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August 1996

The Venerable Graham Robin OBE

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Having spent most of my time as a clergyman administering church buildings that were either recently built, or recently converted (from being stables, barrack blocks, or Nissen huts), it has been an interesting experience to come to a place with two very ancient, very beautiful and very worrying churches. Both buildings are so precious. The responsibility for the care and maintenance takes time and nervous energy. But there is a compensation for this. I am always seeing something of beauty or spiritual value in both places; and the more time you spend in them, the more things you notice.

In Bere Regis church, for example, there is a very tall archway under the tower which was created in 1500 AD. It was built at the same time as the tower and is part of it. From where I sit or stand in the services, I look at this arch. Everyone else has their back to it. The arch is out of alignment. The left hand side goes up and over too far. It is not symmetrical. It would never pass a modern day inspection. But there it is, 496 years later.

When I pointed this out to an expert in the architecture of that time, he assured me it was done on purpose. The masons often did this to say in stone "only God is perfect". That arch has been a godsend to me! When I accidentally miss something out in the service, and I am frightened that I will be reprimanded by the long suffering choir, all I have to do is point at that arch.

But that arch has a much deeper spiritual message than that. The Church is not only a building made of stones by masons. The Church is people. The people who make up the church are all different, not only in size, but in temperament, spiritual growth, and goodness or badness. The church, in other words, is made up of human beings. So it is not surprising that the shape of the 'people church' is sometimes a bit 'wonky'. Some of us are small stones, some misshapen, some ornate, some hold up other stones, but we all make the church. "Only God is perfect". We can look at that arch at the back of Bere Regis church, and smile, and accept the message of those men of long ago. Can we apply the same message when we look at the 'people church'? Let's smile, and remember, only God is perfect!"

Yours sincerely

Graham Robin
CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

Sunday 4th August
8.00 a.m. Trinity 9/Pentecost 10
         Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 11th August
8.00 a.m. Trinity 10/Pentecost 11
         Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Pet Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 18th August
8.00 a.m. Trinity 11/Pentecost 12
         Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 25th August
8.00 a.m. Trinity 12/Pentecost 13
         Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evening Communion (Bere Regis)

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Readers
August 4th Mrs C Lewis
August 11th Miss P Chesney
August 18th Miss S Frampton

Sanctuary Flower Guild
August 4th Mrs C Burden Mrs J Gibbs
August 11th Mrs Hazleregg Mrs P Ward
August 18th Mrs D Ventham Mrs C Lewis
August 25th Mrs P Roblin Mrs B Griffin

Bere Regis Sidesmen - August 1996

August 4th 9.30 a.m. Mr House/Mr Bates
          6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes
August 11th 11.00 a.m. Mr Croom/Mrs March
            6.00 p.m. Miss Chesney/Mrs Jutting
August 18th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange/Mrs Hazleregg
            6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton
August 25th 11.00 a.m. Col. Barne/Miss Miller
            6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward

Bere Regis Bellringers

Visiting ringers booked so far are:
30th August 11.00 a.m. - Aylesbury area
7th September 10.15 a.m. - Devon
23rd September 10.20 a.m. - Chelmsford

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sunday Service Sidesman Reader/Reading
4th August 8.00 Capt. Badcock The Server
          11.00 Lt. Cdr. Thorniley 1 Cor 10 1-13
11th August 9.30 Mr. D. Payne Mr. Armitage
            11.00 Jeremiah 38 1-13
            Acts 27
18th August 8.00 Lt. Cdr. Thorniley Mr. Silavs
            1 Cor 15 1-11
            Mr. Gainsford
            Matthew 20 1-16
25th August 9.30 Mrs. Holland Lt. Cdr. Haigh
            Acts 20 17-35
            Capt. Badcock
            Matthew 10 16-22
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Fortnight beginning:

5th August: David Hall, Tim Reed, Richard Hall
19th August: Sandy Moriarty, Simon Scott, Roger Wharton

CHURCH NOTICES

GARDEN PARTIES

At the end of June, and at the beginning of July, Bere Regis and Affpuddle/Briantspuddle held their church garden parties. In both instances the weather was good, and large number of people from both communities attended. This was despite there being competing attractions elsewhere. It is very pleasing to record that in both parties, over £1000 was raised for the respective churches. This is a remarkable achievement and thanks as well as congratulations go to the many people who gave of their time and energy (and money).

Although the raising of money for the ongoing work of the church is very important, neither of the Garden Parties concentrated solely on this, but made sure that they were primarily good, happy, social and community events. I hope that those of you who so kindly came to them enjoyed them, and will encourage others to come next year. A visitor said to me that she and her husband had been abroad for some years and that coming to the garden party reminded her of real England, and how much she had missed it.

THE BERE REGIS PET SERVICE

For some years it has been the custom to have a Pet Service, (out of doors!) in both churches. Affpuddle held its service in June but Bere Regis is to have one in August. It will be at 11.00 a.m., on the 11th August. It is a happy and popular little service, very informal, and with much laughter. Pets and their owners should be kept under control, and the definition of Pet is a wide one. (Last year, we had two pet lambs). In this short service we dedicate our pets to God, and give thanks for all that they mean to us. It is not a very ancient tradition like Harvest Festival, but I think it is a very nice one, and one that has become quite popular.

CHRISTIAN INFORMATION

I think it would be true to say that most people in our country are very conscious that they know far too little about their religion. Even if you went to Sunday School or were Confirmed, you probably only remember small things. Even if you have attended church regularly for years and years, you will only know those parts of the Bible that are read regularly from the Prayer Book. Sermons are not designed to be pure education, as they have a moral or spiritual content too. In every case, they are normally only 8 - 10 minutes in length (they only seem longer!)

In view of this, I have decided to prepare five adult talks on the Christian Faith, and what the Church teaches. These talks will take place in Bere Regis Church on the last Thursday in the winter months (26th September, 31st October, 28th November, 30th January, 27th February, and 27th March). They will start at 7.00 p.m. Each session will finish at 8.00 p.m., and this will include time for questions and answers.

I hope this may meet a need that some of you have expressed. I have chosen a Thursday night because it seems the only evening left in the week when the parish magazine records nothing else on. The meetings will all be advertised separately.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony (St Laurence, Affpuddle)
25th May 1996 Peter Ernest Morris to Victoria Bower-Morris

6th July 1996 Christopher Edward Wollaston MacKenzie Geidt to Emma Charlotte Angela Neill

Holy Baptism (St Laurence, Affpuddle)
7th July William James Newson Bankes

(St John the Baptist, Bere Regis)
2nd June Abigail Samantha King
30th June Jade Ellen Hart

CHURCH FUND RAISING

The kipper breakfast proved to be an enjoyable start to the day for those who attended and raised over £50.

We were lucky to have a beautiful day for the Garden Party on the 29th June with many people attending and enjoying the stalls and lovely garden. About £650 was raised with an extra £573 on tickets sold for the draw - which was sponsored by Vitacress. A huge success.
On August 21st there will be a coffee morning at the Vicarage - this will start at 10.30 a.m. with the usual Bring and Buy stall and Raffle. Do come and enjoy the social occasion.

On September 21st (Saturday) we are running a Car Boot and Table-top sale at the Scout Hut. This will be from 12.00 noon - 4.00 p.m. Cars will cost £3 and tables £2.50 so if you would like to reserve a place do phone in advance (471441) as numbers are very limited. If you have items you wish to dispose of, we shall have one or two tables manned in the hall and proceeds will go to church funds. Collections can be arranged if necessary. Do please support this - who knows what treasure you may find!!

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

There were two meetings in July. The first concerned the Council Policy towards the possible developments that have been reported. At the regular meeting the problems of the telephone box at Rye Hill were discussed. All attempts to have it moved have failed to date.

Garden rubbish is being deposited on the footpath to Black Hill from Siterton. This is messy and quite illegal. Such rubbish can be deposited at the proper site in Wareham.

The Bere in Bloom inspections will be undertaken early in August. The judges will be judging on what can be seen from the roadways.

CM

DRAX HALL

The Committee at their recent meeting decided to study the work considered necessary to be undertaken in the form of maintenance and improvements. When the list is finalised, decisions will be necessary concerning the costs. It is hoped that the work could become objectives for the Millennium.

CM

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

A large number of people came to our July meeting, and 28 members brought roses for the rose competition. The rose bowl was won by Mrs Lily Clark. Everyone enjoyed looking at the beautiful display of cushions, some of which were knitted, and some were patchwork. The various stalls were well patronised, and tea and cakes were enjoyed by all.

Kathleen and Charlie invite all members of Autumn Leaves to tea at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th August, at Larkspur, and to see their garden.

CARNIVAL REPORT 1996

The Friends of Bere Regis School wish to extend their thanks to the following people - Sarah Brady and the playgroup committee for organising the procession. Congratulations to the winners:

Best Float Dorset Drilling Services (Nursery Rhymes)
Best Organised Walking Group Class One (Horses and chariots)
Best Single Walking Entry Alex Moore (Beano)
Best Family Entry Charlotte Bennett/Abigail Bartlett (Welsh girls)

Very many thanks to Mike Eastment of MAE Electrical, who supplied, free of charge, all the electrics for the event and has done so ever since we started the Carnival up again. This is, of course, a huge saving to the Carnival Committee's expenditure and I'm sure you'll all agree a splendid gesture to our local community. Thank you to Mike!

Thanks also to Ian Venthall, the man with the golden voice. Ian has assisted for a number of years with the public announcements at the Carnival and everyone loves the sound of his dulcet tones.

Our Carnival Queen, Dawn Gorman, who undertook her tasks with a great enthusiasm deserves our thanks, as do the Prince and Princess - Luke Gilbert and Beckie White. Didn't they all look lovely! I'm sure there were lots of proud parents.

Thank you to Alison Sheward for her expertise in producing our Advertising and Carnival Programme free of charge. Also thanks to Rob Jennings for his help with photocopying.

Thanks to Edna, Sheila and Megan, the tea tent ladies. We really couldn't have managed without you - didn't they do well!

Thank you to Sarah Hewitt and her FOBRS team who worked so very hard to raise money for our school and to supply a wonderful event for the whole community. There is nothing that draws the village together so well like our Carnival. Long may it continue. With your support, I'm sure it will.

Our kind sponsors very much deserve our appreciation as do those people and companies who donated prizes for the main draw.

This year's event was scaled down in comparison to the last two years due to huge outlays and low profit margins. So we are very pleased to announce that the total profit this year was approximately £800. A really big thank you to everyone for their support in helping us to raise this sum for the school swimming pool.

Alison Bennett
WILLIAM FRAMPTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Grants are available for young people living in the parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle who are undergoing apprenticeships, further or higher education, or a period of training of any other description, and who are in need of financial assistance.

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William Frampton Educational Foundation
Savernake House
42 High West Street
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Dorset

BERE REGIS W.I.

July was our members only evening and was enjoyed at Mrs Pauline Jesty's home. The highlight of the evening was a video of a tour of Buckingham Palace.

By the time you read this we will all be far wiser on crime prevention in our homes as that was the talk given by PC Knott.

This month we do not hold a meeting as the mad holiday season has arrived.

Next month, September, is a promotional evening. There is always a warm welcome for past, present and new members. This is a meeting that we would like you to take part in - shaping our meeting and bringing in new ideas! So what about it? Don't forget the date - September 17th.

Last but not least, there are some of our members who for health reasons are not able to attend our meetings. We would like them to know that we do think of them and wish them well.

Zena Rogers

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who helped to make our 'Cub Roast' such a success. Particular thanks to Ian and Di Ventham for the use of their lovely garden and to Ian for organising the event. A total of over £900 was raised for Scout Group funds.

The Beavers are celebrating their 10th birthday this year with parties. They have already been to a party as cowboys at Bowling Green Woods. The Cubs have camped at Bowling Green Woods and five boys have gained their Cub Scout Challenge badges - congratulations for Scott Baker, Daniel Carr, Neil Howlett, Thomas Marsden and Oliver Milburn. The Scouts enjoyed camping at Kingston Maurward and as I write the Ventures are holidaying on a canal boat on the Oxford Canal.

Pat Hall

THE POP IN PLACE

Sponsored Walk - Friday 16 August

There will be a sponsored walk for Pop in Place funds on Friday 16th August. A short circular route around Black Hill will be followed, starting at the Scout Hut at 6.30 p.m.

We would welcome as many people who are able to join us on that evening. Sponsor forms are available from Alison - tel 472023 or Tony - tel 471971. We suggest that you ask for a donation for the project rather than sponsorship by the mile as it's quite a short distance.

Coffee Evening

Thank you to all who attended our recent Coffee Evening at Turberville Court. More details on that will follow next month. Special thanks to Aileen and the residents for welcoming us to their lounge.

Opening

The Pop in Place is scheduled to open in early September. There will be a grand opening just prior to the weekly session starting so please watch this space and look out for our publicity leaflets and posters for more details.

How you can become involved

If you would like to be a volunteer helper at the Pop in Place, please let us know.

New to You

We will be operating the 'new to you' scheme as soon as we open, so now is the time to look out your items for this, in readiness for September.

Books

We will be pleased to accept books for the library as soon as the redecoration is completed. We will then transform the large store room at the back of the lower room into a library and information room carrying leaflets about many topics - come and see for yourself.

Just Pop In

The Pop in Place is there for you. It offers a friendly location for people, irrespective of age to meet. There will be refreshments available at all sessions and the chance to make use of the library or the 50/50 scheme if you wish. Information on local clubs and organisations will be available.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank all club members past and present who contributed so generously to the fists of Edinburgh Crystal ship’s decanter and scent bottle at the recent 20th anniversary celebration of the club. We were deeply touched by your warm generosity and will treasure these wonderful gifts.

Again, many thanks.

Bob and Diana Holman

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonjour Again!!

There has unfortunately not been much to report on our progress from the last two months but here are a few lines to let you know that the Bere Regis Twinning Committee are still hard at it trying to pin down a few French villages (or rather their Mayors !) with regards to who would like to twin with us.

We have now actually heard from all four villages that we feel are comparable in size and population with ourselves and without going too far into France.

By the time you read this report we will have had another committee meeting (and probably opened another bottle of wine) and Tony Bates will have returned from a foray into France on our behalf, armed with his trusty camera and video camera, the results of which will allow us to be able to present the French villages to you all at a public meeting.

Hopefully now our venture seems at last to be taking shape. If anyone requires further information, please phone any of the committee members. Bernard Hammick 472424, Ruth Draycott 471295, Peter Loxton 471660, Roger Angel 471898.

RAGAMUFFINS PLAYGROUP

The Ragamuffins Playgroup needs a new Chairperson from October to help the voluntary committee which runs the group together with the staff. If anyone would be interested in this responsible and enjoyable position, please contact Sarah Brady on 471466.

Sarah Brady

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

You may be very excited and interested, or extremely bored with the 26th Olympic Games which are being held this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. One hundred and ninety seven countries will take part, represented by 10,000 athletes competing for 1838 medals of which 604 are gold.

These games remind me of the true story of Roger Bannister, who on 6th May 1954, became the first man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes. Within two months, John Landy eclipsed the record by 1.4 seconds. On August 7th 1954 the two met together for an historic race. As they moved into the last lap, Landy held the lead. It looked as if he would win, but as he neared the finish he was haunted by the question “where is Bannister?”. As he turned to look, Bannister took the lead. Landy later told a Time magazine reporter “if I hadn’t looked back, I would have WON!”

I wonder how many athletes will look back on the Atlanta Olympic Games with joy and excitement, or with sadness and disappointment?

The Bible describes the Christian life as being very like an athlete in a race. "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown (medal) that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever!" (1 Corinthians 9:24 - 25 and Philippians 3: 12 - 16)/ Each person must start right (with spiritual birth - John 3), and then continue the race without looking back, with eyes fixed on the eternal finishing line set before us, as we keep looking unto Christ Jesus. (Hebrews 12: 1 - 3). If we do that, we can all be sure of a reward - not just the one who gets there first!

Rev. Ray Healey

CYRIL WOOD COURT

An Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture by Alastair Michie will be held in the Gallery of Cyril Wood Court from Monday 5th August to Wednesday 15th August. The Exhibition is open daily (including weekends) from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

The club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a Barn Dance at Bere Regis First School on 14th June. We were blessed with a fine sunny evening for this happy family occasion.

During the evening, Bob and Diana Holman were presented with a beautiful Edinburgh Crystal ship’s decanter and scent bottle from past and present members of the club.

We shall soon be off for our summer break, but swimming teaching sessions will recommence at the Blandford Leisure Centre on Saturday 7th September from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. For further information on the club, ring Bob Holman on 01305 848262.
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Cricket Results

15 Jun
BROADSTONE II 192 for 8
(M Tuck 4-36)
BERE REGIS 192 for 5
(R Hewitt 47, P Thompson 30, A Green 23 no.)
OAKDALE CONSERVATIVE CLUB 43 allout
(R Fripp 4-28, M Williams 5-15)
BERE REGIS II 47 for 0
(M Bennett 26 no.)

22 Jun
BERE REGIS 197 for 7
(C Way 57, M Bennett 49, D Merritt 29 no.)
WAREHAM 180 allout
(S Cheeseman 3-34)

23 Jun
BERE REGIS II 111 allout
(W Humphries 35, M Hatch 28)
LYTCHETT MATRIVERS 104 allout
(W Humphries 4-22, D Rogerson 4-29)

29 Jun
BERE REGIS 162 for 9
(A Green 34, R Hewitt 33)
BLANDFORD II 115 allout
(S Cheeseman 4-31, A Green 3-21)

30 Jun
PARLEY SPRINGFIELD II 172 for 7
(M Williams 3-52)
BERE REGIS II 163 for 6
(D Rogerson 88)

6 Jul
BERE REGIS 89 allout
WOOL 90 for 4

7 Jul
FRIZZELLIONS 157 allout
(D Rogerson 3-42, P Thompson 3-38)
BERE REGIS II 138 allout
(D Merritt 57)

From the moment the stumps went missing and putty was in short supply, Bere faced newcomers, yet rivals Wareham on their matting strip. Having been put in, to the obvious delight of Bere's batsmen, barely a call could be heard over the buzz of radios and Euro '96. Sir Charles Way showed his true form, and repaid a large slice of his transfer fee with a season's best 57 sharing a 92 run stand with Stato Bennett, himself falling one short of a deserved respected century. The graph indicator showed a curtailment of runs per over, so it was down to Bere's perennial tip 'n runner Venkatesh Green to plunder Wareham's bowling with The Chief Negotiator hitting a crisp 29 not out and was carted off in an open top wheelbarrow. Their defence of 197 started off promisingly, but Bere's openers were contained and changes were enforced. With the home side cruising to a landslide win, Bere looked for inspiration, and the goods were delivered. A brisk leg side shot was sailing for six, as The Stove set off from Wareham Middle School and took the catch at Westport House, causing raptures. Bere were still on the ropes, but a crucial run out of the home team's captain ensued, and cricketing suicide followed. New boy Mark Williams and Steve Cheeseman mopped up sealing an improbable win but a very welcome maximum points.

Seldom does an opposing captain plead for you to bat first, but The Stove forced Oakdale Communist into the fray at Poole's Whitecliff, and The Calypso King and new prospect Mark Williams took charge on a lively strip claiming nine wickets in the first twenty four overs. The remaining scalp was left to Andy 'Chamos' Welsh who needed just a predatory one delivery. Bere's openers made short work of their aim of 43 runs to win. Stato Bennett and General Gordon Tucker secured a maximum points haul by 4.20pm on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Having done the double over Bere last season, the omens were there for all to see, as Letchett visited the BRACA. A steady start had potential for a formidable total. Import Mike "Loft" Hatch batted with thought and precision, but fell at the wrong time for a fighting 28. The only other contributor to Bere's Nelson total was revelation Will Humphries with his 35, the backbone of an innings littered with indifferent strokeplay, yet accurate bowling.
With everyone totally confident of defeat, stand in captain General Gordon Tucker knew secretly that the feared 111 allout was more than enough, and some canny changes in the field unsettled one or two batsmen. The Calypso King pegged down the openers as per plan, and centre stage was left to Will Humphries bowling from The Reclamation End and Dean Rogerson from The Tap End who cleaned up with a combination of pace and guile. Yet it has to be said that Lytchett conceded the game rather than Bere winning it but a comfortable seven runs.

Having not played a team from Blandford for many a season, Bere were up against an unknown quantity. Chief spy Sir Charles Way warned the game would not be easy. Bere's favoured trend for batting first almost backfired as the Blandford attack took a steady stream of wickets on the mire. Once again man of the hour Venkatesh Green saved the blushes with a match winning 59 run stand with Pete Cheeseman. Blandford's reply was plucky and were easily in the game until Steve Cheeseman clamped down and took four wickets in a final flurry ensuring an early finish.

It was a black day for Bere as defeat was inflicted for the first time in twenty three games by bitter rivals Wool on their front room carpet at sunny Winfrith. With The Bear falling cheaply on the lively Axminster, Bere were on the backfoot. A fiercely determined Wool side took full advantage of the conditions and virtually outplayed and outthought Bere, and severely dented our title hopes, enhancing their own bringing to an end a glorious run.

An ultra classic meeting between Bere and Parley-Springfield in the heat of the 1995 August sun, saw General Gordon Tucker's defiant knock in his finest hour. One year on (almost), history repeated itself, although roles were reversed with Bere chasing 172, with their saviour nearly being Dean Rogerson with 88 on an overcast day but humid. Par-Spring's batsmen took full advantage of Bere's "January Sales-buffet" bowling sorely missing the valiant Calypso King. A nine run defeat was in an inappropriate result to take into the home game with Frizzelians who plundered Bere's bowling to a tidy 157. The Spin King continued his return form with 4 for 42, and skipper The Stove hit a timely half century to send Bere on their way, but support was thin on the ground and Bere foundered whilst on 138, nineteen runs adrift.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

The Great Cycle Ride

Do not forget this year’s Dorset Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride on 14th September. The aim is to cycle or walk from church to church, being sponsored for each church you visit. Remember that half the money you collect goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the other half goes to the church or chapel of your choice.

Help is required at each church on the day to welcome visiting cyclists and to sign their form. If you can spare a few hours to be in church, would like sponsor forms, or would like to sponsor someone, then please get in touch with Sybil Frampton - 471643, or David Payne 01258 837700 for Affpuddle. A form for you to sponsor cyclists from your church will appear in your church in the near future. Please sign and help us to keep our lovely churches for future generations to enjoy.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

During June, Gill Vingoe and Philippa Thornley attended a promoters evening for Art Reach, the organisation which has organised the successful plays and concerts which have been held in Brantspuddle Village hall. There were several attractive productions. Bids have been made to hold at least two productions over the Autumn and Winter. We have been told that we will be able to have The Yetties on 16th November 1996. They will perform their well known Thomas Hardy Heritage. Details of tickets and programmes will be given in future editions of the magazine.

Whilst at the promoters evening, I was approached by a member of staff from Purbeck District Council to ask whether we would be interested in taking part in the Purbeck Film Festival which celebrates 100 years of the cinema. Arrangements have been made to hold a film show of archive film from around the Dorset and in particular the Purbeck area on Friday 11th October. There will be more details in future magazines. We have not been told whether we have been lucky in our applications for the two productions we "earmarked" for the early part of 1997. It is hoped to have another Art Reach production then.

Jazz evening - 31st August 7.30 p.m. - 11.00 pm.

Why not round off the Summer listening to the ever popular Mill Street Jazz Band at Brantspuddle Village Hall. Inside or out, depending on the weather. Bar open until 11pm., tickets £5 to include Ploughman’s supper from Gill Vingoe 01929 471832. Early booking advised.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Don't forget the Sunflower competition. Closing date 23rd September. Thanks to the involvement of Peter Fisk of the Bladen Village Stores, there will be a fourth prize of a £5 voucher from Unwins Seeds Ltd. of Histon, Cambridge.
THANK YOU

Dorothy Towers Smith and her daughter Jan Speers, would like to express and convey their very deep gratitude to one and all for their prayers and positive support, especially since 7th June, when Dorothy went back into Weymouth and District Hospital for another "Girdlestone" operation. At this moment of writing, 13th July, she has successfully stood up and walked her first 4 yards on crutches, along the road to recovery. Thanks be to God. As the magazine goes to press, Dorothy has now been moved from Weymouth to Wareham hospital.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

Jautrite Maze

Many of you will remember Jautrite, the former Latvian Olympic athlete, brought to this country by the Link during the early part of 1994, for consultation and treatment at Leeds Hospital. We first met Jautrite during our visit to Ilklike in 1993 when 33 of us attended the Summer Camp in Ilklike for underprivileged children. A young lady in her mid-twenties, Jautrite had been hospitalised for some years due to a life-threatening illness.

During her brief time in England she made many contacts and received letters and gifts and support from members and friend of the Link. Sadly Jautrite died on 30th May following a valiant fight against her illness. Her brief stay in England enabled her to achieve a short but worthwhile quality of life which she otherwise may not have had and which she remembered with thanks and gratitude.

Coffee Morning 22nd June

In spite of the many other activities going on in our village and surrounding areas on the day we managed to raise in excess of £200 for our Aleysha Fund - a very pleasing sum and achieved through much hard work and good humour by all concerned. Following a week of storms, we were very fortunate indeed with the weather and Lady Coates' beautiful garden was the perfect setting for just such an occasion. Again we extend our grateful thanks to her, our helpers and to those who donated plants, cakes, goods and raffle prizes. The big fluffy chicken - our star raffle prize- has been spotted in Bere Regis with its youthful owner - many had hoped it might have fled the county.

For details of Link membership please contact our secretary, Mrs. Hilda Menzies 01929 471263.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on 10th July.

Reports had been received of vandalism in Lea Woods. If local residents witness acts of vandalism in the area, they are urged to note vehicle registration numbers or as many details as possible and report the incident to the police.

Fly tipping was a continuing nuisance and the recent depositing of two porcelain lavatory bowls near Culpepper's Dish was particularly annoying. The deposit of waste (garden rubbish, building material) and other forms of pollution in a public place is illegal. Members of the public should report environmental crime to the Environment Agency on 0171 587 3033 if they have information which may lead to apprehending the culprits. The Environment Agency has an emergency hot line on 0800 807060 which is a freephone 24hr response to all instances of environmental crime. Please help stop this indiscriminate dumping of waste in our countryside.

It was noted that unofficial "No Dogs" signs had been erected on public footpath 14; it is permissible to take dogs on a public footpath, provided they are under close control and do not stray from the right of way. It was also noted that this particular footpath was impassable in places.

A questionnaire regarding membership of friends of the village shop will soon be distributed around the parish.

Quotes were being received to replace the older corner stones around the War memorial and carry out minor repairs. Christies Fine Arts Department had no information on the War Memorial under their Eric Gill section and they are now cataloguing it. They suggest that the P.C. should commission good photographs and architectural drawings.

The M.O.D. have advised the P.C. that Air Sea Rescue are to continue to use Bovington for helicopter training.

A tree in the churchyard has been identified as dead and is in a dangerous condition. Since the tree is in the Piddle Valley Conservation area, formal consent has been sought and granted to fell the tree.

Old films of rural Dorset are to be shown in village halls around the county. The Village Hall Committee will organise this for our parish.

There is an interesting booklet detailing rural walks suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and disabled people. It was suggested that these be made available at the village shop.

Some comments have been received about the relocation of the Notice Board from the village shop to outside the Social Club. It was pointed out that the notice board had been moved to allow the shopkeeper to reopen the doorway should he wish to do so. It was considered that the new position outside the Club was satisfactory.
BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Our day out to Forde Abbey proved to be a big success. What was especially nice was the introduction of the guided tour around the abbey itself was done by the owner of Forde Abbey, which gave it a rather more personal touch. We seem to be extremely lucky with our coach drivers every year, they all provide us with a splendid tour of the countryside along roads most of us would not normally venture.

Back in the village in July we received a most interesting talk on preserves.

A group of us joined our other local W.I.s in an evening walk along the tracks around Winterbourne Zelston, followed by a ploughman's supper in their very attractive village hall. We have a "rest" from our usual monthly activities in August, although some of us are busy planning and working on our group entry to the Dorchester Show on 7th September.

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The local schools recommend that all pre-school children use the Van if possible. Home visits are available for families who find difficulty in coming to the scheduled stops, due to transport or other problems.

For further information, please telephone Puddletown 848687 between 12.15 p.m. and 1.15 p.m., or phone the Van during working hours on 0836 647012. The Van is based at Puddletown First School, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8RY, and is funded by Dorset Education Authority.

Details of the Van's stops are given every month in this magazine. The next visits will take place in September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 1996

21st Coffee Morning at the Vicarage, for church funds 10.30 a.m.
31st Jazz evening at Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

September 1996

14th Annual sponsored cycle ride, Dorset Historic Churches Trust
21st Car Boot and Table Top Sale, Scout Hut 12.00 noon - 4.00 p.m.
for church funds

October 1996

3rd Meet me at the Regal, Forest Forge Players, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m
5th Autumn Leaves 25p Sale
23rd Coffee Morning at 37 Elder Rd for church funds 10.30 a.m.

November 1996

16th The Yettes at Briantspuddle Village Hall
23rd Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar

January 1997

25th Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall 10.00 a.m.
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