been taken into account. The Council's 'scheme of delegation' (which is on the website) ensures a higher level of scrutiny for applications where the Parish Council's view differs from the officer recommendation: for these applications, there is a consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the relevant planning committee, and Dorset Council ward members, before a decision is taken as to whether the application should be referred to the planning committee. The Council also offers a pre-application advice service. One of the aims of pre-application advice is to improve the quality of development in Dorset, by helping to shape proposals at an early stage. No decisions are made at the pre-application stage. Pre-application advice is made publicly available online once a related planning application is received, subject to commercial confidentiality rules. As Planning is a Local Authority function and not a national one, no additional weight is given to any influence from Members of Parliament, which is evidenced by there not being a separate slot for them to speak at Planning committees.

I hope that this gives you reassurance that there is no manipulation of planning applications through the system and that all are given unbiased consideration either by an Area Committee (if that is triggered through the constitution) or under delegated powers carried out by unbiased, highly qualified Planning officers.

### Fund for supporting Dorset Residents

Dorset Council's programme of support for residents in need of financial help this winter is now up and running. Communication activities to support take up of various elements began on 7 December 2021. The council was allocated up to £2,294,941.45 from the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) to help residents, including vulnerable families, with the cost of food, heating, and other essentials this winter. At least 50 percent of the total funding must be spent on families with children. In terms of the type of support, the expectation is that the HSF should primarily be used to support households in the most need with food, energy, and water bills. It can also be used to support households with essential costs related to those items and with wider essential costs. In exceptional cases of genuine emergency, it can additionally be used to support housing costs where existing housing support schemes do not meet this exceptional need. There are a variety of areas that are eligible, please give me a ring if you need more details.

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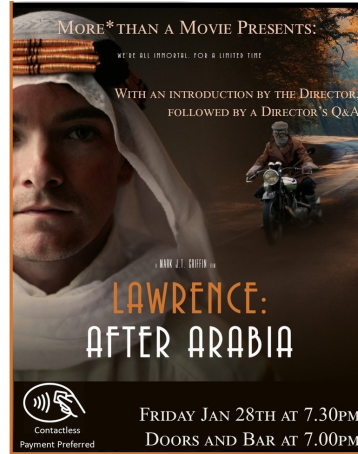
## MORE THAN A MOVIE

**Lawrence: After Arabia**  
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Tickets cost £10, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

Only a few weeks after general release, Milborne at the Movies has secured a screening of this multi-award-winning film, set and filmed in locations throughout Dorset.

The screening will be introduced by the Director and will be followed by a Q&A. The film stars Brian Cox as Narrator, Hugh Fraser, Michael Maloney, Nicole Ansari Cox and Tom Barber-Duffy in the title role. It tells the story of the last year of TE Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia). On 13th May 1935 Lawrence was involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. With powerful friends and dangerous enemies, was it a tragic accident or was he silenced by the British Secret Service?



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These include free School Meals and holiday vouchers; winter energy vouchers; locality Support Fund to support families directly; and help for residents at risk of homelessness. Also, a grant programme of £90,000 is open to all Dorset foodbanks, social supermarkets, and community fridges to apply for.

Enquiries to: [hsf@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:hsf@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## Carbon neutral

Dorset Council has an active plan for addressing the Climate and Ecological emergency. We have reduced carbon emissions by 17% in 2020/2021 and reduced energy use by 21% over the last two years. We are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2040 although we will aim to get there earlier if we possibly can. However, it's important to note that Dorset Council only accounts for around 1% of the county's carbon footprint and has limited impact on county-wide emissions. The latest government data shows that Dorset emissions have only reduced by 6% since 2017. By continuing with this programme, we hope to secure a greener and cleaner Dorset for future generations.

## Tree Planting to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee

Sunday 6 February 2022 will see the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's accession to the throne, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. Many celebrations are being planned and we have been asked to take part in The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) which is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, by inviting people and councils across the country to take part.



The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing. The aim is to see new planting everywhere which embraces all parts of every community. The act of planting and caring for a tree can be an effective way of increasing awareness of the environment around it.

Information has been sent by our Communications Team to Town and Parish Councils to encourage them to take part in the celebrations and 'plant a tree for the Jubilee' and I know many have already done so. If anyone requires further information, please contact [judy.saunders@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:judy.saunders@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## Volunteer Heroes

Dorset Council and partners in the community response to COVID-19 have launched the Dorset Volunteer Heroes Awards. We want to celebrate all those who have made a difference, and formally recognise their efforts and achievements. If someone made a difference to you during the pandemic, or if there's someone close to you who you think should be recognised, the Dorset Volunteer Heroes Awards is your chance to thank them.

There are three award categories to choose from; Individual volunteer heroes; Young volunteer heroes (for individuals aged under 25); Heroic community groups

You can nominate to more than one category but please complete one form per nomination. The closing date to nominate is 31 January 2022. Forms are available on the Dorset Council website

If you struggle with getting online, call our Dorset Digital Hotline (staffed by more amazing volunteers) for help on 01305 221048. Or if you prefer to use a paper and pen, nomination forms can also be found in the winter edition of Dorset Council magazine which is sent to all households in the Dorset Council area.

## OFSTED for Dorset Council's children's Services

I am delighted to be able to finally share with you the results of our Ofsted inspection in October. The effectiveness of Dorset Council Children's Services has been rated overall as 'Good' and we are all very proud of our staff. The headlines are:

The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers is Good

The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection is Good

The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families is Outstanding

Our overall effectiveness is GOOD

This is a significant improvement on our previous inspection and leaves us with much greater confidence as we plan for the future. The portfolio holder for Children's Services said, "There is still much to do to develop further, and I look forward to continuing on our journey to improvement as we make sure Dorset is the very best place for children and young people to grow up."

## Could you provide a home for unaccompanied children?

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Alternatively, contact the station lead at Bere Regis Fire Station using the email address [tom.boulter@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:tom.boulter@dwfire.org.uk).

car.

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5. Using your phone for Sat Nav in an unfixed position.
6. Parking within 10 metres of a junction.
7. Parking on the pavement, even partly, is a driving offence.

## WHAT HOE?

This locally made hoe featured the latest bulletin of The Bere Regis History Society.

It prompted me to write the following response to John Pitfield.

"It looks identical to the hoe I used as a farming student in 1959 in Surrey. The width of the hoe was ground to the correct distance needed between each sugar beet plant in the row.

A sugar beet 'seed' produces a clump of individual seedlings and the tapered ends of the blade were kept very sharp. This allowed the person to 'single' the clump to allow a single plant to develop to maturity.

'Snicking out' (as it was called) was a skill expedited by careful placement of the sharp end of the hoe combined with a quick twist of the staff of the hoe.

My mentor (who always wore a waistcoat with a watch on a chain when working to indicate his rank amongst the other farmhands) insisted that one kept one's head down until one got to the end of the row (maybe 100 yards). After 5 rows we would pause for a quick 'roll up' consisting of about 5 strands of 'baccy' in a Rizla paper. Once lit, it was held in the lips, straight back to the hoeing and would last for about 5 yards until it was in danger of burning one's lips - or moustache.

1/4 acre a day was expected and the rate was £5,10 shillings /acre."

David Gray



for young people aged 16-25, who need a small level of support to help them experience the transition to adulthood in a supportive home environment. You don't need to provide full-time care and you will be paid a fee to assist with day-to-day living costs. Full training will be given, and support, advice and guidance will be available throughout. To find out about providing supported lodgings, email [supported-lodgings@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:supported-lodgings@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or call 01305 225809 and ask for Val Clark. You can also find more information on our website.

## 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](mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com) telephone 07986 600799 and Laura's is [clrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) telephone 07814 569563

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# BERE REGIS NEWS

## BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in the Drax Hall. Three members of the public were present. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 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.



Diamond Jubilee weekend celebrations

### Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

We were delighted to accept Judy Newton's offer of help to head up the group organising the Parish celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022. So far, we have planned to join in the national lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and then provisionally hold a Street Party in West Street on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Further

details will come out in due course, but for now anyone who would like to help with the organisation and running of the events, please contact the Clerk.

# BERE REGIS WI



Our last Meeting held in November was well attended by Members and Guests all hoping to learn how to make garlands. Unfortunately they were not the Christmas garlands, or swags as they can be called, that we were hoping for but polystyrene rings covered in a variety of coloured material squares. Each garland was made of up to 350 small squares of fabric, carefully folded and pressed with up to 700 pins to hold them in place. Quite a lot of work involved but they could be ideal for memorials, anniversaries or in your favourite team colours and, of course, for a Christmas wreath. A very informative evening!!

Our next meeting is now on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 with a talk by a lady from Trading Standards on the subject of keeping safe from scams. Of interest to all of us, especially those who have suffered losses from an unknown source. To start the New Year we will celebrate with a small buffet so please do come and join us. We also have the Woodbury Hill Group joining us so it should be a good evening!

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the WI through this difficult year and we wish everyone in Bere Regis a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

### Other news

Some Members of the Bere Regis WI have been speed watching on Rye Hill doing a traffic survey for the Dorset Community Speed Watch. It is regulated by the Police and they have a set time twice a week for one hour watching the speed of cars, vans and lorries coming in and out of Bere Regis. This has been going on for some weeks now and they are desperate for new recruits to help out. If any one is interested please contact the Local Council.

Apart from speeding cars there are some other driving offences that one may not be aware are illegal.

1. Flashing your lights to give way.
2. Letting animals out of the car while broken-down on the hard shoulder. Leave the animal in the





### Patterns made by Frost

Today I saw a wondrous sight  
As I looked out at early light  
Patterns made by frost  
Silver crissed and crossed  
Drawn by an icy hand at night.

Decorations and sparkling trees  
Icicles made by Winter's freeze  
A patchwork quilt  
By Nature built  
A Wonderland our eyes to please.

Enjoy it while the days are cold  
Soon we'll have a carpet of gold  
Flowers she will bring  
Most welcome Spring  
And Winter once more will grow old.

Eileen Richardson



### North Street Gate

We heard some complaints from residents of North Street regarding an increase in the number of motorcycles driving up and down North Street and through the pedestrian access by the gate at the Sports Club end, which is in theory prohibited access for any motor vehicles. This area is the responsibility of Dorset Highways. However, due to the dangers this can cause, we have agreed to look into any potential improvements to the gated area, which would stop access for any motorbikes, whilst still allowing access for pushchairs, wheelchairs, bicycles etc, and submit a proposal to Dorset Highways seeking permission to undertake the improvements.

### Budget and Precept Increase

Over the past few years, the increase in the precept has been over 10%. Under the current circumstances, it was agreed that any increase would be kept to a minimum and members agreed an increase of £3,730 or 5%. However, Dorset Council has lowered the Base Rate for Bere Regis, which has had the effect of increasing this to 7.07%. This means that the charge for a Band D property will increase from £105.39 last year to £112.84 this year - an increase of £7.45 for the year. The Precept is the main source of income for the Parish Council and it covers almost everything we do within the parish, such as the Lengthsman Scheme, grant funding, repairs and improvements to all Parish Council owned facilities such as the Play Park, improving and maintaining the rights of way and public areas owned by the council, upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery and the Parish Clerk's salary, along with insurance, licences and other such costs required to keep the Parish neat, tidy and functioning.

### Community Cemetery Project

The Council were delighted to be able to help with the recent planting session as part of the Community Cemetery Project organised by Alison Bennett.

Five new trees were planted on 28th November along with many snowdrops and crocus bulbs in the banks of the upper cemetery. The renovation of the shelter is complete, and a lovely sign has been crafted by Rod Osmond and put up in the shelter, all of which was kindly funded by Nisa. We are also siting one of the benches that we had recently purchased in the cemetery. The planting has been registered with the Queens



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Green Canopy website and has been awarded a certificate, albeit virtual, and is not official. The project has been a very worthwhile exercise as it had dual benefits to peoples' well-being and to the climate and is a great example of the community working cohesively to improve our environment.



### Community Speed Watch

Thursday 11 November, 10.30 to 11.30, Green Close

313 vehicles, three were doing over 36 mph and 26 over 30mph.

Monday 22nd November, 10.30 to 11.30, Court Green

426 vehicles, one travelling over 36mph and 26 over 30mph.

Monday 1st December 11.00 to 12.00, Court Green

340 vehicles, two over 36mph, and 20 over 30 mph

Monday 6th December, 13.00 to 14.00, Green Close

Road monitored by Dorset Speed Watch who counted over 20 vehicles doing over 36 mph, which will all receive speeding tickets straight away.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 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 December.

Bryan Benjafield

## A MESSAGE FROM SYBIL FRAMPTON

Sybil would like to say a big thank you to all her many friends and neighbours for their good wishes and cards. She is now living Wolfeton Manor Care Home in Charminster. She is able to have visitors, but making prior arrangements is necessary.

### School Report

He is not too bad at arithmetic,  
Although sometimes it can be a trial.  
His writing isn't always the best,  
And is a little bit lacking in style.  
His reading is improving, but,  
What really sets him apart,  
Is his concentration and dexterity,  
When delivering an armpit fart.

It is bad to lack in self-confidence.  
It is good to do what you do well.  
A bit of praise goes a long way,  
In helping a child to excel.  
It's a bit like riding a bike, you need,  
To master the technique and art,  
And there's nobody can match him,  
When delivering an armpit fart.

I try to give him encouragement.  
As Grandad, I feel that's my role,  
But, I am homing in on the three "r"s.  
It's become my mission and goal.  
On his way through academia,  
I'll be giving him my best steer.  
There isn't much call for an armpit fart,  
When it comes to choosing a career.

Paul J Openshaw (November 2021)

### For the New Year

Ring out the old year and ring in the New:

Listen, as the bells start ringing.

Make a resolution to feel goodwill every day;

Lift up your voice and join in the singing.

Look over your shoulder as '21 fades away;

It held sunshine and rain – joy, and maybe a tear.

We saw hope and despair, triumph and defeat;

It will be the same in the coming year.

Ring out the old year and ring in the New:

Can you hear the bells as they're pealing?

Make up your mind to do a good deed each day;

Look forward to the New Year with a happy feeling.

Ring out the old year and ring in the New:

Knowing this one will be the same for you.

Be optimistic and cheerful, and accept the pain

As you wish the world a peaceful '22.

Eileen Richardson

# POETRY

## Giraffe

It occurs when least expected,  
 Preceded by a thunderous clap,  
 And then a torrential downpour,  
 As though someone has turned on a tap.  
 If you are caught unawares,  
 It can be nothing less than naff,  
 But, when the bolt of lightning strikes,

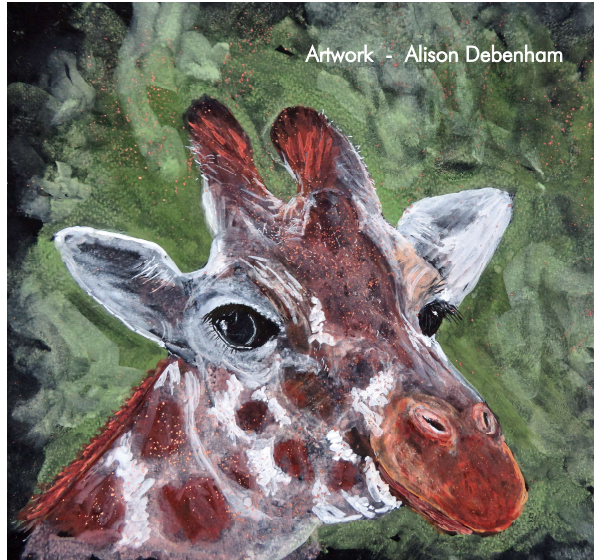
**Who'd want to be a giraffe?**

Evolution has been kind to provide,  
 Such a beast with such a neck.  
 Nothing can browse where he browses,  
 Whilst others graze on the deck,  
 But, the more you think about it,  
 There is nothing about which to laugh,  
 For when the bolt of lightning strikes,

**Who'd want to be a giraffe?**

The hyena heads for a culvert or drain.  
 Things that creep look for holes in rocks,  
 Until the storm passes over,  
 To lessen the effect of shocks.  
 Mostly they do it as fast as they can,  
 And there is no time to faff.  
 When the bolt of lightning strikes,

**Who'd want to be a giraffe?**



Where on earth can he go for shelter?  
 In the bush there is nowhere to head.  
 Nothing affords the neck room,  
 When the alarms are all flashing red.  
 He cannot pop round to a mate's house,  
 Because, no-one's got that sort of gaff.

**Who'd want to be a giraffe?**

Paul J Openshaw

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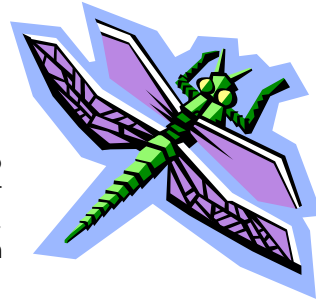
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For more information or to book your meal Call Brenda House on **01929 471255**.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

## BERE REGIS WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP



A very HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. Now is the time to make a resolution to get out and enjoy the abundant wildlife and varied landscapes in our local area and, of course, to come along to one of our conservation working parties.

### Join Us on our Conservation Working Parties

Please come and join us at the next Working Party – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January - many hands make for light work; all are welcome (under 16s should be accompanied by an adult). No experience is required, there's a friendly crowd and it is great fun and exercise too! Or, just pop along and find out more about what we are doing.

We will meet by the stream bridge near to the Scout Hut, Elder Road at 10am or you can find us along the river. We normally finish about 12.00. If you have some loppers, secateurs, hand saws or a spade please bring them with you – if you don't, no problem we'll have some spares along with other tools. Our efforts are helping to conserve the best of what is already present along the riverside walkway and is intended to make the area even more wildlife friendly.

Other upcoming work parties will be on the second Saturdays of February and March – same place, same time.

### The Value of Dead Wood

You may have noticed that following some of the conservation work parties cut wood has been piled up. This is not because we are lazy and can't be bothered to take it away! Rather, it is intentional – the log piles provide a safe habitat or refuge and food source for many small creatures, including small mammals, small birds and invertebrates. With the actions of fungi along with woodlice, beetles and other creepy crawlies the wood will slowly break down. We also leave larger sections timber where they have fallen for the same reason – they provide a valuable habitat.

### Annual Plants

Since Dorset Wildlife Trust acquired Court Farm, now called Wild Woodbury, annual native plants are beginning to appear on bare ground within the stubble on the former cornfields. Under previous intensive farming these fields would have been ploughed and sprayed with herbicide. This no longer happens, and some



Our own dear Enid who had managed the club's finances over many years organised one of her stupendous raffles, and member Julie organised a contemporary version of the old favourite, Pass the Parcel, to get us all giggling at the end.

We received numerous appreciative emails saying things like how lucky members felt to belong to such a united and friendly club, and how the event had totally lifted their spirits.



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## BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

### Bere Regis Floral Group Christmas Celebration



Club members usually celebrate Christmas by booking a restaurant meal. It is always a lovely end to the year, but this year was very special as our very efficient club secretary, Sheila offered to do a buffet lunch for us in our usual hall.

What a wonderful celebration it was! We knew of course that, with all Sheila's professional experience, the meal would be superb, but what we had not realised was how amazing it would be to have the opportunity to chat and laugh together in our own hall that had been transformed with colourful and sparkling Christmas arrangements. It brought back members we had not seen for years – members who had loyally paid their subscriptions over the years but had not been able to get to meetings through ill health and other circumstances.



interesting plants have already germinated from seeds within the ground. A few poppies have germinated, but also a range of annual natives such as scarlet pimpernel and heartsease. Another interesting annual is Annual Dog's Mercury, which is not that common and can be seen in Hove, the field above Froom's Lane. This plant is dioecious which means that it has separate male and female flowers which look quite different and occur on different plants as shown in the attached pictures.



### Starling Murmuration

Starling murmurations occur over the winter months and are an amazing sight. Some are on a massive scale with many thousands of birds. A murmuration is basically a mass aerial display with the starlings swooping

and diving in unison forming constantly shifting clouds of birds. It is thought that starlings do it for many reasons. Grouping together offers safety in numbers – predators find it hard to target one bird in the middle of a large moving flock. The birds also gather to keep warm at night and to exchange information, such as good feeding areas. The birds gather over their roosting site, and perform their wheeling stunts before they roost for the night. In previous years there have been some modest sized murmurations locally, at the Souls Moor end of the Watercress Beds. The best viewing time now would be between 3.30 and 4pm – keep your eyes peeled and let us know if you see anything.

### Let Us Know What Wildlife You Have Seen

To many of us the Little Egret and the Kingfisher will be familiar sights along Bere Stream. Buzzards and Kestrels are frequent visitors at Souls Moor over the winter

period as earthworms are forced to the surface by the rising water table and provide easy and nutritious pickings. There are also other visitors that we only see at this time of year, for example redwing and fieldfare. These are migratory birds arriving at our shores from Scandinavia to escape the winter cold there. They may be seen on hedges, scrub and woodland feasting on berries, and on grassland and field margins looking for worms, slugs, leatherjackets and sometimes grain.

We would be very interested to learn about the wildlife (be it birds, mammals, fish, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians etc, common or unusual) you've seen locally. Please send details of sightings to us at the email addresses below. We are fortunate to have a wide range of habitats around the Parish (woodland, meadows, heath, streams etc) and it would be good to build up a picture of the wildlife resources we have in the area.

### Contact Us

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

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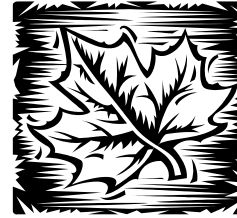
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## AUTUMN LEAVES NEW TEA ON THURSDAY CLUB

We have decided to delay re-starting the Autumn Leaves in January next year. With all the problems with Covid and new virus outbreaks coupled with the possibility of poor weather it is thought that the launch may be more successful if delayed for two months until the Spring.

The proposed new launch date will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. More information in the New year. Lets hope for better weather and the new virus does not take hold and we can all venture out for some fun. In the meantime I hope all our members have a Happy Christmas and new year.

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## BERE REGIS HISTORY SOCIETY

### WHEN WATER MAINS CAME TO BERE REGIS

Right up until the mid-1950s everybody at Bere Regis got their water from wells, water butts or the river and this was admirably documented in John England's book "Well Well Well" of 2012.

There were almost 100 wells in the parish, but Mains Water was finally established here between late 1954 and early 1956. The History Society has found fragments of concrete water pipe, 11.5 inches in diameter and 8 inches internal diameter, in locations which suggest that it originally came in from the West. The immediate places connected were Shitterton, West Street, North Street, then Southbrook and Rye Hill. The Bere Heath and Hyde areas of the parish didn't get connected until the late 1970s. The village connection, in particular from 1955, resulted in most houses wanting their own internal bathrooms and toilets installed.



Houses connected initially were those that had paid a small connection fee, but there were still some, with their own plumbing expertise, who dug across to the mains pipe, in the night, and made their own connection to the pipes, and reportedly, "never paid no nothing". To ease the need for high-pressure supply, a reservoir was built on the SW end of Black Hill in 1957 and completed in the Spring of 1958. The final part of the system was carried out in 1967 to 1969 when sewerage pipes were buried all around the

main streets of the village.

The main contractor was a firm called Tilbury-Maidment, whose lorries and dumper-trucks had distinctive orange livery and were manned by very entertaining Irish "navvies" who brought their own good-humoured repartee to the village for many months. For most houses it meant an end to Septic Tanks to take the waste, but for those in the lower-lying areas of the village, that system still remains.

John Pitfield, Projects Secretary



## WILD WOODBURY

Another busy month at Wild Woodbury has flown by, with a lot happening across the site. I was thrilled by the response for volunteers to help on site, we have a long list of people who are keen to get involved in both practical work and surveying, and I'm hoping we can get started up very soon after the New Year. Do still get in touch with the DWT if you would like to volunteer on site at all, I will be able to fit you into the plans!

Some of the contracted surveyors have already been hard at work, with soil scientists out on site for a week in late November. They've been collecting hundreds of core samples, to help us understand the chemical make up of the soil we're working with and to see how it might change over time. The preliminary results show a range of compositions across the fields, fairly indicative of the intensive land management that has happened over the past decades. In addition to soil sampling, we have also received spatial information about the water courses on site, which is vital knowledge for when we begin water monitoring in the New Year, and when deciding how best to re-naturalise the hydrology across Wild Woodbury.

As well as water and soil, other site surveys are also beginning to get underway. I'm a trainee bird ringer, and in early December, I went out with a few members of the Stour Ringing Group to survey the site for ground-roosting birds and night-time feeding birds. Equipped with a thermal imager, large torch, and fishing net, we covered several fields at Wild Woodbury and found species including Woodcock (pictured), Jack Snipe, Skylark, and many others. We ring these birds to gain valuable information about migration patterns and movements, population numbers and breeding success. This data enables changes (population decline, for example) to be seen, and conservation measures to be put in place to aid the bird's survival.



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, I look forward to meeting many of you in 2022!

Seb Haggett

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*Thanks to our WI members for sharing their favourites*

## Christmas Leftovers?

This is a dish my mother does and it is an easy and tasty way to use cold chicken or turkey.

I am not giving you exact amounts as you adjust to taste depending on how much cold turkey you have.

### Ingredients

- ◆ Cold chicken or turkey
- ◆ Jar Hellman's mayonnaise
- ◆ Double cream
- ◆ Handful of grapes
- ◆ Asparagus
- ◆ Salt and Pepper
- ◆ Curry powder & mango chutney (optional)



### Method

1. Cut up turkey into chunks
2. Mix together mayonnaise and a little cream until you get the consistency you want and season well with salt and pepper.
3. You can add a little curry powder with a couple of spoons of mango chutney if you wish at this stage.
4. Cut your grapes in half.
5. Mix together turkey, grapes and mayonnaise mixture.
6. Cook the asparagus and when cold lay on the top of the dish. ( a little diced spring onion is good too)
7. Serve with cold rice

## VILLAGE HALL



### Christmas Tree at the Hall

It has been a long time since we had a real Christmas tree at the hall, and thanks to Tony King we had it all in place for our first Christmas event that was The Pop In Place Production of Rydell High Christmas Prom.

We invited people to add names of loved ones no longer with us onto globes and add them to the tree, this made it very special, people also brought their own decoration to add, thanks to Kim Benjafield who knitted a lovely fairy for the top.

Although we entered Christmas with a great deal of uncertainty this lovely tree has lifted people's spirits and given them hope.



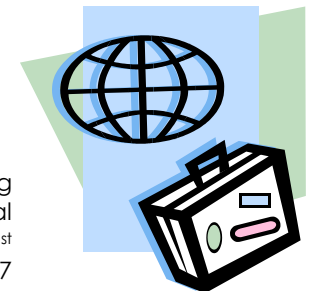
## BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7 pm in the main Sports Club, North Street, Bere Regis. At 7.30 pm there will be a quiz, followed by a raffle. This was well attended and much enjoyed back in February 2020 when we had our last AGM! All are welcome to attend and there

will be no charge to take part in the quiz.

Bere Regis and District Twinning Association Committee





### Repair Shop

The wood work is going well currently the group is renovating a table tennis table so that we can offer this for use at the village Hall . They have been making bird boxes and bug hotels and hedgehog boxes etc if you are interested in doing this please come in a sign up for a session.

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



### Bere Regis Food Bank

Over the festive period we have done some emergency food deliveries this is how we run the project now as an emergency larder if you need help please contact us on the email provided. Thank you to Mary for all her help.

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## THE DOGS LIFE (CONTINUED)

By popular request I thought I would return and write a Happy New Year message to all my readers. What do I find? Human Life in Bere Regis is still muddled and controlled by Covid. It is a real sense of déjà vu. Covid 19 has mutated from Delta to Omicron, an infectious virus rapidly sweeping the country. We are holding our breath to see what happens, a lockdown, or will we have Christmas? Last year we could still go for walks outside with the rule of six. Humans must now try and stay at home for work and yet we can go to Christmas parties. Doesn't make sense but I don't think the Government can afford to keep bailing out the hospitality and entertainment business. The humans are back in Muzzles (face masks) and frequently wash their paws. Many humans are very unhappy about the return to restrictions. There is much debate about it on TV and how many parties were held in Downing Street last year?

My owner takes the view as she has now been triple vaccinated, she can take care and carry on. We are not yet back to zoom coffee mornings and we go for Coffee at the Royal Oak where I get biscuits. During the summer we have been to various different coffee places. The criteria being, good reasonably priced hot coffee, open at 11.00. am. at a place where dogs are welcome. The Drax does not open until noon so we don't go there. The Pop In is out of bounds, as dogs have been banned. There is not enough room for humans and dogs. You cannot expect the volunteers to cope with customers and all the dogs. I am no trouble. All I need is a biscuit and a bowl of water.



The summer has been sort of normal. My owner continued to work at the garage but refused to go out much as there were so many tourists and the roads were congested. She had this plan, go shopping early and get back to the village before the tourists got up. We went to the beach and for walks locally. She went away to Devon for a few days and I was sent to Somerset. In fact life was very humdrum and nothing much happened. We had Olympics test matches and the Euros. The country went Football bonkers. She didn't watch the final and the penalty kicks. I think she found it difficult to get motivated at the time to do anything. All these months of not doing much. The house is still a mess, the garden overgrown she is still fat and she hasn't restarted the Gardening club yet. She has not even made much chutney but the cupboard is still full as she made so much last year.

I have become so slow now I can barely keep up with her and my walks have got shorter and shorter. I find it more and more difficult to get in the car. What horrifies me is that she has now modified an old Tesco's Big Bag by cutting the ends off. The bag can now be passed under my belly to take the weight off the joints with her holding the handles. My front legs and head stick out at one end and the tail and back legs at the other.. She calls it a 'dog in a bag'. I hate it. So undignified! I'm like a Strictly Dancer, I am afraid she might even drop me. (last week in the Strictly quarter finals two dancers were dropped) If she gets that bag out, I leap to my feet. There are limits.



She thinks I am going deaf. She says SHE IS SHOUTING AT ME. I wouldn't know I can't hear but can usually work out what is going on and what she wants me to do.

We are both getting older. She celebrated a big Birthday in October and retired from the garage. I thought this would be good as I need not wait until she got back from work before I was taken for my morning walk. She just gets up later. And now it's very dark in the mornings she does not wake up until it is light. To make it worse, she switches the Ipad back to the start of The Today programme at 6 am. All the time checks are nearly an hour behind, she stays in bed longer than ever and I still wait for my walk.



My owner is in Christmas Party mode and has got all the Christmas jumpers out. They were not used much last year. There are three Christmas parties this week, three next week and two carol concerts if they survive the Covid restrictions. She hopes to go to the Bere Regis Wedding of the year on December 28<sup>th</sup> David Gray and Sarah Welton. Masks are to be worn in church but I have not heard of a singing ban.

She is looking forward to an Ashes test Series in Australia but it is on at night and England are losing the first test rather badly so I may be spared endless hours of Cricket. Fortunately she has become bored with Ru Pauls drag race all that swearing bitching and weeping.



be able to deliver live entertainment to the village again after so long. We were raising fund for the Pop In Place and the raffle takings went to Bere Regis School.

### New members for our Performers Group.

We will be starting back later this month on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January and be working on a special show to mark the Queen's Jubilee "Happy and Glorious" that will be performed on the 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022

We welcome new youngsters they must be 6 years old and above and available on Thursday evenings 6pm – 8pm please email me for more details if you wish to register your child there is no fee only £1 a week to cover our rental costs we only take in at the beginning of each new project so don't delay.

### Pop In Place Rainbow Café

If you have never visited us at the community café make that something you try in 2022 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.

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### 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

# POP IN PLACE NEWS

## Bere Regis Cemetery project and Her Majesty The Queen's Green Canopy

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the tree and bulb planting at the cemetery. Special thanks to Rodney Osmond for the splendid sign and to Tony King for all the help with the prep work. We greatly appreciate the grant from Nisa Making a Difference fund to carry out this project. This was a Community partnership with Pop In Place, Bere Regis Parish Council and Nisa . Representatives from all were in attendance on the day. There will be a seat put in half way up the cemetery as some people



find it difficult to walk to the top. The planting was registered with the official Queens Green Canopy and we are on the map of all the trees being planted in the UK to mark the 70 years reign of her majesty the Queen. We hope that you will be able to

enjoy the bulbs and the new trees as they come to life in the spring.

## Pop In Performers Performance of Rydell High School Prom

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this production it was great to

Robin Pitcher helped her put our Christmas Tree and lights out last weekend. The village is looking very festive. We have had the first named storms of the winter Arwen and Barras. She is worrying again about being left with no electricity. Will we get a Polar Vortex? There is no way the National health Service will cope.

Basically nothing much has changed in the Dogs life. In human years I am nearly 90 years old and look forward to my normal 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday in February. Not much to look forward to but I hope my readers have enjoyed my update and I hope that things will get better in 2022 and you all have a good year.

Jenny Stone

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### Wood fuel

Harmful levels of air pollution can damage people's health and reduce their quality of life. We can all be affected by this, but some, especially children, older people, and those with respiratory problems, can be affected most.



While only 8% of homes use log burners, they are now the biggest cause of a particular type of particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns across. These are tiny, generally the human eye can see debris and dust that are only approximately 25 microns in size. It's these tiny particles that can enter the bloodstream which can potentially cause serious health issues for those most susceptible to them. As the popularity of log burners has grown the amount of this type of particulate has increased, it's more than doubled since 2003.

Therefore, in the first changes to what consumers can burn in their home for 70 years the UK government has introduced the Air Quality Regulations 2020. This new law restricts the sale of wet wood which when burnt produces more tiny particles than seasoned or dry wood. Banning the sale of wet wood should help improve air quality for all.

Wood fuel can now only be sold in volumes of less than 2 cubic metres if it is certified as 'Ready to Burn'. This confirms it has a moisture content of 20% or less. It applies to both firewood and wood briquettes sold in single retail bags or supplied as a bulk delivery in loose volumes of less than 2 cubic metres. Traders are also required to store the wood in such a way that it is not sold to customers damaged or wet.

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hitch. There were no re-takes and she immediately put me at my ease. Louise was absolutely charming and a real professional. She wandered over afterwards and had a chat with Diana. Meanwhile Nick was floating in and out chatting to everyone.

A few months later, the programme got its first showing. My interview with Louise was shown without any editing. The film of the rescue was shown as it was, again

with no editing. I was asked how my recovery was going and I was able to explain that I was able to use Diana's spare mobility scooter. We had been seen trundling along Swanage promenade, each on a mobility scooter. Later Nick on camera said that love is sharing your mobility scooter!



When I look back at my two television experiences, I am still able to smile, even at the Robson Green episode. It was all a bit of harmless fun. However, my advice now will always be, don't take everything as gospel. There may be mirrors involved and all may not be what it seems.



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## REAL RESCUES

For those of you who have been following my musings in this magazine you will remember that last month I told story of my day filming with Robson Green at the Tinside Lido in Plymouth. We also had another day in Dover in preparation for his Wild Swimming film to be shown on ITV later in the autumn of 2009.

There is a sequel to this tale which gives a very different take on two separate stories.

After the filming with Robson I sat back and waited with bated breath for my TV appearance later in the autumn. As the programme progressed, it soon became clear that the director had a tale to tell and the devil was in the detail or in this case in the editing. My friend Dave (my swimming partner in this swimming odyssey) was definitely the straight guy answering all Mr Green's questions with clarity and gusto. Any sensible contribution I made during a long interview was very skilfully edited out. The only line that I uttered in the whole film was when the three of us were required to swim past a bevy of Plymouth beauties. Robson said "Come on Bob, say something" to which I replied "If we look as if we are in trouble, will they jump in and save us?" I was surely Eric and Dave most certainly Ernie!

The family was incensed and our daughter Miranda even wrote to the great man expressing her displeasure. I took a little more philosophical view, having realised that as I have got older it paid not to take myself too seriously.

We now fast-forward a couple of years to the spring of 2011. Another of my great pleasures in life is walking and I had been a member of the Casterbridge Ramblers for a number of years. I was out on the Purbeck hills recceing a walk that I was to lead the following week. I had parked the car at Worth Matravers, walked along the Priest's Way ridge and was descending the hill from Spyway Barn to Dancing Ledge when it happened. The stone steps were wet and unbeknown to me, very slippery and I found myself going 'base over apex', landing in an untidy heap.

The pain was immediate but it was not until I had composed myself enough to look down that I saw that I was in a bit of trouble. My foot was at a right angle to my leg and there was blood seeping from an open wound from the ankle. To compound my problems, I was on my own and I could not get a mobile signal because of my location. I did try hauling myself further down the slope nearer to the south west coast path but this proved hopeless.

Whilst I waited there thinking what to do next I decided to move my foot into what I thought was a better position by yanking it on its axis. There was a bit of a grinding noise as I did so but I was told later that this bit of amateur surgery benefited the circulation in my foot and may have even saved it.

Fortunately for me I saw another couple of walkers 300/400 yards further down the ridge and after what seemed an age, managed to attract their attention. One stayed with me whilst the other ran to the top of the hill to get a signal.

Within 20 minutes a coastguard helicopter from Portland was hovering overhead and a land ambulance appeared. What was to follow was almost surreal. Not only did the crew and paramedics from the helicopter appear on the scene but also a television cameraman from the BBC's Real Rescues programme. Would I mind him filming my rescue? I was so pleased to see them all I am sure I would have agreed to anything!

It was a cold wet day so after removing my boot and sock and assessing the damage, they quickly wrapped me in warm blankets and lifted me onto a stretcher. One of the paramedics said to me after giving me a shot of morphine: "On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate your pain level?". "Oh, about 8," I replied. "You're a very brave man," he said, to which I quickly retorted: "But it was nearer 13 before you gave me that stuff!"

I was quickly stretchered to the helicopter for the short flight to Poole General Hospital for a two-and-a-half-hour operation that evening. May I say how brilliantly professional the aircrew, paramedics and hospital staff were. I know it has been said many times before, but we should be very proud of our NHS and the fantastic service it provides.

I was to make slow but steady progress over the coming weeks. It would take me six months to get back walking over rough terrain again as first my bones and then my ligaments repaired.

A couple of months after my accident I was invited by the BBC to go to the police headquarters in Abingdon where the Real Rescues programme was being filmed. I was to be interviewed by the lovely Louise Minchin who has just retired after 20 years of hosting the Breakfast Show. Nick Knowles was there to do the voice over on my rescue. This was all very exciting but as you will imagine after my previous experience of appearing on national television, I was a little apprehensive about the final result.



Louise and the camera crew sat me down for my interview and it went without a