A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Customs and Symbols of Easter

The word Easter comes from the German word OSTER. Oster was a German festival celebrated to honour the death of winter, the birth of a new year, and the return of the sun. So, we see that once again, the Christian church very wisely brought into its own truths many of the existing rites and customs of the nations being Evangelised.

In European language, many of our words are similar. So we find examples such as Eostur - monath, or Easter month, which corresponds to April. Then there is EOSTRE and OSTARA, the goddess of the spring.

When we come to ancient customs and symbols, we find Eggs to be the most popular and the most ancient. From the Christian era, we can see why this is so, because eggs were forbidden in Lent, so Easter Day was “Egg Day.” But the idea of the egg as a symbol of fertility, and of renewed life goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who also had the custom of colouring and eating eggs during their spring festival. Quite naturally therefore, the significance of the egg as a symbol of resurrection came easily to the Christian church. The colour red, used in dyeing the eggs signified the sun, fire, the blood of Christ shed on Calvary, and the Joy of Easter.

Like the Easter egg, the Easter hare came from the mists of time. The above is associated with the moon. It belongs to the night. It is born with its eyes open, and like the moon is “the open eyed watcher of the skies.” It also has the association with fertility and new life. That is why it came to be associated with Easter. But because the hare was unfamiliar in America, it is the Easter rabbit - the Easter bunny - which is fabled to lay the eggs in the nests prepared for it, or to hide them for children to find. What starts in America floats over here with the Gulf Stream.

Because it is such a precious moment, Easter has attracted to itself a multitude of customs. There is the tradition that new fires should be started, lighted by a friction of wood or of flint; this goes back to teutonic superstition. Then there is the tradition that it was unlucky not to wear some new article of clothing or personal adornment on Easter Day. I wonder if the Easter Bonnet comes from this? Eating ham on Easter Day was an old custom, not followed much today; this came from a sad part of Christian history, contempt for the Jews.

Customs, symbols and traditions are things passed on from one generation to another. So we will all enjoy the Egg, bunny, and bonnet. But underpinning and overpassing all this is the supreme Christian faith in the rising of Jesus from the dead. Without this faith, everything else concerning Christianity fades into nothingness. So may I commend to you this ancient custom and tradition of the Russian Christians. They greeted one another “Christ is risen, and their answer was and is, “Christ is risen indeed.”
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CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

Sunday 5th April
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and Annual Parochial meeting (Bere Regis)

Wednesday 8th April
7.30 p.m. A Holy Communion to close our Lent Series on “The Eucharist” (Affpuddle)

Thursday 9th April
7.30 p.m. Celebration of the Last Supper (Bere Regis)

Friday 10th April
10.00 a.m. Good Friday Devotion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Good Friday Walk (Affpuddle and Bere Regis)
2.00 p.m. Good Friday Devotion (Bere Regis)
7.00 p.m. Words and Music for Good Friday

Sunday 12th April
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 19th April
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Briantspuddle Village Hall)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and Annual Parochial Meeting (Briantspuddle Village Hall)

Sunday 26th April
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Briantspuddle Village Hall)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Easter Songs of Praise (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

5th April  9.30a.m.  Mr House / Mr Bates
           6.00 p.m.  Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood

12th April 11.00a.m.  Mrs March / Mrs England
           6.00p.m.  Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

19th April  9.30a.m.  Mrs Hazelrigg / Mr Strange
           6.00p.m.  Mrs Griffin / Mr Ventham

26th April 11.00 a.m.  Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
           6.00 p.m.  Mrs Ward / Mr Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild

5th April  Lent
12th April  Easter Day
19th April  Miss E Green  Mrs H Green
26th April  Mrs Harley

Readers

5th April  Miss Frampton
12th April  Mrs Jutting
19th April  Mrs C Lewis
26th April  Mrs Ward
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

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Church Yard Mowing Rota.

Fortnight beginning:

6th April - Bill Thorniley, Mike Vlasto and Roger Prideaux

20th April - Harry Jenkins, Allan Champion and Nigel Payne

Sidesmen, Readers and readings

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I shall be preparing a rota for the year from May onwards very shortly. Please let me know if you would like to become a sidesman or read the lessons at Affpuddle Church; or if you do this already, tell me if your availability has changed. Sidesmen are subject to annual election at the Annual parochial Church Meeting.

Jonathan Haigh 01929 471768
Palm Sunday and Holy Week

The rhythm of services this year will follow previous years. At the Parish Communion, palm crosses will be blessed and distributed. On Maundy Thursday, there will be a Celebration of the Last Supper, at 7.30 p.m. Good Friday starts with the ‘Walk.’ (For several years, members of Affpuddle and Bere Regis Churches have been joined by some members of Butt Lane Congregational Chapel to walk to the top of Black Hill. The Affpuddle Church group starts at Briantspuddle Village Hall at 11.00 a.m.; the Bere Regis group starts just below the surgery. A home made cross is carried by both groups, and there are “Stations”, “stopping places”, where prayers are said, and a hymn sung. At Black Hill, the groups meet, the crosses are secured, and a service of devotion is held overlooking the two parishes.) Good Friday church services have not been very well attended over the years, but those who come find spiritual value in the quiet and thoughtful services during the day. (Please see “Church Services in April.”)

Easter

Preparations for Easter Day in the church start with the decorating of the church on Saturday morning, starting at 10.00 a.m. Please do come and help decorate if you would enjoy doing this. Bring some white or yellow flowers, or some greenery, and you can either leave them there, or arrange them as directed by the organiser.

The glorious “alleluias” of Easter start with the quiet 8 o’clock Holy Communion, then at 11 o’clock we will have the Parish Communion of Easter, with the joyful Easter hymns. Then we have our Easter Evensong at 6.00 p.m. with time for reflection and prayer.
THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
This will take place following evensong on Palm Sunday. This is a gathering of church people whose names are on the electoral roll. At this meeting, we are given the audited accounts for the year, a report on the church building and fabric, and a report on the work of the wider church in the deanery. There is an opportunity to ask questions about parochial church matters, and then there is the opportunity to elect parochial representatives of the laity to the P.C.C. and to elect sidesmen.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Meets on Thursday, 23rd April (St George’s Day) at 7.15 p.m. in the Church. At this meeting we will be discussing plans for the new lighting of the church.

THE GREAT BARN DANCE (Friday, 22nd May)
Book the date now! Book your tickets now!
Thanks to John and Pat House, we have a barn in which to have a Barn Dance. The band is booked, the barn is being prepared, the food is being planned. It should be a memorable evening. Lower Stockley Farm is the location. Tickets are available from the Vicarage (only £5.00) And it’s in aid of a good cause - Bere Regis Church.
Why not make up a party. You will only be cross if you miss it!

THE CHURCH COFFEE MORNING
The Vicarage will be open for a Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds on Wednesday 22 April. Doors open 10.30 a.m. There will be a “bring and buy” and a “plant stall”. Bring a friend (not for sale!)

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
Bere Regis

Sunday 8th March 1998 Oliver Stephen Cooper
Sophie Jane Trenchard
MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting took the form of a service of Holy Communion. The Revd. Ron Wood from Sixpenny Handley was our guest preacher and in the absence of the vicar, Ron was also the celebrant. He preached on the theme of reconciliation. We can be reconciled with God through Jesus and we need to be reconciled with those with whom we may have been in conflict.

Christine and Eileen B. have recently undertaken training in food hygiene and have passed the necessary test. This will enable them to serve teas and light refreshments from the stall in the Cathedral Cloisters. Further training days will be taking place for those who may be interested.

Details of a festival of flowers and lace had been received. It will take place at Maiden Newton Church from 10th - 14th June, from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. each day, 11.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. on Sunday. £2.50 per person, lunches and teas will be available.

Would members please note that the date of the Coffee Morning in May has been brought forward to 2nd May. It will be held at Cyril Wood Court from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1st April, at 7.30 p.m. in the church. When Mrs Sheila Evans will be giving a talk with slides on her trip to the Holy Land. New members will be most welcome.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

THANK YOU

The family of Irene Cheeseman wish to thank everyone who sent such kind messages of sympathy on her passing. These and the beautiful flowers really helped at this very sad time. We all just wish to say “thank you”.

Our thanks also go to:

Doctor Howarth of Poole Hospital, Cardiac Unit, for her dedication in what we believe was instrumental in giving Irene an extra six years.

Purbeck Care Line for their caring, efficiency and dedication.

Mr and Mrs Abbot and Tris and John Lewis for being such good neighbour into service.
PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting is the AGM of the Council and the Chairman reported on the Council’s activities throughout the year. Though the meeting is open to all parishioners only three turned up. Parishioners are invited to draw the Councillors attention to matters affecting them.

One Parishioner was concerned about the traffic in the vicinity of the school at the start and closing each day. He mentioned the effect that the proposed road works at Northport will have on the traffic volume at Rye Hill and suggested that an accident involving children in cars was waiting to happen. The Council promised to advise the police of their concern.

Dog fouling was another matter concerning parishioners but due to the shortage of funds their seems little hope of obtaining the services of a Dog Warden. Owners are therefore requested to control their dogs and to clear any ‘visiting cards’ dropped inadvertently.

The District Council have written reminding the Parish that in the Structure Plan, mention is made of a new Village Hall. Whilst this is associated with the possible development they remind us that the need will still be there even if the development is not progressed, as in their opinion, the Drax Hall is not a suitable venue now. They are therefore open to suggestions as to where a new hall may be sited and the Parish Council would like to hear of any suggestions from parishioners. Please advise any Councillor of your suggestions.

Another for the ‘thinking cap’ that the Parish Council would like to hear about, concerns the Millennium. The Parish Council intends to co-ordinate the celebrations - not organise (!) - and would like to hear from organisations within the village, of any plans that they might have. So would village organisations which intend to mark the event in some way, please advise the Council.

The Council considered a planning application for one industrial unit at Townsend. This unit appears to be of a size to suit a firm employing a number of people as it includes a large parking area. If you wish to see the sketches of the proposal and would like to make a comment please contact the Clerk, Mr Jim Ruddock. It is anticipated that the proposal will be discussed again at the April meeting.

Motorists heading east should soon observe some new hazard signs at the Morden Park Corner. These are to endeavour to reduce the accident record for this junction - we simply ask drivers to be careful.

The police have advised the Council that of late there has been a spate of burglaries within the village concerning outbuildings. It appears that after some research the ‘visitors’ return, park adjacent to the village, and then armed with bolt cutters gain entry to steal tools etc. The police ask everybody to be vigilant and note the registration numbers of vehicles - particularly pick-up types - that appear to be behaving strangely.
RAGAMUFFINS PLAYGROUP

Line Dancing

Ragamuffins Playgroup are holding a line dancing event on Wednesday 22nd April in the Royal Oak skittle alley. The fun will commence at 7.30 p.m. Bar meals will be available as well as the bar being open.

Tickets are on sale now. Please contact any committee member or phone Debbie on 471657. Entry will be available on the night, subject to tickets still being available. This should be a fun evening with instructions and dancing. Everybody is welcome. Please do come along, enjoy yourselves and help us to raise some funds.

Ragamuffins have recently had an Ofsted inspection. The report is now published and we are pleased with the positive outcome. We achieved the desirable outcomes on all topics with only very minor weaknesses in two categories. These are now being rectified. If anybody is interested in reading the report please let me know. Any new parents considering using the playschool are welcome to come and have a look around and see how it is run before any decisions are made.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The April meeting will be on the third Tuesday in April and not the 2nd Tuesday.

On April 16th, Mrs Herridge is opening her lovely home and garden for a coffee morning. Plants, Cakes, Raffle, Bring and Buy. Do come - everyone welcome.
JUBILEE 2000

We are planning to run a coach to Birmingham on May 16th, to take part in the lobby of the G8 countries by Jubilee 2000. It is hoped that thousands of people will converge on Birmingham from all over the country, on foot, on floats, by train and coach; even by hot air balloon! From 11.00 a.m. onwards there will be a number of events, ranging from workshops to street theatre, and at 2.00 p.m. a human chain will be formed around the International Conference Centre, where the G8 Meeting will be taking place. Young people from each of the 8 countries will present the petition forms which have been completed so far, and once these have been received, the chain will be broken up.

Cost of the coach is estimated at £10 per adult, £7 for students, with the possibility of a special family rate, if we can manage to fill the coach completely. Do put the date in your diary, and join us for this historic event!

Applications, please to Philippa Ward, 16 Blind Street. Tel: 471527 - April 15th. (Please could you pay when you book your seat.)

If you are unable to come, why not tell someone else? Your grandchildren may like the chance to glimpse some of the world leaders, and be part of a movement that has achieved international support! They might even be shown in the crowd on the television news! This could be their big chance to show that they want the world that they inherit to be a fair and just place. A good way to start the new Millennium!

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have entertained over 60 British Legion, Wool, Milborne St Andrew and Friday Club, Winterborne Kingston. They have presented the Drax Hall with a new large Tea Pot.
CYRIL WOOD COURT

I would like to thank all the people in the village who knitted or sponsored knitters at our "Knit and Natter" event on March 3rd. The money raised for the Home Farm Trust was £180.

The Knitters Workshop at Cyril Wood Court is on Monday, 27th April from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

We have Sarah Burnett, the exceptionally known Knitwear Designer, coming to our workshop. She employs about 60 in the Wimborne area - quite a lot of younger knitters, trained to work her special design. Because I know a number of extra people will want to come to this special event everyone is welcome. No charge for residents.

£1 for others, who can pay at the door.

It would be helpful to know numbers, so that we have enough chairs - phone me on 472237.

Mary Fagan

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Every year, the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society - Bere Regis, arrange an outing in the summer, and invariably there are a few vacant seats on the coach.

This year a coach has been arranged to Gloucester City leaving the Drax Arms at 8.00 a.m. There will be a coffee stop en route. The coach will leave Gloucester at 5.00 p.m. stopping for about one hour at the Highwayman, Shepton Mallet, to enable those wishing to do so to obtain a meal - then returning to Bere Regis. Vacant seats will be offered to non-members at £6.00 per seat on a first come - first served basis. Anyone interested, please contact the Secretary, Mr Roy Davenport on 01305 268328.

DRAX HALL

If you are lucky enough to be reading your magazine, perhaps it is not too late to remind you of the Blood Bank visit on Tuesday, 31st March and the performance by the Forest Forge players of ‘the Mayor of Casterbridge’.

No tickets required for the former and free tea and biscuits in return for helping somebody to live. Just one price for the latter - £3.50 each.
BERE REGIS W.I.

Our programme for our February meeting was titled “HERBS AND MEDICINE” given by the Rev. K. S. Timbrell. I am sure all who had the pleasure of being there will remember for a very long time, an extremely interesting subject, with an equally interesting man... He possesses the gift of holding your attention from beginning to end! How many times does that happen?

We again celebrated “Pancake Day” with the now customary panache. . . joined by some of the children of the junior school, followed by a very pleasant coffee morning held at Mrs Sally Cheeseman’s home.

Three of our members accepted the invitation given by Morden W.I. to join them in their “Birthday Celebrations,” it was a very cold evening but the warmth and friendship extended far outweighed the climate.

On March 1st our Institute were hostesses to the “Thomas Hardy Society” supplying refreshments and selling cakes etc. for much needed funds.

Our next meeting will be April 21st, usual place the Drax Hall, time 7.30 p.m. our speaker for the evening will be Mr B Miller the subject will be: “Bees and Bee Keeping.”

You can be assured that you will have another very interesting evening. There is always something that you never realised connected to the BEES!

Zena Rogers

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

At our last meeting, we had an interesting talk with slides of Brownsea Island by John England. The competition for the Nan Mooney Bowl, was a vase of spring flowers. There were 17 lovely vases of flowers, one containing 28 different varieties. The winner was Mrs Heather Dixon. The judge who had a difficult task, was John England.

Our next meeting will be on the 8th April, and is a tour to Chichester, leaving at 10.30 a.m. from the car park. This will return between approx. 6.00 and 6.30 p.m. The cost will be £4.75. Please give your names to Kath or phone on 471175, but do not leave it too late.

Our Spring Fayre is on April 25th, Saturday at 2.00 p.m., in the Drax Hall. Please let Kath have anything you have as soon as possible or ring to collect, 471175 - Jams, Pickles, Bric-a-brac, clothes, plants etc.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Instead of our usual meeting for February, a Soup Luncheon was held with 23 members attending. This had been such a success last year, that members agreed to repeat the event this year, and as our Christmas get together had to be cancelled, the two things were combined. Our soup lunch was followed with a game of Bingo, singing old and new songs, with sherry, tea or coffee to drink, french stick and cheese, cakes etc! - an afternoon enjoyed by all.

Cenotaph

April  Mrs Tharby and Mrs Brett
May  Mrs Barnes and Mrs Cockburn

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £10
Mrs E Maidment
158

2nd prize - £10
Mrs N Penfold
55

4th prize - £5
Mr R Cobb 263

5th prize - £5
Mr W Ruffle 101

Shares still available from Gordon Phillips - 471525
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

What are we up to?

With the approach of Spring all four sections are beginning to think about the outdoor activities that are more suitable for the lighter evenings. Over the winter months a variety of activities have been going on.

Beaver Section

Our Beavers, aged 6 to 8, welcomed back Gill Grey, after a years absence, together with Trish White, who joined the Leader Team as a Beaver Leader in September. Assisted by Kim and Tessa, the Beavers have learnt about themselves with a keep fit evening and a session measuring how much they are likely to grow in a year. They have learnt to live with others and to work in teams and have found time to enjoy an evening of magic and one of song and games. They even found time to enjoy an (indoor) beach party in October. A number of Beavers have moved up into the Cub Section during the past 2 terms to continue their Scouting careers.

Cub Section

There never seems to be a dull moment with our Cub Section, aged 8 to 10.5 years. In the past 2 terms they have celebrated United Nations day making flags of all the nations. American Independence day was celebrated with suitable games and American food. Work towards various Proficiency Badges continued throughout the winter. They had a visit from a Barn Owl (and its owner) and managed to enter teams in the District Handicraft Competition and the Swimming Gala. A team is training for the District First Aid competition, being helped by Venture Scouts with First Aid qualifications. Mandy Miller, who has been Akela since taking over from Pat Hall some 6 years ago, has asked to stand down, although she will be retaining her Warrant in order to help when needed. We thank her for all her hard work over the years. Julie Cosker has agreed to become Akela in her place. We thank her and wish her well.

Scout Section

The Scouts, 10.5 to 15 years, seem to continue their somewhat anarchic lifestyle regardless of the time of year or the weather. “Wide Games”, which seem to have no discernible rules to the casual observer, have ranged over Black Hill and the surrounding area. Meals have been cooked over open fires and tents pitched in the darkness. At the time of writing, the older boys are preparing themselves for a Survival Weekend “somewhere in Dorset” and any local rabbits, if they have any sense, are advised to keep their heads down. No doubt the survivors will have many tales to tell. Summer Camp this year is to be a week on Dartmoor in May.
Most of the older Scouts are about to start on the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, which should help them in the near future when seeking jobs or college places. We plan to start canoe training again after Easter on the lake at the new 95 acre County Scout Training Centre at Buddens Farm which is practically on our doorstep. Longer expeditions into Poole Harbour are also being planned. Dinghy sailing will also take place at the Scout Sailing Centre at Sutton Bingham in June and July, working towards RYA qualifications. About a dozen of our older Scouts and Venture Scouts have managed to get places on the sail training boats of the London Sailing Project for various off-shore voyages throughout the season, with the prospect of being selected for crew for the Millenium Trans-Atlantic Tall Ships Race in 2000.

**Venture Scouts**

Our Venture Scouts, 15 to 20 years, have been concentrating on gaining their Duke of Edinburgh’s Silver Award, in between working for GCSE’s and A Levels. Most members of the unit gained their St John First Aid qualification last term which counts towards the Service Section of the Award. A variety of Skills are being pursued, including motor car and motor cycle driving skills, vintage tractor restoration and cactus growing! Most qualifying expeditions have now been completed and the end of the Award is in sight for the older members of the unit. Members of the Unit have also helped run activities for the younger sections, passing on their skills.

For the Summer activity, the Unit has chartered a Thames Barge which they will be sailing along the East Coast for a week in July. Hopefully the years of dinghy sailing and off-shore cruising will pay off and the Ventures will return with their RYA Competent Crew Awards.

**Interested in joining?**

We welcome new members to all our sections:

- **Beavers** meet Wednesdays, 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.  
  Kim Benjafield 01929 471170

- **Cubs** meet Thursdays, 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.  
  Julie Cosker 01929 471688

- **Scouts** meet Mondays, 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.  
  Martin Cosker 01929 471688

- **Ventures** meet Fridays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.  
  Phil Ventham 01929 471215

**Interested in helping?**

A large active group of some 80 youngsters is always in need of adult help.
Girls in Scouting in Bere Regis

In particular, we have made the decision to welcome girls into our Scout Troop. We believe the demand is there. The only thing that is preventing us from going ahead is the need for one more volunteer adult Leader, male or female, to help the two Leaders we already have. All training is provided and paid for. Would you be willing to give us some of your time to help our very successful Group? You will find it very rewarding, great fun - and frustrating at times! You certainly won’t regret it.

Are you a handyman?

Are you retired, looking for something to do and are good at fixing things? We have a desperate need for someone to keep an eye on our equipment; camping and activity equipment, stoves, cooking equipment, canoes, boats etc, doing the occasional repair and making sure the kit is fit for use by the Scouts. It would involve probably no more than a morning a week.

We would also like someone to keep a general eye on our Headquarters building in Elder Road, doing the occasional repair etc. If you are interested in helping the youngsters in the Parish, please contact Phil Ventham on 01929 471215, Pat Hall

NEWS FROM THE FIRE SERVICE

During the morning of Tuesday, 3rd February, a fire started in a house in West Street, and spread to the one next door.

The fire started in an upstairs room and spread to the roof. Once inside it vented through to the open air which enabled it to rapidly move across to the neighbouring property.

The first call to Dorset Fire and Rescue Service was received at 11.17 with the first available appliance from Wareham, arriving at 11.32. Further appliances from Hamworthy, Poole and Dorchester arrived later, after assistance was requested because of the severity of the fire.
The initial actions of the firefighters was to tackle the fire and prevent it spreading further. This was achieved and the fire damage was limited due to their rapid response. Crews wearing breathing apparatus entered both buildings and proceeded to the fire area, where using high pressure hoses they were able to knock down the fire.

At the same time firefighters outside were directing water through the burnt out window which also contained the spread of fire and gave additional protection to the firefighters inside. If the fire service had not acted in the way it had on the day, the fire would have been significantly worse with it spreading further than just to a small area of the house next door.

Ongoing efforts are being made by the officers and firefighters from Bere Regis to enable the fire engine to be available at all times. The present situation is very encouraging with the firefighters that joined in 1997 having completed both their basic and breathing apparatus training. This has enabled the fire engine to be available much more than in the past. Bere Regis has not had ideal day cover since 1981. This will change in the near future but to guarantee the improvements the stations is always on the look out for suitable candidates. If you are interested, you can always contact myself, Gary Hewitt on 01929 471185 for more information or call in to the fire station on a Tuesday evening.

All retained firefighters are an essential and very professional part of Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, who are very proud to serve the communities in which they live and work.

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**F.O.B.R.S. - FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- **2nd April**  Annual Easter Egg Draw
- **5th April**  Easter Treasure Hunt
- **14th June**  Summer Fete

Christine 472159
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The skittles evening held in January was a great success. The winning team was the Woodentops headed by Rita Watts. A total of eight teams took part and a good night was had by all. Mike gave us a donation of £10 at the end of the evening as he had promised a sum from each basket meal purchased.

The quiz on the 22 February went very well. Thank you to Sue Stone for doing the questions and the Sports Club for providing the venue. The winners were the team from the Fire Station calling themselves Fireman Sam with a total of 99 points. Unfortunately the planned raffle did not go ahead due to lack of prizes. We had entries from eight teams with a total of £17.60 being raised.

Trophies and prizes for all events will be presented at the Carnival.

Our next event is the Easter Bingo which will take place at the Legion Club on Thursday 9 April at 8 pm. This is aimed to be a fun night for all ages and there will be Easter Eggs among the prizes. Please come along and have some fun.

Diary of Events

9 April  Easter Bingo - Bere Regis R.B.L. Club

18 July  Carnival Day

14 June  Sponsored horse ride and mountain bikes starting from Court Green
THE POP IN PLACE

Easter Egg Raffle

Appeal - we need your kind donations of chocolate eggs, anyone wishing to donate can call 472023 or call in to the Pop In on Monday or Friday.

The Easter Egg Raffle will take place on Friday, 10th April, at 11.30 a.m. at the Pop in Place, tickets will be sold on the previous Monday, 6th April and also, on Friday, 10th April.

Please call in and support this - 50% of the profit will go to Pop in Place funds and 50% to Michaels Night Shelter for the Homeless.

Pop in Place A.G.M. and Coffee Evening

On Wednesday, 29th April at 7.00 p.m. at the Pop in Place, we will hold this years A.G.M. This will be a short formal meeting with the Treasurers Financial Report for the year and a Report by the Chairperson on the progress and development of the Pop in Place during the last year. There will then be an election of officers and committee members. Afterwards we will hold a coffee evening with a cake stall, raffle and bring and buy etc.

Donations for this event would be greatly appreciated, also we need your support on the evening. Tel: 472023.

May we also remind our users that the Pop in Place will be closed for an Easter break on Monday, 13th April.

Happy Easter to all Readers.
BOVINGTON FIRST SCHOOL

Did you attend the old Bovington School in Swinton Avenue?

If so, please would you be kind enough to contact the School, either in person or by telephoning 462744 (9.00am - 12 noon, Monday to Friday) as we are seeking information in connection with our forthcoming 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

The dates planned are Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June, 1998. The celebrations will commence with a Service of Commemoration at the Garrison Church, which will be attended by all present pupils and staff and to which all former pupils and staff are invited to attend. Following the Service, the First School in Holt Road, will be open for past pupils to see present day education in action. In the afternoon the School will give a display of Country Dancing - keeping up an old established tradition in Bovington.

On Saturday, 20th the School PTFA is running a Fun Day on the School Field between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. A Football Tournament between local First Schools is being organised, along with stalls, sideshows, beer tent, refreshments etc. Anyone wishing to book a site for a stall is asked to contact Mr T Spike on 01929 462744. The day, and the celebrations will conclude with a reunion of past pupils and staff for a buffet supper.

A meeting for any interested people, i.e. past pupils, stall holders etc who would be willing to help will be held at the School in Holt Road, Bovington on Thursday, 2nd April, 1998, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. A warm welcome awaits you!

BOVINGTON NEWS

Thanks to the Military at Bovington, one of the remaining relics used as a training aid for First World War tanks is to be preserved. The ramp used to train tank drivers to load their tanks on to railway trucks and negotiate the spaces between the trucks has been covered by undergrowth for years. Now it is to be cleared and cleaned.

During the Second World War, it was again used, but this time by Italian P.O.W’s, as a ramp for concrete mixers, used in building the road from Tout Hill to Clouds Hill. Hopefully, a group of youths will be available to assist in the clearing of the relic and supervised by a local Wool gentleman but as yet this has not been finalised.
Have you ever thought that when you see a beautiful rainbow in the sky, God our Creator sees it too? The rainbow tells us that sunshine and rain clouds are about. It also reminds us of God’s promise to Noah, that when the rainbow is in the cloud, then God will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant, or agreement, made between Him and every living creature. Genesis 9:12-17. The rainbow speaks of God’s abundant mercy and grace, the clouds speak of all the wrong things we do that come between us and God.

Have you ever thought that when you see a cross on or in a church, or worn by someone, that God the Father sees it too - that cross which is a reminder of the one on which Christ died!

At Easter we remember that Jesus, who was the pure, powerful Light of the World, shone through and overcame the dark cloud of sin that covered the whole world, when He died on that cross. Three days later when Christ rose from the dead, God’s new covenant promise of forgiveness and new life shone through like a beautiful rainbow. That promise is for everyone who will turn from their sin and accept Christ Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

Have you ever thought that just as you see the rainbow and the cross of Christ, so God the Father sees these and you too! He knows all about each one of us, and loves each one of us. Have you responded to that love?

“For God loved the world (you!) so much that He gave His only Son, so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life’ John 3:16

He has risen! Remember what he told you. Luke 24:6

Rev. Ray Healey, 12 South Mead, Bere Regis. Tel: 471443
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Sadly there is no report from the Sports Club this month - Steve is rather preoccupied at the moment and he’s had some difficulty in meeting the magazine deadlines! He did leave the results on my answerphone, but I don’t take shorthand I’m afraid!

Ed.

Normal service will be resumed next month.

However, he has asked for the following notice from the Sports Club to be included.

There are grave concerns from the members of the club regarding the considerable increase recently of instances where dogs are fouling the pitch. The club would like to remind all dog owners that this poses a significant threat to public health, particularly where children are involved.

Dogs should not be exercised on the Recreation Ground and all owners are respectfully asked to ensure that they do clear up after their animals. Prosecution can result and fines levied.

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CHURCH NOTICES

PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEEK

Both Palm Sunday Services will provide opportunities to receive the Palm Cross. Holy Week is a time for an extra devotion, so in order to help this, we will have an evening Communion on Wednesday (8th) at 7.30 p.m. This service will bring to a close the Lent talks on the Eucharist, but it is a service open to everyone.

Now that most of us have cars, it is easy to cross between one church and the other, so the Maundy Thursday evening Celebration of the Lords Supper at Bere Regis (7.30 p.m.) may prove to be of value.

On Good Friday, there will be a service of Devotion before the Cross in the morning at 10 o’clock and then at 11 o’clock, the Good Friday walk will start at the Briantspuddle Village Hall. This walk is a mixture of procession, enjoyment, prayer and fellowship. A cross is carried to the top of Black Hill, via Throop, and Turnerspuddle; then at Black Hill, the walkers meet up with those from Bere Regis. The crosses are ceremonially secured, and a service is held, overlooking the two parishes. Some people bring refreshments and enjoy the setting for a while, before walking back home. Come and join us: the physical and spiritual mix is exhilerating.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will be held as usual, after a special service of Evensong, on the Sunday after Easter (now Sunday, 19th April), at 6.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. At this service, we are to elect a new church warden, church councillors, and sidesmen. We will also be given the audited accounts for the year, a report on the church building and fabric, and a report on the wider church in the deanery. Those on the electoral roll are able to vote, but anyone on the electoral roll of parliament may attend, as members of the parish. This reflects the ancient position of the parish church in the community.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH and the CHURCH ORGAN

The end of a very long, involved and protracted series of events is nigh!

The “small” tracker action organ which we bought at the end of last year is to be created in the loft in the tower starting on Easter Monday. The organ builder will come to take apart our present organ; the components will come to create an access to the loft from the vestry, and from then on, for about three weeks, the church will be “out of action”.

This means that the AFFPRAISE Service on Lent Sunday (19th) will be in the Village Hall, as also the Evensong and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the evening at 6.00 p.m.

On the following Sunday, (26th) the Parish Communion will be held in the Village Hall.

We should be back in the church for Sunday 3rd May.

Communicating these changes to everyone is not 100% successful. Please will you do your best to speak to your neighbour about them.

CHURCH YARD TIDY UP

There will be a church yard tidy up on Saturday 4th April. Please come along and lend a hand (many hands make light work). Please bring with you suitable garden tools.

DECORATION OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

The church will be decorated for Easter on 11th April from 10.00 a.m. - 12noon gifts of flowers and foliage will be most welcome and should be delivered to the church by 10 00 a.m. on the 11th April.
This month we become a little more physical and have our skittles evening to which family and friends are invited. A buffet supper will be provided during the interval.

We would like to thank all who donated goods towards our jumble Sale and to those who helped at or attended the sale.

During the month of April W.I.s across the country are organising National Spring Cleans in an effort to keep Britain tidy. Briantspuddle W.I. have agreed to meet at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 8th April from where we will walk different walkways around the village collecting rubbish on the way. Since we have quite a number of these paths around the village we would be grateful for volunteers to come along and help with this event. Refreshments will be provided on return to the village.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB
Thank you to everyone who came to make our Birthday / Reunion Party a success.

Membership Fees, if paid by March 31st £3.00, £1.50 O.A.P’s. From 1st April £4.00, £2.00 O.A.P’s.

Yetties, Friday, 15th May - tickets £1 for Members; £4 for Non-members. Tickets available from Sue Jeanes, 01258 837267.

Don’t forget Bingo, 4th April, 8.00 p.m.

Sue Jeanes

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES
VILLAGE HALL NEWS
The Hall Committee met on 9th March. Among the business discussed was the progress with the Lottery Grant application. Members of the Hall Committee, the Parish Council and the Shop Committee, had had a meeting with Mr. John Tweed the County Council Officer responsible for co-ordinating grant applications. He had suggested that the grant should be made under the Charities Board Section. He recommended that help and advice should be sought from Miss Lois Reay of Dorset Community Action and advice from the Planning Department. Dorset County Council should also be sought.

Fund Raising for the forthcoming year was discussed. It was agreed to hold a “Barn Dance” in August. It was hoped to be able to take part in the Purbeck Film Festival and to have at least, three Art Reach Productions during the Autumn / Winter Season. It was also agreed to run the 100 Club again.

It was necessary to raise the hire charges with effect from 1st May. The new charges would be £4.50 per hour for the Summer rate (1st May to 30th September) and £5.00 per hour for the Winter rate (1st October to 30th April) in future, there would be a minimum hire charge of £9.00 for the Summer and £10.00 for the Winter. All organisations would be notified of the charges. There would be another meeting of the Hall Committee on 6th April.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK
A.G.M. - This is fixed for Wednesday, 15 April, 1998 in the Scout HQ at Bere Regis and all our members and supporters are cordially invited to attend. Under the terms of our Constitution office holders may only be in post for 5 years, which means we are looking for a new Chairman and Secretary. So, if anyone is interested in either post the Link would like to hear from them. Its hard work but very rewarding.

FUND-RAISING - We will be holding our usual Jumble Sale which will take place this year on Saturday, 25 April, 1998 at Scout HQ Bere Regis.

Bric-a-Brac, books and Jumble may be left at Scout HQ on the day or telephone 01929-471577 for collection. It is anticipated that a concert will be held at Hardyes School in Dorchester later in the year but there are no details available as yet. Watch this space. We have one or two other fund-raising events in the pipeline details of which will be published when finalised. In the meantime, we thank you for your continuing interest and support. Subscription Secretary, Hilly Menzies - 01929 471263 - £2.50 per annum.

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Wednesday 1st April and Wednesday 29th April
Bere Regis School - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 12.20 p.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

2nd The Mayor of Casterbridge - Forest Forge Theatre group, Drax Hall
2nd FOBRS - Annual Easter Egg Draw
5th FOBRS - Easter Treasure Hunt
8th Autumn Leaves tour to Chichester - car park 10.30 a.m.
9th Easter Bingo - RBL Club
10th Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle (and the previous Monday)
12/13th Friends of Upton Country Park - Easter Craft Show 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.
22nd Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.
22nd Ragamuffins playgroup - Line Dancing evening. Royal Oak 7.30 p.m.
25th Dorset Latvia Link Jumble Sale, Scout HQ
25th Autumn Leaves Spring Fayre, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.
25th Kingsbere Quilters, display of quilts in Cyril Wood Court
25th Scout Group Jumble Sale, Blandford Corn Exchange 10.00 a.m.
27th Knitters workshop with Sarah Burnett, Cyril Wood Court 2.00p.m.-4.00 p.m.
29th Pop in Place Coffee Evening and AGM

May

2nd Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court 10.30 - 12.00
4th Dorset Children’s Show, Bovington Tank Museum from 10.30 a.m.
4th Tug of war, car boot sale, wellie wang - Court Green
13th Autumn Leaves - talk on Tea 2.00 p.m.
16th Jubilee 2000 coach to Birmingham. Lobby of G8 countries
22th Barn Dance at Lower Stockley Farm 8.00 p.m
23rd Duck race and wheelbarrow race. Carnival disco
27th Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June
14th  FOBRS Summer Fete
14th  Sponsored horse ride and mountain bikes
25th  Age Concern Fete, Culver Dell, Shitterton  2.00 p.m.
27th  Official Twinning Reception
27th  Garden Party at the Vicarage

July
18th  Carnival Day

September
19th  Bellringers visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry  10.00 a.m

November
28th  Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar