A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

What use is a baby?

A famous scientist, Rutherford, the man who split the atom, was asked when he had done this, "Of what use is that?". He replied, "Of what use is a baby?". The answer, of course, is **Potential**.

Babies are amazing. They are dictators. They throw a house into chaos; the timetable of the day revolves around them, - feeding times, nappy times, bath times, sleep times. We wonder what we did with our time before they came.

A baby doesn't have it so good either. Sitting in wet nappies, hungry or full of wind, can't read, can't talk, can't understand. What an existence.

Most ladies love babies; they go all maternal. They think, "I wish they stayed a baby". But I wonder. They are very demanding and very wearing.

The important thing about babies is not what they are, but what they'll become. It's their potential. What mother or father has not looked at their sleeping baby and wondered, "What are you going to be? What sort of person will you be? What joys and sorrows will come your way?"

But babies also have the potential to change us. Two people living together in a stable relationship, pleasing themselves, suddenly have their world turned upside down. Another dimension invades their world. They begin to test the water more carefully, check the food, the bed clothes, the cat net. Start making a list of what you do for a baby and it is never ending. Even when you "flop" in the evening, you listen for it.

And it's not only the material things that are important. You become gradually more aware that your precious baby is going to be affected by your attitudes, your values, your standards, your arguments and even your language. Now that's a sobering thought. It's also rather a frightening thought. The mental and spiritual diet we give to our precious children is of equal importance to the physical diet. Good values, high standards, unselfishness, warm loving generous and gentle attitudes, and a strong sense of family loyalty and togetherness must be of infinite concern.

"Of what use is a baby?" Potential is the answer, but what an awesome responsibility this is for any parent.

Yours ever
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The Venerable Graham Roblin OBE
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CHURCH SERVICES in MAY

Sunday 3rd May 
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Briantspuddle Village Hall)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Easter 3

Sunday 10th May
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Easter 4

Sunday 17th May
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

ROGATION SUNDAY

Thursday 21st May
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)

ASCENSION DAY

Sunday 24th May
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Regis Praise (Bere Regis)

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Sunday 31st May
11.00 a.m. Combined Benefice Service (Affpuddle)

WHITSUNDAY
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

3rd May  9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
        6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood

10th May 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
         6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

17th May  9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
      6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin / Mr Ventham

24th May 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
       6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward / Mr Croom

31st May 11.00 a.m. Combined Benefice Service at Affpuddle

Sanctuary Flower Guild

3rd May    Mrs P Mooney    Mrs K Benjafield
10th May   Mothers’ Union
17th May   Mrs I Bangay    Mrs J Jesty
24th May   Mrs G Whittle   Mrs M Lewis
31st May   Mrs J Herring    Mrs P House

Readers

3rd May    Mrs C Lewis
10th May   Mrs Jutting
17th May   Mr Ventham
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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Church Yard Mowing Rota.

Fortnight beginning:

4th May - Robin Gainsford, David Buck and Henry Hogger
18th May - Richard Killer, David Nesling and John Royal

Sidesmen, Readers and Readings

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This list is provisional as the Annual Meeting at which the sidesmen are elected takes place after the magazine goes to print. I will notify those concerned if any changes are required.

Jonathan Haigh
CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices will continue on most Wednesday evenings until June

Visiting ringers will be at the tower on Saturday 9th May, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., on their way to the Salisbury Guild Festival.

There will be Saturday afternoon ringing for weddings on the 6th and 20th May.

Tower History

The tower will be 500 years old in the year 2000. I am attempting to produce a small book on the history of the tower and all that has gone on in it over the last 500 years. If anyone has any documents, photographs etc relating to it, I would be very grateful to borrow them.

John England - 471469

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) but they are selling fast so book now to be sure you aren’t disappointed. 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!
MOTHERS' UNION

At our April meeting, we welcomed Mrs Sheila Evans who showed slides of her recent trip to the Holy Land. Her party had spent five days in Galilee and five days in Jerusalem. We saw slides of many places which Jesus would have been familiar with, including Nazareth, Bethany and Capernaum. We saw the church of the Beatitudes which is set in beautiful gardens and the church of Paternoster which has the Lord’s prayer in 48 different languages.

We saw the Garden of Gethsemane with its very ancient trees which is now a very tranquil place. The presentation was an ideal preparation for Holy Week.

Our branch coffee morning will take place on Saturday 2nd May at Cyril Wood Court from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Please support this event, even if you are not a member of the MU!

Other dates for your diary:
May 20th - Diocesan Festival in Salisbury Cathedral. The service begins at 11.30 a.m. but we need to be seated by 11.05 a.m.
July 8th - Festival service in Winchester Cathedral to coincide with the Lambeth Conference.
August 11th - Deanery outing to Mary Sumner House, London. Some seats available for non-MU members. Names to Eileen Bangay please.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Please support a Coffee Morning at Blandford Methodist Church, The Close (near the Post Office), Blandford on Thursday 21st May from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. All proceeds raised will go to Christian Aid.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The April meeting this year was the final meeting of the period as there will be a new Council serving as from May 7th. No election will be necessary as insufficient candidates came forward. Our District Councillor, Miss Sue Stone, was likewise returned unopposed. The Council paid tribute to the two Parish Councillors who had declined to stand again - Mrs Sue Gale and Mr Peter Fysh. Their contribution to the proceedings over the past four years were commended with gratitude.

It was decided to hold another ‘Bere in Bloom’ competition this year on the same lines as in previous years. The competition will be for the best floral display, around the whole Parish, as viewed from the adjacent roadway. The judging will be undertaken during the last week in July.

The Car Park will be closed for three weeks from 1st June to enable the area to be re-arranged and the surface re-laid. Nobody will be permitted within the area.

CM.

BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB

My apologies. Time is flying so fast that I missed last month’s write up. However, the March talk on Safety in the Garden was extremely interesting and, full of good intentions, we have purchased some ear protectors, gloves and safety spectacles for resale to members at very reasonable prices.

At the April meeting the talk on Local Archaeology was well received. Our gardening and cooking could have been very dull without the Roman influence.

In a revision to our programme, the topic at the May meeting on Tuesday 5th will be - ‘How to Kill a Houseplant!’ It sounds like the blind leading the blind

Andy Morrison - 472343

FRENCH CIRCLE - MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are a newly formed group, meeting on a Monday evening once a fortnight. We practise our French conversation over a glass of wine and with the help of a large dictionary!

Might be interested? Give me a ring for some more information.

Chantal - 471374
Since our Christmas fund raising – which raised in excess of £800 – we have been quite busy little bees! In February we held a Valentines Disco for the children at the school. On 13th March we held a ‘Pub Games Triathlon’ at the Royal Oak. This was a fun competition of Darts, Pool and Skittles for the Adults and was enjoyed enormously by all who took part. The winners, Michelle Holborn for the Ladies and John Hall for the Men, each received a trophy and £20 cash prize. Our funds were boosted by £103. We would like to thank Mike and Laura of the Royal Oak for all their help and support and also all the ‘regulars’ who joined in and made the evening such a success.

A Sponsored Workout was held on 24th March and this has raised over £200 – more sponsor money still coming in. On the 29th March we held a Car Boot Sale at the School and raised a further £66, and our Easter Egg Draw held in early April raised a further £74.

We are planning further Car Boot and Table Top Sales on 31st May. Refreshments will be available and if anyone would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Planning for our Summer Fete is well underway and this event will be on Sunday, 14th June, 1998.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The Coffee Morning held at the home of Mr and Mrs Herridge was a great success and over £600 was made! Our grateful thanks to Joan and Eric for all their hard work and generosity and also to everyone who contributed.

At our next meeting on 12th May, Mr Fred Burdock from Salisbury will demonstrate Country Pursuits.

Do come - visitors always welcome.

Pat House - 551266
**BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION**

The trip up to North Wales for a long weekend on the 22—25 May is now fully booked. The young members of the section will be undertaking climbs of a number of mountains. These will include the Glyders and of course Snowdon as well as a few lesser peaks.

The annual county legion Six-A-Side Open Youth Football Competition which was planned for the 7th June has been postponed. This event will be staged on another weekend as soon as a suitable venue and date can be confirmed. Watch this space.

A number of members have already booked for the camping weekend at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest on the 24th - 26th July. There is still time for others to book their places for this fun weekend, including canoeing, orienteering, night walks in the forest and swimming in the heated outdoor pool.

The section are entering both a boys and girls team in the new Royal British Legion National Five-A-Side Football Competition. The finals of this new event will be held as part of the first ever RBL National Youth Conference that will be taking place at Nottingham University on the 19/20 September. Already the members are trying hard to raise the money to make the trip to Nottingham.

In the Wareham Rotary Superteams event held at the Wareham Youth Centre back at the end of February the section’s team finished in third place after a very tough contest. The section picked up a cash prize for their efforts and this amount will be going towards the Nottingham trip. Many thanks to the Wareham Rotary Club for supporting this entertaining challenge.

The finals of the youth section’s Junior Competitions will take place on the 21st April at the legion club. The winners of the Darts, Pool, Wrong-Handed Pool, Carpet Bowls, Dominoes and Shove Ha’ Penny will receive their trophies along with the runners-up at the legion club’s presentation night later in the year.

The Youth Section remains open throughout the summer on the first Wednesday of the month and on Tuesday of the following weeks.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader - 471693

**WOODBURY HILL SINGERS**

The singers have again been out and about and have entertained the Sunshine Club in Wareham and Wareham Hospital for the League of Friends Tea Party.

We meet every Monday at Kath’s - Larkspur, Snow Hill at 2.30 p.m. for practice and tea!

Kath Jeeves - 471175
**DORSET CHILDREN'S SHOW**

At The Tank Museum, Bovington on Monday 4th May. The Rotary Club of Wareham with the co-operation of the Tank Museum, have designed this event with children in mind.

There are Arena events and the sideshows will include displays by The Team Extreme BMX bikers from Dorchester. A great day for the family.

Bring your pet dog for the Fun Dog Competition and win a prize. All proceeds from this event are donated to Charities. The Rotary Club aims to give over £3,000, mainly in small sums, to many Charities and individuals each year. Come along, have some fun and help to give a cheer to somebody next year!

**DRAX HALL**

The visit of the Blood Bank was another success this year with over seventy units of blood being collected. The bank run two sessions when they come, one in the early afternoon and the other extending into the early evening. If you have been put off by having to wait in the evening and it is possible to visit in the afternoon then please do come as there are ample vacancies at the early session. The next visit is on Tuesday 28th July.

Our theatre performance - The Mayor of Casterbridge - was a great success. A full house enjoyed a real professional performance by the Forest Forge Group. It was a great joy to see everybody enjoying the splendid performance.

The Bookings Secretary is now Mrs Angie Wright of 13 Green Close (Tel. 471734). All bookings for the Hall or hire of tables etc should be made with her.

The Hall Committee are putting on a ‘Table Top’ sale on Sunday 17th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the Hall. Tables cost £3.50 and I am sure that there will be many bargains available together with teas. Details from the Booking Secretary.
BERE REGIS W.I.

March was an eventful month for our members. The Group Spring Show held at Winterbourne Kingston village hall was an unrivalled success, with Bere Regis claiming many of the awards across the spectrum. From Homecraft, Preserves, Floral, Art and Craft (this includes various skills of needlework and knitting) and Photography. Plus a section that is not judged, titled ‘Now you have made it let us see it!’

Also we came joint third in the co-operative class, we chose to depict the story of ‘Winnie the Pooh’. Being third meant we were just three and a half points behind the overall winner - so not a disgrace.

Our speaker for our March meeting was Mr Impett, who took us on a ‘slide’ journey along the A31. It was rather like memory lane, you suddenly remember that now - just where a particular stone or memorial is. and you have passed it so many times.

For your diary - 19th May at 7.30 p.m. the May meeting will be holding the annual Plant Stall followed by our monthly meeting with refreshments. All are welcome.

Zena Rogers

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

How lucky we were for our over 50’s tour to Chichester, especially after the weather before and after was so wet, windy and hail storms etc. We had a beautiful day. A free raffle for Easter eggs was won by Mrs C Lewis, Mrs Morgan and Mrs S Leigh.

The next meeting is a talk on Tea by Mrs Cochrane of Blendings, Poole. The competition is for a tea plate to be judged by our speaker. New members are welcome. Just come along to the Drax Hall on Wednesday 13th May at 2.20 p.m. You will be very welcome, or ring Kath on 471175.

Mary England - 471469   Kath Jeeves - 471175
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

The monthly meeting was held on 18th March. 23 members were present. After the Exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The business then followed.

It was agreed to hold a Jumble Sale at the Scout Hut on 28th March. This realised £70 and our thanks to all who supported us.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs I Clarke who showed us a video of Her Majesty the Queen’s visit to Bovington Camp.

Teas were served by Mrs March and Mrs Curtiss. A Bring and Buy was run by Mrs Jiffy and a raffle was run by Mrs Jill Cleall.

Cenotaph:
May - Mrs Barnes and Mrs Cockburn
June - Mrs Bennett

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £10
Mrs J Herridge
239

2nd prize - £10
Mr D Cleall 150

3rd prize - £10

4th prize - £5
Mr D Herring
260

5th prize - £5
Mrs P House 262

Shares still available from Gordon Phillips - 471525
IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Thank you to all who attended our Antiques Evening at Briantspuddle on 25th March. It was very successful and £262.41 was raised.

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th May at 10.30 a.m. in Cyril Wood Court. Please come and support this worthy cause.

FRIENDS OF THE PRACTICE - Community Health Volunteers

Friends of the Practice at The Puddletown Surgery currently has 22 volunteers throughout the practice area. Some of them would like to have more to do -

Did you know that Friends of the Practice volunteers are available to visit elderly and house-bound patients, to give carers an opportunity to go out, to shop for people who find that difficult, to walk dogs of patients who are no longer able to do that for themselves, or to help out in countless other ways.

Did you know that Friends of the Practice also provides transport for patients to medical appointments at the surgery at a cost of 20p per mile, though if you have a hospital appointment, that is normally arranged with the hospital car service.

Please contact Sue Chalk for more details (01305) 848333

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonjour !!

The presentation Normandy Apple Tree was planted at the top of Shitterton by Bernard Hammick and Bob James, with good support by members and children from St Marys RC School at Wool. The reason they were also there was to be presented with the second ‘travel bear’. His name is ‘WOOLY’ and will be making his first journey to the school in Cerences soon. Also ‘REGIS BEAR’ received a very warm welcome in Cerences recently when he made his way down.

The Yetties are coming to Bere Regis on the 27th June this year AND Strand Hugg are coming from France as well !! Great news !! Get your tickets from any of the committee members, or from A C Moore in the village. Why not get a group together and make an evening of it. But please buy your tickets in advance to secure a place. They are £7.50 each and include a meal. See our main advert in this issue for further details.
Since this year will be our 1st birthday, we have invited our friends over from Cerences and so far we have been told that around 50 - 60 will be coming. Therefore we are going to need some more volunteers for accommodation. It will be for one night only and will be much appreciated. Any offers of rooms, caravans etc., please contact Ruth (471295).

Congratulations to the Quiz team who succeeded in beating 16 other Twinning Association teams from Dorset. They were awarded a shield which will soon be on display in the Drax Arms. The nearest contenders were 6 points behind.

We are in the middle of negotiations to put in a Petanque terrain at the rear of the sports club and this will hopefully be in place soon. If anyone is interested in making a team up or just having a go, please contact us.

And Finally: To mark our first birthday, we have applied to the council to erect our own Twinning Signs at the entrance(s) to the village, and these will hopefully be officially unveiled on that weekend.

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**THE DORSET LATVIA LINK**

The Crows Nest Inn Swanage held a fund-raising “Race Night” on Saturday 28 March for the Link and raised in excess of £500 towards the Paediatric Defibrillator for the Children’s Hospital serving our Link village of Ikskile. It was a new experience for some of us and confirmed that, as far as picking winners is concerned, we are right at the bottom of the league. Nevertheless it was a fun evening and we are indebted to Mike, Judy and their customers for their continuing support and hospitality.

Our AGM will have taken place by the time this goes to press - too late for any details of change in office holders etc. These will be published in the June issue.

Once again the Link has been invited to run a stall at the Wool Spring Fayre on Sunday 7th June and we are indebted to Wareham Round Table for this continuing opportunity to raise funds for the Link.

Those of you whose subscriptions are due for renewal in April will be hearing very shortly from our Subscription Secretary Hilly Menzies. However if you are not already a member and would like to become one she can be contacted on 01929-471263 for details of membership - annual minimum subscription of £2.50.

Jenny Silavs - Hon Secretary
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Easter Bingo held on Thursday 9 April was a success with over 50 people taking part. We managed to raise over £80 between the bingo and raffle. Thank you to most of the committee members for donating raffle prizes and a very big thank you to Eileen Maidment for calling the bingo. Even the youngsters joined in and had a good time.

We have had to re-schedule the events due to be held on 4 May. These events will now be held on Monday 25 May at Court Green. This will include a car boot sale, pet show, wellie wang, tug of war and the duck race. This year we are hoping to run the ducks from the wooden bridge down to Bere Bridge providing there isn’t too much weed to hamper the course. Anyone interested in putting a team in the tug of war, entering an animal in the pet show or having a car boot please contact me for an entry form. There will be a licensed bar in attendance at this event plus the fish and chip van for more solid food!

Diary of Events

23 May Carnival prince/princess disco incorporating the Drag Queen competition
25 May Tug of war, pet show, wellie wang, duck race, car boot sale at Court Green
14 June Horse ride and mountain bikes starting from Court Green

If you have any ideas on fund-raising events that you would like to see organised please contact me.

Please remember that if the events organised are not supported by local people the carnival may be in jeopardy.

Wendy Johnson - Secretary
01929 471803
THE POP IN PLACE
Can you help us?

Do you have a few hours to spare on a Monday or Friday morning? Would you like to serve teas at one of our sessions? If you are interested in helping out, phone either Alison Bennett on 472023 or Julie Lye on 472069 for more information.

Could anyone possible help with providing a vehicle to use as a float on carnival day? We would like to put an entry in, but have no access to a suitably sized float. If you can help us, please contact Alison or Julie on one of the numbers above. Thank you.

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The whole pit stop workout happens so quickly and efficiently because each crew member knows exactly what to do and what is expected of him. So each one does it to the best of his ability, and that way it is rare that his boss, team-mates or driver are let down. And all to win a race on a speed track!

On the day of Pentecost, which the Church remembers on the last Sunday of this month, Christ Jesus chose a crew of 120 disciples and apostles who were all together in one place, as a team with one aim and one desire - to witness to people about Jesus, and his death and resurrection. On that day they were all filled with the power of the Holy Spirit which enabled them to do the job given to them.

That is how God has designed His church to work today. He wants all its members to know personally that Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust to bring us to God (1 Peter 3: 18), and that Jesus rose from the dead. Each one can then receive the Holy Spirit’s power, enabling the team to work together under His divine instructions as laid out in His manufacturer’s handbook, the Bible. We shall then be a team of disciples who have thrown off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles us, and are running with perseverance the race that God has marked out for us, keeping our eyes on Jesus. (Hebrews 12: 1-3)

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

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Bere’s Saturday eleven and their manager were left to rue a season that may well have yielded promotion to division two. At the outset, Bere expected a much more taxing campaign, and their travels around North Dorset have seen highs and lows in Bere’s performance away from these shores. Over the past two months, Bere have let slip a four point gap at the top of the table, having lost vital away games. The first being against old foe under a new name - Linthorpe. It was their brand of ‘boot-it’ and run football coupled with a determined approach that proved to be Bere’s undoing. On the Branksome mud, Bere dominated proceedings for an hour, but were on the wrong end of missed chances and being hustled out of the play. It was the second defeat of a trilogy, the final ignominy being away to jinx side Hospital Metalcraft, who once again proved an overpowering tower of strength in midfield.

It was their central four that overran Bere with two goals in each half, a lone reply coming from Burt Van Hooijdonck from the penalty spot. There is a chance of more silverware in the League Cup, but this effort may be hampered by the away encounter with Shaftesbury being cancelled at the eleventh hour, leaving a midweek trip likely. A top four place has now been secured, and Bere must now concentrate on the cup, but keep one eye on promotion next season, as they will surely have a concrete claim to that prize.
A tight finish is in order for Bere’s Sunday warriors. Manager, Nick Macklin has seen his side go through a great deal this season. Hampered by injuries, they have achieved more than may have been expected. A brief spell at the top of the table around the festive period took Bere back to the halcyon days, but they had played more games which later proved their handicap. Brushing aside the debacle of Swanage, Bere always played a unique brand of football not often seen in the lower reaches in Dorset football.

There was a capacity crowd at the Rec to witness Bere play up and downers Stur Marshall. They had also flirted with the leader’s position. Bere entered the game on the back of six wins, but three strikers were missing through injury. Bere started the match at a canter, but despite numerous chances they could not find the back of the net. Heads were down as Bere trudged in at half time 3-0 down, with the only real difference between the teams being the finishing.

A rousing team talk at half time caused a turnaround in the second half. Iain Macklin finished expertly from a Gloves Rogerson cross and the visitors were suddenly on the back foot. An unstoppable drive from Steve McEleney brought the score back to 3-2 and Bere were back in the game. Despite continuous pressure, Stur Marshall weathered the storm and then sprang the offside trap one more to go 4-2 up. There was still time for Bungy Brown to set up a grandstand finish with a mountainous header, but the visitors hang on for grim death to seal three priceless points.

The Cricket Club are appealing for players and enthusiasts alike, for the forthcoming 1998 season, we play in the Dorset League, with one team on Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone interested, please contact H Swann 01929 471131 or S Cheeseman 01929 471022.

Youth Cricket will begin on Tuesday 12th May from 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Any interested youngster aged 7 years and upwards should contact Gordon Tucker on 471882.
**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS**

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Coffee morning - Blackdown House**

Lord and Lady Neill have kindly consented to hold a coffee morning in aid of church funds at their house, Blackdown House, on Saturday 30th May. There will be stalls for plants, cakes, books and bric-a-brac. Please come along and support this event.

**Barbecue - Cruck Cottage**

The P.C.C. have decided to break with tradition this year and to hold an early evening barbecue in lieu of the church fête. This will be held at Cruck Cottage on Saturday 11th July. More details in next month’s magazine but please make a note of the date now.

**Bright and beautiful competition**

Verse 3 of "All things bright and beautiful" seems inappropriate in our surroundings.

We may love purple-headed mountains but there aren't many of them visible from the parish of Affpuddle (at least we can gather rushes by the water every day if we want to, and our predecessors must have done so, as in verse 5). I am offering a modest prize, suitable to the age and gender of the winner, to the person who submits the best alternative special-to-Affpuddle third verse for this hymn.

Entries on a postcard please handed or posted to me at Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle by Monday 1 June. They will be judged by a panel of experts and the winner will be announced, the prize presented and the winning verse sung at the open air Affpraise service on 21st June.

Just to remind you, the existing words of this verse are:

- The purple headed mountain,
- The river running by,
- The sunset and the morning,
- That brightens up the sky.

Jonathan Haigh
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the April meeting held on 8th April, Captain Badcock presented a review on behalf of the Friends of Briantspuddle Post Office and Village Shop.

He said that after canvassing opinion in the village there remained expressed need for a Post Office/Shop. However, there was little support for incorporating the new shop in the village hall refurbishment.

Capt. Badcock outlined a number of proposals which included:

1) The present arrangements for a Shop/Post Office should continue in the Granary.
2) That the Parish Council should lease the premises to the ‘Friends Committee’ for a nominal rent. The Friends would then sublet the premises to a suitable person.
3) The Friends would seek an annual grant from the Parish Council to be used to improve a viable service to the Community.

The proposals were agreed in principle and it was requested that the Friends submit a monthly report to the Parish Council. Capt Badcock and his committee were thanked for their efforts in keeping the Shop and Post Office service open.

With regard to the lottery application, the plan already submitted to the Parish Council would not now include the shop. It was decided to ask the Planning Authorities for advice on how best to modify the existing plans and a site visit was to be organised.

The subject of the Village Hall toilets was again raised and their need of repair. Mr Beedle on behalf of the Hall Committee was asked to look into the matter.

The Parish Council decided to join the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which was thought to be a worthwhile, non-political charitable organisation.

It was noted that several bridle ways in the Parish had been blocked. This had been done by the Forestry Enterprise to prevent access by four wheel drive vehicles used for poaching. There is room for walkers and horses to pass.

The W.I. have again entered Briantspuddle for the Best Kept Village award.

Dumping and fly-tipping continue with recent instances including asbestos waste and even pigs’ heads! It is vital that if anyone suspects illegal tipping, vehicle registrations are taken and reported to the police immediately. It is important that this selfish and anti-social practice be stopped.

Mr Gainsford announced his resignation from the Council due to work commitments. His resignation was accepted with regret and he was thanked for his contribution over the years.

There are 8 nominations for 7 places on the Council so elections will take place on 7th May 1998.
VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Ben Osborne who had taken the still photographs for the television film "Life in the Freezer" gave a fascinating lecture with slides on life in the Antarctic. 73 people enjoyed the event and £85 was raised for the Village Hall repair fund.

The Hall Committee met on 6th April. The main item of discussion was the proposed Lottery Grant. Further advice would be sought from the Village Hall Liaison Officer of Dorset Community Action Miss Lois Reay. After consultation it would appear that premises for a shop would not be included in the Village Hall's Lottery Application.

Mrs Thorniley and Mrs Vingoe would be attending a promoter's evening during June and it was hoped that it would be possible to have at least three Art Reach promotions during the Autumn/Winter season. It was also hoped to be able to host an event during the Purbeck Film festival.

The new hire charges come into force on 1st May 1998. They will be as follows:

- **Summer Rate** (1/5 until 30/9) - £4.50 per hour with a minimum hire fee of £9 (equivalent to 2 hours)
- **Winter Rate** (1/10 until 30/4) - £5.00 per hour with a minimum hire fee of £10 (equivalent to 2 hours). The winter rate will apply whether or not the hall is heated

The treasurers of the organisations which regularly use the hall have been notified.

Hire of equipment: The Hall Committee have decided that it will not be possible to hire the new chairs for events outside the Hall. Neither will it be possible to hire the new tea cups, saucers and plates or the Bladen China for events outside the hall. It will be possible to hire the old stacking chairs and the old china for events held within the parish. It is regretted that residents within the Parish cannot hire any equipment for use outside the Parish.
At the March Parish Council Meeting it was reported that a significant number of residents had expressed doubts about the proposal for a shop to be provided within the proposed redevelopment of the Village Hall amenities. As a result of this the shop committee undertook a wider canvas of opinion. This showed that while there remains a strong desire for a Post Office facility allied to a small shop there would appear to be insufficient support within the village as a whole to make it viable to incorporate a full time Post Office/Shop in the Village Hall refurbishment.

In view of this the shop committee has recommended to the council that the present temporary arrangements of a Post Office/Shop opening two mornings a week in the Granary should be established on a permanent basis. This was accepted in principle by the Council and the Shop Committee have been asked to make formal proposals for this. Meanwhile the existing arrangements will continue.

Thank you to those members who joined in on the tidy up in and around the village. It was quite sad to discover how much rubbish is left by people along our lovely footpaths; within an hour we had collected several carrierbags full, enough to fill a car boot.

Several of our members attended the group spring meeting at Lytchett Minster where we had a very enjoyable evening.

This month, on 6th May we discuss the annual resolutions after which Nicky Killer will show us some of her artistic talent through a craft workshop. There will also be a plant stall this evening. We will round the evening off with a ploughman’s supper. All non-members welcome, as always.

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Mini Market 10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library Every Friday 2.00 p.m. - 3.35 p.m., car park
Mothers’ Union 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
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W.I. Bere Regis 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
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Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 12.20 p.m.
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

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<td>Dorset Children’s Show, Bovington Tank Museum from</td>
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<td>Autumn Leaves - talk on Tea</td>
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<td>Jubilee 2000 coach to Birmingham. Lobby of G8 countries</td>
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<td>ICRF Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court</td>
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<td>Drax Hall committee - Table Top Sale</td>
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<td>Diocesan Festival in Salisbury Cathedral</td>
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<td>Carnival disco and Drag Queen competition</td>
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<td>Pet show, tug of war, car boot sale, duck race, wellie wang - Court Green</td>
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<td>Sponsored horse ride and mountain bikes</td>
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<td>Age Concern Fete, Culver Dell, Shitterton</td>
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<td>Official Twinning Reception - with the Yetties and Strand Hug</td>
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July
- 8th: Festival Service in Winchester Cathedral
- 11th: Barbecue - Cruck Cottage
- 18th: Carnival Day
- 28th: Blood Doning session, Drax Hall

August
- 1st: FOBRS Scavenger Hunt and Barn Dance
- 11th: Deanery outing to Mary Sumner House

September
- 19/20th: RBL National Youth Conference, Nottingham University
- 19th: Bellringers visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry 10.00 a.m

October

November
- 28th: Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar