A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

What is the church selling?
What is its product?

I ask these questions because our country is obsessed with selling. If you have something to sell, it must look right; it must compete for attention. Our country is obsessed with sex, or so it seems; take a quick scan of the front pages of today's newspapers. That depends on looks, too, (unless you are rich!). Look good to sell yourself. We are also concerned with survival. Jobs are not there for the taking. "Sell yourself" is the advice. So IMAGE becomes vital. What do you look like? What does your product look like? Never mind what is inside; how is the wrapping?

We are told that the church is in crisis. Will it survive? Have we got the image wrong? Should we change our appeal?

There is nothing very new about this. For the whole of my life I have been totally committed to the church, and it has always been criticised, and in crisis. It has always been seen as tired, or elderly, or dull, or out of date, or stuffy. Twenty years ago, we were all sold the new "up to date language services" as something that would "bring in the young". They fell away like dandruff. Now we are being urged to look relevant, welcoming, timeless, mighty, radical, and of course successful. The new Archbishop's Council is to commission a research into how "consumers" look at the church. CONSUMERS! Notice that word. It is a word from the world of commerce and business, and selling. We speak of the "consumer society". And a consumer society depends on exciting products, and on the satisfaction which they provide. Nothing is demanded from the consumer, no duties are imposed, and there is no obligation.

God is not left out of this worry.

What about the image of God? Perhaps we should become politically correct and call Him, Her. Don't forget Jesus either. What about his image? So we get the image makers giving us a poster to put up at Easter which shows Jesus as Che Guavera, the revolutionary killer from South America. "That will bring them in".
This is only a thought, but I see Jesus, our "model", as being the least "image conscious" of all men. He never sought the crowds. He went away from them. When he was beginning to be recognised as something mysteriously special, he always said "Tell nobody . . . until the right time, when I am raised up". At this time of year, Lent, I am attracted by the words of the hymn "lone and dreary, faint and weary." They speak of Jesus.

Very early on as a clergyman, I asked the question of myself, "What are you selling? What exciting product have you to sell when you knock on someone's door?" To my great dismay, when I had unpacked the product of all its wrapping paper, it turned out to be a Cross. I knew then that my "sales pitch" was unlikely to be a winner by this world's standards. Anyone who bought it had to realise that it wasn't an ice lolly, something satisfying for the moment on a warm summer's day.

This is only a thought . . . but how successful was Jesus on Good Friday... by

Graham Ross
THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE
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April 4th
Easter Day
Mrs P Roblin & Mrs P House
Mrs G Whittle & Mrs M Lewis
Mrs P Ward & Mrs S Hazlerigg

May 2nd
Mrs J Gibbs & Mrs C Burden

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 3rd April from 9.00 am. Yellow and white please. Any enquiries please get in touch with Pat House or Penny Roblin

Readers

Sunday 4th  Mrs Jutting
Sunday 11th  Mrs Griffin
Sunday 18th  Mr Ventham
Sunday 25th  Mrs Ward
# CHURCH SERVICES in April

### Sunday 4th April  
**Easter Day**
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

### Sunday 11th April  
**Sunday after Easter**
- 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 and Sermon (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Annual Parochial Meeting (Affpuddle)

### Sunday 18th April  
**Easter III**
- 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)

### Sunday 25th April  
**Easter IV**
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Sermon (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Songs of Praise (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH FUND RAISING
The Coffee Morning held at the Vicarage on 24th February raised £92. As this was such an enjoyable and successful event, we are having another one on 5th May – also at the Vicarage, to include a plant stall this time. We hope to see our regulars there, plus some extra coffee drinkers.

MC

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
Practices have started again on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. Anyone wishing to have a look or even have a go will be very welcome. Meet at the church porch at 6.30.

We welcome visiting ringers from Hucknall Torkard, Nottinghamshire on Friday morning 9th April at 10.00am

CONCERT IN BERE REGIS CHURCH
The Bournemouth Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Society is giving a concert in Bere Regis Church on Friday 9th April, starting at 7.30 p.m. This is one of our fund raising events. The evening's concert will be followed by light refreshments, and the tickets (which can be obtained at the door) are only £5.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
The first Parochial Church Council Meeting following the Annual Parochial Meeting is to be held in the church on 21st April at 7.15 p.m.
MOTHERS' UNION

Our March meeting was again held at Turberville Court by kind permission of The Warden. Our deanery chaplain, the Revd Robert Green celebrated Holy Communion and preached on the meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus. We do not know very much more about Nicodemus except that he was prepared to help Joseph of Arimathea who laid to rest the body of Jesus. No doubt the encounter with Jesus had changed the life of Nicodemus, as it can change us all.

Mary Fegan had received a letter from our Link branch in Nigeria. We had not heard from them for several years, but they have been receiving our letters and hope to be able to correspond with us regularly.

We all signed a card for Mrs Beatrice Cleall, a long-time member of the MU, who has gone to live near Fordingbridge.

Our April meeting will be held in the church when Mrs Irene Birt will tell us about her work as a nurse in Papua New Guinea.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The atmosphere at the March meeting was definitely one of ‘after Lord Mayors Show’ as there were no Parishioners in attendance even though it was the Annual Parish Meeting at which any Parishioner may speak and put forward their ideas for the Council to consider. This was the scene compared to the busy meetings earlier this year when the proposed developments were mentioned.

The Annual Meeting received a report from the Chairman on the activities of the Council throughout the year. The matter of traffic on Rye Hill was an item that had continued and the Council will try to get improvements to reduce the traffic speed. Our suggestion to move the 30 limit sign nearer to the Poole Hill round about is not agreed with by the DCC so we are now trying to get the sign to be made more prominent - with a yellow background as one sees in other villages. We would also like to see the limit displayed on the road surface, but these are not allowed in a built up area that has street lights! We have given examples of where these are in use but the DCC seems determined to keep the Police in business by the school!

The business of the Council this month was to consider a couple of reports to which we have responded. One concerned the new Crime and disorder Act and the other was the Purbeck District Council’s Economic Development Strategy to the year 2004. The Council was unimpressed by this ‘crystal ball gazing’ as though we are required to take our share of future developments, there was no mention of Bere Regis throughout the document.

The crime figures for the village, normally very low, took a jolt when three cars were ‘attacked’ during a recent Saturday night. Like the geese that saved Rome, it would appear that one of the ‘attacks’ was foreshortened by the waking cries of a small child! These incidents go to show that we can not be complacent as there are people out there who want to make use of other peoples possessions.

The Village in Bloom competition - our own version of Best Kept Village - is coming around again. The rules are quite simple - there is no need to enter as all gardens are judged throughout the village. The judging is undertaken by a pair of Councillors who view from the roadway. They judge precisely what they see and do not enter the gardens. Prizes are awarded in the Autumn and normally there is a selection of photographs to show those of us with less skills just what we ought to be trying to achieve. Incidentally the Best Kept Village competition is also being entered this year.

The Council recorded their pleasure with the works that have been undertaken recently in the Church. The new electrics, the cleaning and the Lime Washing all of which was undertaken by local men is most impressive.

CM
The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Management Committee takes place on Tuesday 13th April at 7.00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting at the Hall. The Drax Hall is giving the village very good service, it is tired and in need of a boost. The Management Committee consists of very loyal parishioners whose hard work keeps the Hall available for us all. Some new - additional faces - would not go amiss particularly as we approach the time when a new Hall is being discussed around the village.

Please note that Mrs Sally Cheeseman is now the Bookings Secretary 01929 471022. Also the Caretaker is now Mrs Diana Bennett - 01929 471011.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

We are holding a Coffee Morning at the Vicarage at 10.30 am on Wednesday 19th May.

We are very grateful to the pensioner who donated his £20 winter fuel payment to ICRF.

Rent a Puzzle

Would you like to have a puzzle for a month.? The £1.00 would go to ICRF. Kew Gardens, 500 pieces available. Apply Sybil Frampton – 471643

Ann Lys
BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL - MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL GRANT

As reported in the July edition of the Parish Magazine, the Parish Council would be interested to learn from Parishioners of any local schemes to celebrate the Millennium. Any applications for funding or support will be expected to identify with one or more of the following themes:

- to understand and preserve our inheritance
- religious faith
- to encourage social inclusion and participation in millennium activities by communities disadvantaged through poverty, race, age, geography and/or discrimination
- to support the aspirations and potential of people with disabilities
- giving time to community projects
- to protect and sustain our environment
- development of life-long learning
- to promote artistic and sporting activities, events and programmes
- to realise the potential of the millennium to lift the mood and profile of the nation
- to harness the spirit of creative Britain through the encouragement of self supporting local activities
- to have international dimension

If you have any ideas then please contact and advise any Councillor.

SCOTT BAKER “YOUNG DRUMMER OF THE YEAR”

Congratulations to Scott Baker for recently winning the “Young Drummer of the Year” competition held in Wimborne.

Scott gained an excellent 95.5% mark for playing his piece winning the grade 4 competition. The mark attained was the best in all grades winning him the overall competition.

Scott is 12 years old and has lived in the village for almost 10 years and attends Sandford Middle School.

To achieve this level of ability Scott practices every day, much to the annoyance of the residents of Bere Regis on the odd occasion!
THE TANK MUSEUM

The Tank Museum at Bovington near Wool is looking for volunteers to come in and help out at various times. The museum is a registered charity and is solely reliant on admission charges to maintain the collection. If anyone feels they have time available to give freely to assist, either in the museum, or shop, would they please contact Susan Ferguson on 01929 405096.

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF WAREHAM

The Inner Wheel Club of Wareham are holding a fund-raising day for the RNLI at Holme Nurseries on 21st April 10.30 – 4.30. There will be coffee, lunches, cream teas and tombola.

Ten per cent of purchases that day at the nursery will go to the charity.
BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

After twelve hours of playing pool non-stop, from 10 pm on the 26th February until 10 am the following day, the youth members had set a new record of 120 frames of pool completed. This beat last year’s record by 19 frames and reflected the stamina shown by many of those taking part. When all the sponsorship money has been collected in, it is hoped that the event will have raised in excess of £150, with the final amount being split 60/40 between the Poppy Appeal and the Youth Section Funds.

The evening spent swimming at Blandford Sports Centre was very enjoyable, it was better than getting wet outside on such a rainy and cold night, as the water was really warm in the pool.

The Girl’s Night included a visit from The Body Shop, covering the technique of make-up, with all the young ladies getting actively involved. I was of course banished for this part of the evening but on my return they all seemed to have enjoyed the session. They were also each given a free voucher to attend the Dorchester shop for a personal make-over. The boys are due for their own special evening with a Boy’s Night on the 13th April, although a make-over session does look rather unlikely.

There will be a Smuggler’s Run competition taking place in Wareham Forest on the 25th April, with Archery on the programme for the 27 and a Treasure Hunt on the 5th May. Plus a Camping Weekend at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest from the 25-27th July.

Before that however, there is Skiing at Warmwell on the 23rd March, in a visit that all the members have been eagerly waiting for.

There is also a revenge challenge against the Women’s Section, who are looking to put the record straight at carpet bowls, in a return match on the 30th March. The ladies are sure that they can put one over on the youngsters this time round.

A chance for the members to show just how good a singer, dancer, magician or whatever else they are on the 11th May, at the Section’s ‘Talent Night’. Perhaps a new star will be discovered and they may go on to make a real name for themselves.

Mexico is the country and the members will be getting in the mood when the section holds a ‘Mexican Night’ on the 8th July. There will be Mexican dress, hot spicy snacks, suitable music and a competition to have a go at.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader Tel: 471693.
FRIENDS OF THE PRACTICE/COUNTRY CAR SERVICE

Many of you are already aware that Friends of the Practice at Puddletown Surgery is able to provide volunteer drivers to transport patients to surgery appointments as well as dental, optician etc. appointments further afield, and a limited number of shopping trips for elderly and infirm patients who are unable to access other means of transport.

This service is subsidised by funding from Dorset Healthcare Trust and Dorset County Council’s Country Car Service.

So far, we’ve been able to keep the suggested patient contribution to a minimal 20p per mile of their journey (irrespective of the volunteer driver’s total mileage). However, I have been informed by County Hall, who administer the transport side of our scheme, that in line with national rates, we are obliged to increase the patient’s contribution to 25p per mile, with effect from 1st April 1999.

We at the surgery do apologise for any difficulty that this may cause, and hope that the majority of our patients will still feel able to make full use of our scheme.

Sue Chalk, ‘Friends of the Practice’ Co-ordinator - 01258 880256
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

This year our Scouts are planning a camp in May at Buddens Farm – the Scout County Training Centre. Our Cubs will also be camping in May at Bowling Green Woods, Lulworth.

This winter our Scouts have enjoyed playing Wide Games on Black Hill, Dry Skiing at Warmwell Leisure Centre, have come 2nd in the District Orienteering Competition and entered the District Cyclocross Competition.

We are still in need of storage for tents and equipment which we only use occasionally – if anyone has a spare garage or shed which we could use please contact me on 01929 471651.

On Saturday 24th April we will be holding a Jumble Sale at Blandford Corn Exchange from 10 am to 12 noon. We will be sorting Jumble at the Scout HQ on the evening of Friday 23rd April between 6.30 and 7.30 pm – please could you bring any Jumble you can spare to the Scout HQ that evening or contact me on 01929 471651 if you need Jumble collected.

On Saturday 10th July we will be holding a ‘Cub Roast’ at Shitterton Farmhouse to raise funds for our local activities. This will be on the day after the ‘Shitterton Spectacular’ concert on 9th July in aid of Kenya 2000. A very busy, enjoyable weekend for all ages.

Pat Hall

ON THE MOVE!

Dorothy Towers Smith has moved to Holmesley Retirement Home, Sidmouth, Devon and would like herewith to thank her friends for their many kindnesses while she was at 11 Cyril Wood Court.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our next meeting will be on 13th April. Mrs Julia Harrison from Exmouth, will be our demonstrator and her title is ‘Kaleidoscope’. There will be a plant stall at our April meeting.

Pat House
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We had a very interesting talk in March by Mr Eastwood on being a coal miner. The winner of the Nan Mooney Cup for a vase of spring flowers was Mrs Burden of Briantspuddle and second Mrs Dixon.

Our tour to Christchurch with a trip round the New Forest on the way home is on the 14th April. Seats £4.50 of which there are only 6 left. Contact Kath (471175) as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Our May Fayre is on Saturday 1st May at 2.00pm in the Drax Hall. Please bring anything for sale when you come or contact Kath if you need anything collected.

New members are always welcome so please come along.

Mary England - 471469   Kath Jeeves - 471175
BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

John England gave an extremely interesting talk on Brownsea Island at the March meeting. We will be following up this talk with a visit to Brownsea on Sunday 23rd May with details as follows:-

11.00 am   Catch boat from Poole Quay
11.45 am   Guided tour of the nature reserve
1.40 pm onwards   Time to visit the rest of the island at your leisure.

Boats return every half hour with the last boat at 5.00 pm.

Tickets £6.50. Telephone 471774 for bookings.

It is intended that we make our own way to/from Poole Quay but if anybody needs a lift please ask and we will try to fit you in.

On Tuesday 6th April John Baldwin will be passing on tips for 'Growing and Showing Fuchsias'.

Our old friend Harry Dawes joins us on Tuesday 4th May with tales of successes and failures in his garden.
BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

The school will be 70 years old this year and we are planning to celebrate with a ‘Grand Reunion’ of past pupils and staff on Sunday 19th September. There will also be an exhibition of old photos, films, reports (!) school books and any other memorabilia that can be collected. Please ring any of the following if you can contribute in any way, or if you want more details:-

Day - Jane Hurdiss (née Corbin) 471334
Bridget Clark (née Hinz) 471096
Eves - John Hinz – 471712
Rachel Gale (née Bartlett) 556960

On a sadder note, no source of funding has been found to re-build the school swimming pool, so it will have to be decommissioned this year. It has outlived its expected lifetime by many years, so it has done us, and the whole village, proud.

The pupils in Year 4 have recently returned from a three-day trip to Osmington Activity Centre. It was a very successful excursion, and the children had a wonderful (and exhausting) time.

“It was all really good” – Sophie Maskeny

“It’s the best place I’ve ever been” - Ben Elford

“It was excellent! I loved the tunnel trail” – Jessica Ives

DORCHESTER AREA PLAY AND LEARN VAN

It is with great regret that we have to inform you of the closure of the Play and Learn Van as from 26th March 1999 due to cutbacks in the Early Years budget.

Thank you very much for faithfully advertising the dates of local visits over the years. This has made a big difference in publicising the service to families in rural communities.

When the new Play and Learn Service is in operation later in the year I hope you will be able to advertise our local 'toy swops' and I will inform you of these as they arise.

Sue Harrison
April 1999

BERE REGIS W.I.

The coffee morning held on March 10th at Mrs Di Phillips home at Shitterton supporting the NATIONAL MENINGITIS TRUST raised just over £108. A big thank you to all who donated the various "goodies" and also all who generously supported financially.

The February meeting. We were taken by Mr John England on a journey around Brownsea Island, from the past to the present, with an added bonus of an extra clip of slides of the birds that make the island their habitat, some of which only come in the summer months.

This month - make a note of the date - April 20th... Mrs Orrin will be the speaker for the evening. The title of her talk being "Dreams and Their Meanings." A delight for some and a shattering experience for others. But stop and think.....perhaps your memory gives you the wrong interpretation! Accept the challenge and come and find out for yourself!

A warm welcome is assured, there will not be any ghouls in sight! Only the Heavenly refreshments of the ladies in charge for the evening....drifting around you.

We meet at the DRAX HALL at 7.30pm every third Tuesday of the month.

Zena Rogers
FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

Our second Pub Games Triathlon will take place on 17th April at the Royal Oak at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part can just turn up on the night. Entrance fee will be £1.50 for first round and £1.00 for further rounds. The games will include Darts, Pool and Skittles with cash prizes and trophies going to the highest scoring Male and Female. This event was very enjoyable and successful last year and we look forward to seeing more people taking part this year.

I would also like to remind you that the programme of monthly Car Boot Sales has now re-started and April’s will take place on Sunday 25th at 2pm, sellers should arrive at 1pm, pitch fees are £3.50 for a car, £5 for van/car with trailer or £4 for a table top inside the hall. For Buyers, entrance is free and refreshments will be on sale.

Claire Gamble – 471682
ADVENTURERS IN THE COUNTY MUSEUM

Although established as long ago as 1846, the Dorset County Museum is still better known to visitors to the County than to local people by a factor of four to one!

How many readers know that the Museum contains the largest collection of Hardy manuscripts in the World, the most local photos, the only professional curated natural history and geology collections, a rich map collection and library and one of the largest collections of archaeology outside the national museums?

The Museum is a community enterprise in the very best sense and is supported by the 2,000 strong membership of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. Members help financially through their subscriptions (children’s membership starts at £5.20), by volunteering, by contribution to the Society’s 200 page annual ‘Proceedings’ and through attendance at the active annual programme of events, workshops and talks on Dorset subjects.

Through the richness of its collections and the activities of its membership it contributes back to the community data on local wildlife and fossils, rainfall records, entertainment, education and a historical memory of life and adventure in every local parish.

There is an active and changing exhibitions programme including major summer shows on Mary Anning the fossil lady of Lyme in 19999 and next year a large scale show on 2000 Years of the Christian Church in Wessex showing some of the finest objects from Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset. Not for nothing were we Best Museum of Social History in the Museum of the Year Awards in 1998!

Why not sign up to become a member of Dorset’s first conservation body and largest cultural organisation? One member in almost every Dorset village has a stock of membership forms for local distribution or you can contact the Curator or Administrator directly on 01305 262735.
KENCO/MENINGITIS TRUST COFFEE MORNING

On a sunny Spring day, many people enjoyed a trip to Shitterton to drink good coffee and chat in friendly company.

Grateful thanks to all who helped, attended and gave so generously at the Kenco/Meningitis Trust coffee morning.

Chris did a brisk trade on the Bring-and-Buy stall, selling everything from baked beans to books to bric-a-brac. Sheila had a roaring trade in raffle tickets, for a great number of prizes, all donated, and Pat and her friend, who was visiting on holiday, were kept busy making coffee as if they had been doing it all their lives.

With gifts and money taken on the day, the total raised was £100 plus.

A very worthwhile effort, for a deserving cause. Many thanks to everyone.

Di Phillips.
MUSICAL MYSTERY TOUR AT BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

Abbotsbury Music Festival presents Lucie and Roddy Skeaping’s Musical Mystery Tour at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday 23rd April (2.30 pm) and Saturday 24th April (11 am).

Would your child like to make music with a caveman – or join Henry VIII’s band? Then come on a lively musical journey back in time, through stories, costumes, song and dance and lots of joining in. Children hear minstrel songs and help a knight on horseback fight a dragon in an Elizabethan street theatre performance.

There are over twenty wonderfully named period instruments to see and play: rumhorns, hurdy gurdy, cittern – with stones, rattles and shells – even a ‘bum fiddle’ – a genuine musical instrument.

Lucie and Roddy are both classically trained musicians, able to communicate their delight to a young audience. Lucie is well-known for her appearances as a presenter of children’s TV programmes for BBC and Channel 4.

Lucie and Roddy’s show is designed for children aged 4-12.

“Amusing stimulating and informative” – Times Education Supplement.

Book early! This will be a very popular event!

For 1999 brochure and to book tickets in advance: Adult £7.00, Child £3.50, Family (2 adults and 2 children) £18.00. Abbotsbury Music Festival Office, 9a West Street, Abbotsbury, Dorset DT3 4JT. Tel/Fax 01305 871475.

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

The next blood donor session will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on TUESDAY 27TH APRIL 1999 from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm to 7 pm. Please try and come and give blood if at all possible as blood is always urgently needed. New and lapsed donors will be most welcome as well as regular donors. The second session this year will be on Tuesday 31st August.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01179-912020 or your local organiser, Mrs R Short, tel: 01305 853538
**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

We have someone in France who wants to do an exchange with someone here. They are aged 14 and further details can be obtained from Caroline on 01929 471306.

Also, please would everybody who is interested in going to Cerences in June to contact me as soon as possible.

Bernard Hammick

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**THANK YOU**

Both Irene and myself wish to thank all my family and many friends for their get well messages, cards and those who visited me during my recent stay in hospital.

Again many thanks.

Gordon Phillips

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**50/50 AUCTION**

There will be a 50/50 Auction in aid of Bere Regis Scouts Kenya 2000 expedition.

It will take place on Monday 19th April at 7.00 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Entries to be brought on Sunday 18th April from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Viewing on Monday 19th April from 4.30 p.m. For help with collecting larger items and further details contact:

Bob Knight 01929 471838 or Julie Cosker 01929 471688

Jamie Knight
Once again the Christian Church celebrates Easter, the last one of this Millennium. But what is the true meaning and reason for this celebration?

At the very heart of the Christian faith is the cross of Christ Jesus - what He did there, and why. Put simply, the Son of God came to earth from heaven to make the Way for mankind to go from earth to heaven, when our life on this planet comes to an end. "Jesus said, 'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6. 1 Timothy 2:5-6. No, we will not return to this life in a higher or lower form, as a certain (sorry, uncertain) Mr. Hoddle thinks!

Christ came to redeem or 'buy back' all people from sin and Satan's domination, and save them from a lost eternity, thus giving mankind hope. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Christ did this as He took onto himself the sin of the whole world, shed His pure blood and gave His life on a cruel cross for you and me. If the story had ended there we would have had no hope and nothing to celebrate. Life on earth would be pointless. But three days later Christ Jesus was raised from death to new resurrection life. No wonder the disciples celebrated! 1 Corinthians 15:12-23.

On each side of the cross of Jesus were crosses where two thieves were nailed. One thief refused to believe and rejected Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, thereby robbing himself of eternal life. Luke 23:38-43. But the other thief believed in Jesus before it was too late, and so received new resurrection life.

Which of the two thieves represents you and me? To celebrate Easter and the Millennium in the correct, best and only way is to trust Christ Jesus as your own Lord, Saviour and Redeemer.

Rev Ray Healey, 12 South Mead, 471443
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CRIMESTOPPERS : 0800 555111

Burglary, assault, vandalism, drug dealing, murder and worse are happening every day. Wherever we live, our families, friends, businesses and community facilities are potential victims of the criminals who mar our society. We suffer injury, loss and stress and are subject to increased insurances and community charges.

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to the teams that entered the Quiz on Saturday 27 February at the Sports Club. Congratulations to the Firemen Sam team who retain their title. There were a total of five teams entered and all had a very good evening. Thank you to Sue Stone for providing the questions and being question mistress.

Sales of badges and keyrings are going well. These will now be on sale at all events leading up to the Carnival or can be obtained from any member of the committee.

Forthcoming Events

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Please come along to any of the above events and lend your support – without support we cannot give the village a carnival.

If you have any ideas for events or would like to help out at any event, please contact one of the Committee.

Don’t forget – Carnival Day – Saturday 17 July 1999

Wendy Johnson, 01929 471803 (mobile 07971 348951)

DORSET EVENING ECHO

I have become Community Correspondent for the Dorset Evening Echo at Weymouth. This means that each week I will be writing about local events for Bere Regis and ‘The Puddles’.

If you have any events requiring publicity beforehand, or any items of local news, please ring or fax me on 01305 848262.

Diana Holman, Camelot, Affpuddle.
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football results

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One or two untimely cancellations has hampered the progress of Bere's Saturday football side. A crucial away encounter with Gillingham was postponed to the amazement of the manager and playing staff, it appears there may be a hidden agenda in North Dorset. As with earlier interruptions, Bere took all this in their stride and collected two away wins at potential banana skin opponents.

At Stourpaine, Bere's goal legend - Burt Stranack netted the opener, followed by two more from Tony Lumsden and rising starlet Mike Mahoney. This was a most pleasing result, however this may have been outdone by victory at eternal spoilers Linthorpe, whose attack does not carry so much weight these days, but are difficult to break down. Bere exacted revenge for last season's League Cup semi-final exit on the primitive Alderney Rec by coming away 3-1 winners, keeping up the pressure on league leaders Holt United, although it would appear as though the leaders have matters sewn up. Bere's season now rests on a headlong charge into two monumental fixtures, away to Holt United and away to Gillingham, the later being of major influence on who may finish second in the league.

A return to winning ways for the Sunday side at home to Damory Oak was essential, and Nick Macklin's charges delivered the goods against a side capable of an upset or two. Goal King Andy Curtis was welcomed back as leading scorer. With the pitch cutting up after overnight downpours, this was not one for the purist. Damory had come to starve space and also brought with them a flag happy referee's assistant. Notwithstanding these factors, Bere managed to carve out the best chances.

Rob White missed two golden opportunities when one on one with the keeper, whilst Kev Cox chipped in with a missed opening himself after latching onto a 40 yard pass from Hristo Oram.
A scoreless first period was followed by disaster for Bere as the visitors went 1-0 up. This galvanised Bere into playing the only spell of football during the game. The reward was an exquisite goal from Andy Curtis as he weaved in and out of three defenders before bringing the scores level. Rob White soon became the benefactor of a loose backass, and he made no mistake when being clean through this time. A third was added by Andy Curtis, the Bere put up the shutters for a 3-1 result.

As the chase for the title hotted up, Bere needed to add to the credit column of their goal difference at home to Wimborne RBL, who had already conceded some 66 goals this term. With the wind blasting in from the Larder End, they started at a gallop and piled on the pressure and racked up the goals. Bere played Wimborne off the park, and goal from Bungy Brown, Iain Macklin, Earle of Dacre and a quickfire hat trick from Rob White saw Bere into an 8-0 advantage. The most tiring thing Bere had to do was to run back to the half way line after scoring. Wimborne got a breakthrough early in the second half as a cross that converted into a shot sailed over rooted 'keeper Dean Rogerson. He then attempted to clear and struck the back of an opposing attacker only to see his effort loop over his head into an empty net. The game was marred by a vicious tackle from Darren 'No Bookings' Spivey, who scythed down an opponent with Bere already being 8-0 to the good. He suffered his first booking ever as a result as thereferee had no option. A hat trick for Bungy Brown and a fourth for Rob White coupled with a Mark Gale penalty completed the rout.

The big clash of the season, awaited with eager anticipation at the Rec, finally arrived. Stokeford Challengers were pushing for promotion, and were favourites for the title having games in hand. Prior to the match, a minute's silence was supremely observed for the memory of Leonard 'Dapper' Hall, who sadly passed away in the week previous to the match. Dapper played a major part in the history of Bere Regis sport. He was involved in Bere Regis football, playing and in administration for some 60 years which also made him well known to a lot of people county wide. He was a gentleman, who always had time for those around him, and his efforts for the club alongside his wife Hazel was justly rewarded by a trip to Buckingham Palace in 1997, for recognition for volunteer work. The club has lost a great servant, someone who will be missed by a large number of people.

Bere started the game at a frantic pace which was more than matched by Stokeford, who with Bere were realising the major importance of the encounter. The victors would surely secure a division 3 berth next season, and the losers an Inter Toto Cup place. Bere probed at the cracks of the Stokeford defence, who relied more and more on their pre-programmed linesman.
April 1999

An early injury scare for starinan Rob White, was a dent in Bere's midfield energy. He returned giving Bere the edge in the crucial part of the pitch. For all their efforts, Bere fell behind in the match to a 25 yarder that left Bere's keeper helpless. With Bungy Brown inflicting most damage on the British Army in recent years, Bere gained a deserved equaliser. Earl Of Dacre picked out Rob White in style who finished likewise. Bere's visitors' fitness played a major part in the second half. Their military background proved to be a decisive factor, as Bere were forced back chasing shadows. They conceded two goals during the onslaught either side of a Dacre thunderbolt which the keeper could only palm into the net. It was a fateful handball by Andy Curtis in Bere's area which gifted Stokeford all three points and probably the title.

League Tables as at 14 March

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The club will be hosting their Annual Easter Egg Draw at the Bere Regis Sports Clubhouse on 3 April, all are most welcome to what has been proven to be a successful event over the past few years.

The football section will be holding their Presentation evening at the home of sponsors - The Royal Oak. Trophies for both the Saturday and Sunday elevens will be handed out in the skittle alley of the Royal Oak on 21 May, along with a buffet and disco. Tickets are available from Cyril Cheeseman on (01929) 471022. The club's most prestigious event of the year has been moved back its former date on the calendar. The football six-a-side will be held at the Recreation Ground on 5 June due to popular demand. Anyone interested in entering a team this year, please contact Andy Cheeseman on (01929) 463904. All entrants/teams must be registered with the Dorset Football Association, and costs are £15.00 per team.

With cricket being in the forefront this summer with the World Cup being staged in England, the cricket section kick off their campaign with pre-season net practices on 28 March, 4 & 11 April, at Blandford Leisure Centre commencing at 2.00pm, leaving the clubhouse in Bere Regis at 1.15pm. This coming season the club have one team in The PCB Dorset Cricket League Division 3 (Saturday), and one team in The PCB Dorset Cricket League Division 6 (Sunday). The club are always seeking new players, umpires, scorers and enthusiasts. Anyone interested should contact the Club Chairman - Herbie Swann on (01929) 471131. There is a flourishing youth section which now is being officially coached by Gordon Tucker, following a hugely successful indoor cricket campaign. Dorset cricket has a district system in place for all youth cricket, and the club have a say in the Southern Region, which will give opportunities for up and coming young players to play at a representative level. Please contact Gordon Tucker on (01929) 471882 for more details regarding cricket playing and practice sessions which begin on 4 May at the ground.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTAS

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NEW ROTA

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 sidesperson or read the lessons at Affpuddle Church; or if you do this already, tell me if your availability has changed. Sidespeople are subject to annual election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Jonathan Haigh (01929 471768)
DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 3 April. Do come along and help. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be delivered to the Church on Saturday morning before 10.00am.

Philippa Thorniley

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTAS FOR 1999/2000

The flower and cleaning rotas for the year starting in April 1999 have been prepared and delivered to all those who have so kindly offered to help with these important tasks. In addition to the weekly cleaning as you know there are four special cleans of the church. These have been planned for Saturdays 12 June and 9 October 1999 and Saturdays 9 January and 26 March 2000. Do mark these dates in your diary and come along to lend a hand and help keep the church clean and tidy.

If those of you who have large gardens and are clever at growing flowers would like to give flowers for the decoration of the church please contact any of the flower ladies. Those people who clean the church and do the flowers are always listed every month in the magazine.

This is a good opportunity to thank all those people who give up their valuable time to clean the church and do the flowers. Their gift of time and talent is greatly appreciated by everyone and helps to make the Church at Affpuddle one of the best kept churches in the diocese.

Philippa Thorniley

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

The Annual Parochial Meeting for the parish of Affpuddle is to be held after Evensong on the Sunday after Easter (11th April). At this meeting, reports on the year are given, and elections take place.

The first Parochial Church Council meeting following the Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. in Cruck Cottage.
HOME WATCH
Since the new year there have been two reported burglaries in the Home Watch Area of Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Throop.

The first was in Throop where a thief broke into a house by breaking a back window. The burglar was disturbed by the householder and little of value was taken as he escaped through a door which had been opened to prepare for his escape.

The second attack was on a property in Affpuddle where garden machinery was taken. It is believed that the burglars did not enter the house because it had a security alarm.

Parishioners should be vigilant and it strongly recommended that window locks and special door locks should be fitted.

At this time of year garden sheds and outhouses are at risk particularly those remote from the house. There are some excellent locks which can be fitted which will deter all but the most determined burglar.

A pick up truck marked “Highway Maintenance” has been reported to be going around the area touting for business to lay asphalt. Do not give them work as they charge extortionate prices and produce poor work.

Bill Thorniley
BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

During April members of the Hall Committee will be selling numbers for the 100 Club, the profit of which forms the major part of the annual fund raising budget for the repair and maintenance fund for the Hall. Please greet the Committee members kindly when they call and renew your subscription for the year starting in June 1999!

Philippa Thorniley

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

There was a good attendance at our March meeting and the Treasurer reported we had made £90.01 at the Jumble Sale. Thank you to all the people who gave jumble and bric-a-brac and books. There was quite a lot of business to discuss and the County Newsletter had many forthcoming events in the current issue. Communitywise it was reported that our 'shop in the Granary' which we all appreciate, particularly the Post Office, needs various alterations. To this end the Shop Committee would like come financial help from local organisations and it was agreed we donate £15 to them for this purpose.

Our April meeting is a skittles evening and members were asked to ‘bring a plate’ of refreshments. In May the Resolutions will be discussed and afterwards there will be a takeaway supper. We always welcome visitors and new members.

Our speaker after all the business was finished was Mrs J Curnow on The Alexander Technique and was very interesting. She told us how it was developed, how many different kinds of people sought her help for varied reasons, and how beneficial it could be. It is a ‘one to one’ treatment and needs to be undertaken for quite a while. It was a surprise to hear that the new hall chairs which prove such a comfort to those of us who have endured years on the little wooden ones, were in fact quite wrong from a posture point of view.

Mary Bentley

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI COFFEE MORNING FOR THE NATIONAL MENINGITIS TRUST

We raised £123.20 and would like to thank everyone who supported us and made cakes for our stall.

Briantspuddle WI
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 10th March.

Mr Rolls, for the PC, together with Mr Solly had attended a Transport Seminar in February. Mr Solly summarised the day. He said that the UK spent 70% less on public transport compared with continental Europe which was a sad fact for rural residents. It seemed that rural transport was low on the list of priorities, not much money was to be spent and buses laid on to rural villages must be self-financing. He said that those with the loudest voice would probably get most attention and with this in mind the PC pledged to continue to make representations and also seek the support of the CPRE.

Mrs Debenham reported that the recent removal of an earth bank from a section of the new by-lass had made the road visible (and audible) from Affpuddle. She pointed out that this was contrary to the Public Local Enquiry of 1992 which stated clearly that road building would be sympathetic with natural contours by shaping earthworks and planting trees – to screen traffic. Mr Rolls, on behalf of the PC agreed to arrange a site visit with a view to reinstate the earth bank before earth moving equipment was moved from site.

Cpt Badcock for ‘Friends of the Village Shop’ said that he still had received nothing from DAPTC regarding endorsement of the draft Agreement. This was to be chased as a matter of urgency as no further progress could be made without the ratified Agreement.

With regard to the lottery application, Mrs Lightfoot explained that two architects had been arranged to look at the buildings. A questionnaire would be prepared so a fair comparison could be made.

It was still not certain who owns the land suggested as a possible place to site the bottle banks. However, in view of a number of understand able objections to this site, it was decided to pursue again a previously suggested site on the opposite side of the road to the pumping station and a little further up towards Throop.

PDC has replied to the comments received about the poor state of the bridleway from Turnerspuddle towards Briantspuddle. Their view was that it was not unreasonable to expect the road to become wet and muddy at this time of year and with suitable footwear it was perfectly navigable. Nevertheless, Mr Chamberlain, who’s farm vehicles use the road, will endeavour to fill the potholes as appropriate.
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

AGM - We are due to hold our Annual General Meeting in April and details of date and venue will be circulated to members very shortly. Details were not available at time of going to press due to holiday commitments of 3 of our committee members. If anyone feels they would like to become an active committee member please get in touch with the secretary, who will be delighted (not to say astonished) to hear from you.

ALESJA - We have now received all the information necessary to enable the committee to plan a suitable course of action in relation to the adjustments required on Alesja's prosthesis. This has taken much longer than we had hoped or anticipated but the best laid plans of mice and men etc etc. Following a successful entrance examination, Alesja reports that she has been offered a place at a rehabilitation centre for the disabled at Dubulti, near Urmula in Latvia. The 2½ year course starts in September and is free of charge to the successful applicant. Training is given in computers and other allied subjects to enable her to seek employment in an office at the end of her training period.

Our subscription secretary is Mrs Hilly Menzies and can be contacted on 01929-471263.

JENNY SILAVS - Hon Sec
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APRIL
1 (Thursday) CARNIVAL BINGO
2 PETE HOWELL & HIS ACCORDION
3 QUIZ & EASTER EGG DRAW AND BUMPER QUIZ
RESULTS
10 SUPERLEAGUE DARTS
14 WOMENS SECTION COFFEE EVENING
17 FUNCTION
23 (Friday) TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ
24 PRIVATE FUNCTION
30 (Friday) DISCO

MAY
8 SUPERLEAGUE DARTS
14 RON HUGHES + SUPPER £5 per ticket
22 BULLSEYE 8.15 pm
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<td>Every Monday, 7.30 - 8.45 p.m. School hall - 472153</td>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April
1st  Carnival Committe, Easter Bingo, Legion    8.00 p.m.
6th  Gardening Club ‘Growing and Showing Fuchsias’ John Baldwin  8.00 pm
9th  Gilbert and Sullivan concert in Church
9th  Carnival Committee Darts Knock Out, Drax Arms
14th Autumn Leaves tour to Christchurch
17th  FOBRS 2nd Pub Games Triathlon, Royal Oak.  7.30 p.m.
19th  Scouts 50/50 Auction. Scout Hut    7.00 p.m.
21st  RBL Women’s section coffee evening at HQ 7.00 p.m.
23rd  Dorset Twinning Association Quiz Night, Legion
24th  Jumble Sale, Blandford Corn Exchange  10.00 a.m. - 12 noon
25th  FOBRS Car Boot Sale, School Playground

May
1st  Autumn Leaves May Fayre, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m
4th  Garden Club ‘Successes & Failures in My Garden’ Harry Dawes 8.00 pm
5th  Coffee Morning at Vicarage 10.30 am
12th Autumn Leaves Meeting in Drax Hall talk about the Land Army 12.30 p.m
15th  Organ Recital by Dame Gillian Weir, Wimborne Minster  7.30 p.m.
19th  Coffee Morning at Vicarage for ICRF 10.30 am
30th  FOBRS Car Boot Sale, School Playground
### June
12th  Glamorous Granny Competition, Legion
12th  RBL Women’s section Annual Fête, HQ  2.30 p.m.
13th  FOBRS Summer Fayre, School
16th  RBL Women’s section Mystery Tour
24th  Age Concern Fête, Shitterton  2.00 p.m.
26th  Carnival Prince/Princess Disco, Legion
26/27th  Twinning Association visit to Cérences
27th  FOBRS Car Boot Sale, School Playground

### July
3rd  FOBRS Barn Dance, School
9th  Shitterton Spectacular with Jim Etherington and Strand Hugg  7.30 p.m.
10th  Cub Roast, Shitterton Farmhouse  2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
17th  Carnival

### November
10th  RBL Women’s section coffee evening, HQ  7.00 p.m.

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