A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Why Celebrate the Millennium Anyway?

It worries me. I have never liked New Year very much. My main consolation has always been that the festivity is quickly ended. One evening of hype, and then normality returns. But what about this time! Celebrations have already begun, and now my mail is beginning to include suggestions for "Pentecost" 2000. You mark my words, there will soon start an endless nostalgia on the television and in the papers, not about 1999, but about the past 100 years, the past 1000 years and the 1000 years before that. Then will come the prophets, predicting what it will be like after I am dead. And worst of all, there will be the incitement to enjoy myself by indulging in the biggest binge of all time.

Meanwhile, I am being made to feel guilty. "What are the churches doing for the Millennium?" people ask. A frenzy is whipped up about Christianity being centre stage in the ghastly Dome. May I share with you some thoughts that contradict everything that the world will have us do or think?

First, I suggest that a celebration might be a betrayal of Christianity?

The birth of Jesus was silent. It was hidden. There was no "song and dance". Sometimes Christians say that God "revealed " himself in Jesus. I think we ought to say that God "concealed" himself in Jesus. He soon became known as the "son of the carpenter". When he began to be aware of his power as a healer and orator and teacher, he ordered "Tell no one I am the Christ". God was very shy in Christ. There was to be no sensation, no fanciful display, no misrepresentation of the truth. So I suggest that he would want no pride of place within a millennium dome, The cross would spoil the binge. That’s why the organisers are frightened about prayers.

Second, may I suggest that a millennium celebration might betray the "humility" of God, who came in Jesus Christ. That tiny baby thing, the child of country peasants; that man who had the greatest power of any man in the history of the world; that man chose to lead, not drive. He served. He was biased to the poor, the sick, the marginalised of his little world. It was to the leper and the hated that he looked with compassion and love. He was eventually rejected, reviled, and tortured to death on the refuse pit outside Jerusalem. Buried in a borrowed grave.

This was the man who stooped low. He stooped low enough to be looked down upon and kicked in the face. I wonder what he would think when he heard people talk about his "rightful place” in the Dome.
Third, may I suggest that we Christians ought to be a bit shy at celebrating. Of course, much of our heritage has benefited from the pure influence of Jesus the Christ. We are surrounded by the ideas and ideals of beautiful Christian people, hidden people, down the ages. The power of our God as hidden in Christ has been released in so many ways in so many people. This can be celebrated. But let us not be proud or arrogant about this. Jesus has been betrayed from the beginning. Hatred of the Jews was firmly imprinted in our early church and New Testament. It was the little stream that grew into the torrent of the recent Holocaust. I sometimes see my Christian hands stained with the blood of millions. Study the history of the Crusades and the Inquisition and the Reformation. Celebration is something that begins to dry the mouth.

So may I suggest that for the Christian, our second millennium celebration should be one of humility and repentance. We should avoid noisy display and triumphalism. Let us celebrate the anniversary of His birth two thousand years ago with the simple words of one of our favourite carols:

How silently, how silently,
    The wondrous gift is given
    So God imparts to human hearts
    The blessings of his heaven.

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1st prize - £10
Mrs G whittle, no 43

2nd prize - £10
miss d briggs, no 34

3rd prize - £10
ven g h roblin, no 131

4th prize - £5
mr d herring, no 260

5th prize - £5
mrs b moss, no 136
## THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE

### The Vicar

The Venerable Graham Roblin OBE

The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

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### Church Officials - Bere Regis

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**PCC Members**

- Geoffrey Booth, Molly Carlyle, Ian Ventham, Susan Hazlerigg, Eileen Jutting,
- Kay March, Sybil Frampton, Eileen Bangay, Robert Croom, Mary England.

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**PCC Members**

- Bill Thorniley, Robin Gainsford, Mike Menzies, Steve Sanderson, David Payne,
- Allan Smith, Jenny Silvas, Erica Moriarty, Dorothy Reed, Audrey Grindrod.
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 1st August 9.30a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

Sunday 6th August 11.00a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00p.m. Mr Smith

Sunday 15th August 9.30a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
6.00p.m. Miss Frampton

Sunday 22nd August 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward

Sunday 29th August 9.30 a.m. United Benefice Service at Affpuddle

Sanctuary Flower Guild

1st August Mrs J Harley
6th August Wedding
15th August Mrs G Whittle Mrs M Lewis
22nd August Mrs P Ward Mrs S Hazlerigg
29th August Mrs J Gibbs Mrs C Burden

Readers

1st August Mrs Jutting
8th August Mr Ventham
15th August Mrs Griffin
22nd August Mrs Ward
## CHURCH SERVICES in August

### Sunday 1st August  
**Trinity 9**  
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)  
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)  
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins & Communion (Affpuddle)  
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)  

### Sunday 8th August  
**Trinity 10 (Patronage Festival - Affpuddle)**  
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)  
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)  
- 11.00 a.m. Mothers’ Union Service (open to all - Bere Regis)  
- 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)  
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)  

### Sunday 15th August  
**Trinity 11**  
- 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 22nd August  
**Trinity 12**  
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)  
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)  
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)  
- 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)  
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)  

### Sunday 29th August  
**Beheading of St John the Baptist**  
- 9.30 a.m. Benefice Communion (Affpuddle)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
We have a break in ringing practices during the months of July and August to cope with summer activities and holidays. They will start again on Wednesday SEPTEMBER 22nd at the usual time of 6.30pm. New ringers or learners are always welcome.

CHURCH FUND RAISING
The magnificent sum of £780 was raised at the Church Garden Party. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way and to those who came and spent their money!

MOTHERS’ UNION
Our July meeting took the form of a social evening held at the home of Mrs Shirley Day at Sitterton. This proved to be a warm, sunny evening when we all gathered together to play games organised by Mrs Eileen Bangay, Mrs Christine Tucker, Mrs Edna Marsh and Mrs Mary Fegan. We all enjoyed refreshments in the garden.

The next meet will be on the 1st September in Church at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Mrs Brenda Pitfield talking about the Cursillo movement.

Brenda Pitfield 471391
AGE CONCERN

The Age Concern group was started some 14 years ago here in Bere Regis. It was formed to provide a further facility for the older people in the community. Since that time, it has been most popular and well attended. The meetings are on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 4 o’clock, and they take place in the very convenient common room of Turberville Court. Apart from the important fellowship provided for those who live alone, there is also great fun and jollity. Games are played, and a short bingo session is normally included in the entertainment. During the summer months outings are arranged, and at Christmas time there is a splendid party.

Mrs Di Phillips has led this group since it started, but circumstances dictate that she now has to give it up. Is there someone in the parish who feels called to step into her shoes? It is an important service within the community. Think about it. It may be exactly what you could do.

Graham Roblin.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTS PUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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PIG ROAST

Dorset Fire and Rescue Service
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PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting was very well supported by Parishioners who expressed their concerns about the state of the Car Park area and the toilets in particular. It was agreed that the problem lay with the young people who were seen to be using the area as a general meeting place. They appeared to have no regard for the amenities or for the neighbourhood. Inspector of the Wareham Police was also in attendance and asked whether or not anything could be done towards helping these young people and diverting their attention away from the public toilets and the bins. After a long discussion it was agreed that a meeting be arranged between a special working group and the young people with a view to finding a solution to the problem. The Working Group will report to the Parish Council at their next meeting. As a parting shot, it was revealed at the meeting that the toilets cost £5,000 per year to maintain - that money comes from the Council Tax.

Another Parishioner expressed concern about dog fouling on the Recreation Ground. This has been mentioned before but apparently it continues and so dog owners are expressly requested to keep dogs off the Recreation Ground and also to train their dogs not to foul public ways. This, it is appreciated, is not easy but one has to be prepared for accidents.

The problems with Chapel Lane were expressed by another Parishioner. The Council has been trying to get the modified lane recognised as a definitive Right of Way so that its maintenance can be sorted out. The mountain of Administration be it at Dorchester or the landowner has to be witnessed to be believed. A few months ago we thought that we had got it under way, but then there were further delays. Once all of this is sorted it is intended to remove the weed trap in the middle and to restrict its use for Pedestrian only. Bicycles are not supposed to be ridden down the lane as it is dangerous to the legitimate users.

The Council called a meeting of representatives of all Village Groups on the 29th June to consider the best site and the type of Village Hall/ Community Centre for the Village. Over sixty people attended, with two from each group. After introductions by a Parish Councillor, the meeting heard presentations on a Village Hall on the Allotment Site at The Cross, and a Community Hall on the site of the Sports Club/RBL. The meeting was then invited to form five groups consisting of a mixture of all Village Organisations and to discuss the propositions openly in a ‘brainstorming exercise’. After over an hour a nominated person from each group presented their collected thoughts. Interestingly no group was in favour of the Community Hall idea at the Sports Club/RBL. All groups thought that the best site was at The Cross and four out the five thought that a multi functional Village Hall was required. There were other very interesting points such as having the Health Centre on the same site, having a Pedestrian Crossin at Elder Road and finally, most importantly, having a continual consultation with the Village. To this end a meeting will be called in July/August of representatives of Village Organisations to form a Committee that will be tasked to work with the Parish Council sub Committee to providing a new Village Hall.

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OUTING
FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 12.15 - 7.00 p.m.
AGE CONCERN HAVE SOME SPARE SEATS ON THEIR
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£5.00 deposit on booking
Details from Di Phillips tel. 471423

DRAX HALL
An important date in August! The 31st is when the Blood Bank calls and even though it is holiday time it is important that we send off as much as we can. Perhaps even more important as holidays these days seem synonymous with increases in accidents. So please do come along in the afternoon or early evening. Do not be afraid to come if you have not donated before - it is quite harmless and you really are giving a wonderful gift to somebody. You will not miss it as the cup of tea quickly fills the empty space in your arm!

Every Monday - apart from the Bank Holidays - a group of ladies play Bingo in the Hall. They have been doing this for years and in doing so have helped to keep the Hall going. However their numbers are dwindling and there are vacancies on the tables. Consider going along and joining in. You will not make a fortune playing, but you will meet others and enjoy their fellowship.

We are now entering the theatre season so please make a note of the following dates:
23rd September  The Forest Forge Company presents ‘Bedside Manners’
7th October  As part of the Purbeck Film Festival - An archive film which will include, I am led to believe, some old Bere Regis film.

More details of both of these events will be included in next months news.

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**BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS**

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis, on Tuesday 31st August 1999, from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Do please try to 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.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 0117 912020 or your local organiser, Mrs Rosemary Short on 01305 853538.

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**Easy Redcurrant Jelly**

Tie redcurrants as picked in muslin and squeeze out juice with hands. Measure quantity of juice and pour into a large pan. For every pint of juice add 1lb of sugar. Heat gently until sugar has dissolved, then boil for 4 - 5 minutes or until setting point is reached.

Pour half the jelly into small jars and to the other half add chopped mint to hot jelly after setting point has been reached.

This mint jelly is lovely with lamb.

Pat House - 551266

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BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

Although the fine warm weather, has seen a reduction in the numbers attending over the past few weeks. The youth section programme of activities, for both the senior and the new junior groups, continues throughout the school holidays.

The Juniors meet on Tuesday evenings, except for the first one each month, between 6.30 and 8.00 p.m. The Seniors meet on the first Wednesday and the following Tuesdays each month from 8.00 until 10.00 p.m.

Membership is open to all young people in the local area, juniors 8 - 11 and seniors 12 - 17 years of age.

Activities taking place during August and September, include a 'Chinese Night', Beach Barbecue, Glass Painting, Teeshirt Painting, the 'Jigsaw Challenge' and another 'Mexican Night'.

There will also be a day out, to Chessington World of Adventure on Saturday 18 September, for both the junior and senior groups. Members are advised to book their places early and avoid disappointment. Parents of junior members are most welcome to book places on the trip if they wish to accompany their children. For further information about the trip please contact the leader.

Looking ahead to the darker nights, the section will be holding a 'Halloween Night Out' when something a bit out of the ordinary will be happening.

If you would like to find out more about the Youth Section, then please call in at the legion club on any youth night. You will be most welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader. Telephone 471693

TEAS IN BLOXWORTH

The ICRF Teas in Bloxworth afternoon, raised a magnificent £469.55. Many thanks to everyone who helped and to those who came.

Didn’t we do well?

Dinah Greenfield
BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

Bere Regis School is 70 years old this year! Are you a past pupil or member of staff?

Have you got your ticket yet for the grand reunion on 19th September, 4.00 p.m. onwards in school field? 50p from the school or from A C Moorse.

Please come along and make this a fun event. Music, entertainment, display of old photos etc with tea and cakes or wine and cheese.

Telephone 01929 471334 - Jane Hurdiss at the school for any further information.

In September, the school will be introducing the Numeracy Strategy and parents will be invited to an information evening about these changes. Also, the funding for information and communication technology will soon be in schools and new computers should be up and running shortly, so we will be well and truly ready for the 21st century!

FARMING HISTORY

Samuel Crane (1746 - 1815) Dorset Farmer

Samuel Crane was a Farm Manager in Bloxworth where he kept two diaries covering a period of three years. The edited diaries contain the names of the farm workers, their pay and their work, the names of fields, the growing and harvesting of crops, the prices of goods and how a mixed farm was managed 200 years ago.

In those days, there were close relations between the farming communities of Bere Regis and Bloxworth. John Cole of Shitterton became one of the herdsmen in Bloxworth. Samuel bought soot from a man named Whennel. The Woodbury Hill Fair and Bere Wood are mentioned. Poor Rates and Land Tax were paid for land in Bere Regis Parish.

The Book (priced at £4.95) can be obtained from

THE BERE REGIS POST OFFICE

or the author

Anthony Blad - 01929 459355
MISSIONS TO SEAMEN
Thank you to all who supported the barbecue held on 11 July. A total of £194 was raised and along with other donations it allowed us to send a cheque for £214 to support the work of the Missions To Seamen.

Allan and Andrea Smith

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB
We had a large number of roses in the Rosebowl competition the winner being Mrs Eileen James. Many beautiful shells were on display belonging to members.

The August meeting on Wednesday 11th will be a social occasion at the Drax Hall. Please note the change of venue from Kath's house. We hope to see you all there.

Mary England - 471469  Kath Jeeves - 471175

Autum Leaves over 50s club

- Talks
- Entertainment
- Tours
- Sales Table
- Raffles
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BERE REGIS Gardening Club
Mr Eady gave a very informative talk on sweet peas for the July meeting. None of us should have any excuses for not entering superb examples for the British Legion flower show on the 15th August.

For the August 3rd meeting we are going on a mystery outing. We are meeting up at the British Legion Hall, ready to leave in our own transport sharp at 7.30 p.m. Anyone requiring a lift should contact any committee member.

The meeting on 7th September will see us return to base for a slide show on Australia by Tony Bates.

Andy Morrison – 472343
Those of you following the Jubilee 2000 Campaign, will know that the meeting of the G8 leaders in Cologne in June this year, provided a vital opportunity for action to cancel the crippling debts of the world’s poorest countries. 8000 people from Britain travelled to Cologne to show their support in person; and the previous week, 60,000 people in various parts of Britain, held human chain events to send the great petition winging on its way.

I wonder if you can guess how many petition signatures actually left London on the barge bound for Cologne, and how many there are now? (Answers later on!)

By the time this is printed, I hope that you will be able to see photographs of the day in Cologne on the Mind The World notice board in Church. You may be able to spot one or two people from this parish! (three went), but even if you can’t, you will see that the photos are mostly of crowd scenes, and that there was a general air of carnival about. Indeed, the week before we went, I heard that there was a feeling of subdued excitement in the offices of Christian Aid and Cafod, because of the behind the scenes progress that had been made on debt cancellation. Statements had been put out giving $50 billion extra cancellation as a minimum figure to be agreed by the G8 leaders.

In the end, the total figure for debt cancellation including cancellation already scheduled - was put at $100 billion, with a cut in the qualifying period from 6 years good economic policy to three.

Why then did a reporter in The Independent on Sunday for June 20th say that the G8 decision was a disgrace? - Surely things have started to move in the right way? Well, yes and no. Tony Blair himself said in the House of Commons on June 21st ‘I would like us to go further still on debt ..... I will personally do whatever I can, to make that happen.’ However, the agreement at Cologne imposes a number of extra qualifying conditions on countries seeking debt relief, and involves using policies which the I.M.F & World Bank admit have failed.
Even with the new provisions, only 28 of the 52 Highly Indebted Poor Countries identified by Jubilee 2000 (using IMF/WB criteria) are expected to qualify for debt relief by the end of 2000. 12 of those will not see any improvement in their living standards, because the debt that is cancelled will be debt that they are not able to service anyway. So the Mozambiquan family who had so touched the heart of the Independent reporter, will find that 'Progress made in Koln gives some of the children in indebted nations a chance. It does not give them a future, in the way that the children of Koln were given a future in 1953, when their Government received massive debt cancellation.'

Ann Pettifor, Jubilee 2000

So the campaign goes on.

Petition signatures will still be collected. (12.5 million signatures went to Cologne, and the total is now 17 million. Another 5 million will top the world record, so how about going for it?) However, the main focus of action will be on public demonstrations of support, and linking supporters in industrial and developing nations. Also, it is important to write to Tony Blair before the meeting of The World Bank and the IMF in September. They still have to ratify the Cologne decision, and nothing will start to happen till after that meeting. For an outline of what to say/more information, please look on the church notice board or information table, or contact me.

Your support really counts! Thank you for giving it.

P. Ward.
BERE REGIS W.I.

Our June meeting was one to remember. A group of WI members and friends visited Mrs Penney's MUSEUM of COSTUME at Blandford. It was one of those balmy evenings, full of the aurora of the past, that only Mrs Penney could create. We were royally entertained ....Mrs Penney is so very interesting and only the members of her team finally "brought the curtain down" on her. What an amazing lady she is!

Mrs Penney has also agreed to visit our group in the Spring. So Watch This SPACE, you might like to join our evening. It will be laughter all the way.

This is holiday month, so there is no meeting, but we look forward to September when the autumn programme begins, make a point of reading our news, there may well be an evening you might like to "venture through the door". Begin with Tuesday September 21st. Miss R Hunter with a talk and slides on "Enterprise Neptune. She is also a very interesting lady, I am able to tell you that you will not be wasting your time.

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Millennium Frieze
We will be starting work on this historic picture during this month’s summer activities. If you still haven’t handed in your photos, please do it NOW.

Forthcoming Events
Throughout August, children’s summer activities (more details telephone 472023)

Caribbean Carnival Dance Workshop and Drama
All ages welcome, children under 5 must be accompanied. Refreshments provided. Come along and join the fun. £1 per person/child.

Pop in Place 3rd birthday party celebrations
Puppet show and presentation of volunteer awards. Friday 3rd September from 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcome. £1 per person for show.

Alison Bennett

TINA ELFORD
I write this with a heavy heart, the news that Tina has lost her fight for life is a tragedy, she bore her illness so bravely, the only comfort now is that she will not suffer any more.

Tina was many things to many people. To me she was a wonderful and loyal friend. When the idea of a Pop In Place was being researched, Tina was at the forefront. She firmly believed in the value of this concept and worked tirelessly to help make the project what it is today.

As an organisation, we will continue to carry out our work and be available and supportive to all who need us especially at this time.
Of course, Tina, with her marvellous sense of compassion and humour, a rare quality in one person, will be greatly missed, but the spirit of her loveliness will live on within the hearts and minds of us all at the Pop In Place. And, as a permanent record of how much she was loved by so many people, we are preparing a ‘Book of Memories’ which, in time, will be passed on to Tina’s family.

Our sincere sympathy to Pete and the children and the rest of the families at this time.

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

By the time this edition of the magazine hits the streets, the Carnival will be done and dusted. We hope that everyone who joined in had an enjoyable day.

On a sadder note, the two events that were held in June, both the Glamorous Granny competition and the Carnival Princess Disco were very poorly supported. The Glamorous Granny competition was a total disaster with no-one entering. This was one of the events that we thought would be well-supported particularly as we were requested to stage this event. As luck would have it the evening cost next to nothing to put on but it was soul-destroying for the Committee who put in a lot of effort to no end. The Carnival Princess Disco, usually one of our more successful events, didn’t fare much better with only half a dozen adults turning up. Had it not been for Wally Dyke supplying the disco for nothing we could have made a fairly substantial loss on this event.

At this moment in time most of the committee are of the mind “well why should we bother?” I just hope the day itself has proved successful and we can forget the two failures.

Remember, the Carnival is for everyone in the village and a lot of village good causes benefit from the money we make, but there is a limit as to how long we can go on banging our heads against a brick wall.

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Many people have planned their holidays around it. They have spent much time, money and effort to ensure that they are in the best place to see it. Lots of people will make a huge profit from it. The roads will be jammed with motorists all travelling in the same direction in order to obtain the best view of it. Everyone is absolutely convinced that it will happen without fail and will be exactly on time as predicted. Many pictures and videos will be taken of it from beginning to end. There's much talk about it. With great hope, excitement and anticipation young and old alike are getting ready for it.

There's only one problem! Will it be a beautiful clear sunny day with no haze or clouds in the sky? Or will it be a dark, cloudy, wet and miserable day, so that we will not be able to see it? Woe betide the poor weather forecasters if they get it wrong. What a great let down and disappointment it will be if we are not able to see it. All that time, money, planning and effort wasted. "Why are you looking into the sky?" indeed.

Of course, by now you will have realised that I'm talking about the full eclipse of the sun on Wednesday 11th August, when the sun will be virtually blacked out as the moon passes between the earth and the sun. A very rare occurrence indeed.

Do you know that there is going to be another even greater event that will take place in the sky one day? Almighty God the Father has promised that it will happen, but He has not given anyone, not even His Son Jesus, the exact date and time. (Mark 13:32-33) That event is the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. There are many references to this great event in the Bible, and it is certain to take place. Do you believe it? Are you excited about it? Will you be ready to meet Him? When Jesus ascended back to heaven, His disciples were challenged and given a promise by God. "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. A world eclipse indeed.

Make no mistake, cloudy, wet or fine, no-one will fail to see it, whether they want to or not and whether they are ready or not. The Son of God will come, full stop! To be ready for this second coming of Jesus we need to respond to the message He brought when He came the first time. Jesus died so that we could be forgiven for rejecting God, and doing our own thing. If we are sorry He will forgive us and give us a new life in relationship with Him. Then other things will not eclipse our way of life as we make the "Son" of God the Lord of our lives.

Rev Ray Healey, 12 South Mead.
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With the sweet sound of success ringing in their ears after a thrilling yet debilitating win over lowly Melplash, Bere’s Saturday eleven travelled to Sherborne for what was to be a sterner test of their resolve. The day was to be long and tedious with numerous interruptions, the weather was typically dull and dank, following a glorious five days. Bere’s fielders for the first innings donned many jumpers, including one recently receiving its annual sheep-dip.

Bere’s opening bowlers needed to atone for the previous week’s blot on an otherwise excellent half term report. Messrs Oram and Cheeseman kept the runs down, although with a degree of help from Sherborne’s run crazy opening batters. Oram got the breakthrough in the fifteenth over, when a firm on-drive was pouched by Rick ‘The Flashing Beard’ Davis at the second juggled attempt. The Sherborne top four then capitulated as Bere’s bowlers then closed in.

The Flashing Beard and Oram bowled numbers three and one respectively, and the home side were on the ropes. As has generally been the case down the seasons, Bere are not a side to finish teams off, and in true sporting fashion they allowed the home side to achieve respectability. It was spin king Dean Rogerson that got the all-important breakthrough, bowling the senior partner of Sherborne’s major stand, as they rebuilt earlier damage. A further stand of 40 earned Sherborne four batting points, and more importantly Bere had a fair bit of work to do. Bere’s response moved off in a slow, steady fashion. However as frustration crept in, skipper Peter Cheeseman looking to up the tempo, middled a crisp drive which went straight to mid-on. He departed for 8. Bere were then in all sorts of trouble at 25 for 3, with some indifferent strokeplay. Dean Rogerson and Andy Kent brought about some stability, until Kent fell after a faint edge to the keeper. This was followed by Mark Bennett falling first ball, and Bere reached a nadir at 71 for 6. The Flashing Beard was hastily called to the fray by the captain. His rapid 21 was a major turning point in Bere’s fortunes, despite slumping to 100 for 7 after his dismissal. Inzamam Ul Merritt and Graeme Price batted with authority not giving a chance, and attaining the 4-5 runs needed every over. But with the former falling to full pitched delivery, Bere needed 21 off 5 overs. Price picked up the baton, and his 47 not out was amongst the most complete innings by a Bere player. Bere won with five balls to spare and by two wickets in another close encounter. By virtue of three cancelled matches and collecting near maximum points along the way, one of Bere’s oldest rivals-Shroton led the division. They came to Bere having a two-point advantage in the average column. Bere skipper Pete Cheeseman had already primed his charges for the challenge by stating the importance of the game the previous week.
With Bere’s wicket becoming flatter and more batsman friendly by the season, the home skipper having won the crucial toss, hoped for a score in excess of 200. The captain opened up, and had the wobbliest of starts, being dropped twice in the first three overs. With the Shroton bowlers pinning Bere down to under the required three runs an over, Cheeseman looked to pressurise the dobbers. His acceleration came at the just about the prefect time. With Russell Hewitt playing the anchor role for once, Cheeseman raced towards his first fifty for the season.

An increase in the tempo, helped Bere to 54 for the first wicket, the captain then fell on 40, with Charlie Way striding to the middle at number three. A confident start was soon undone, and Bere were in slump mode once again. What followed were amongst unprecedented scenes at the BRACA. Umpire Swann was forced to uphold rule 5.5 removing Shroton’s third string bowler from the attack. This necessary action, proved to unsettle Shroton, as Bere’s middle order cashed in some ordinary bowling in the extreme considering they were up against the league leaders.

The Flashing Beard of Rick Davis was called to the wicket, and he set about the bowling with his customary ‘no defence’ approach on his way to 28, holing out on the mid wicket boundary. Dean Rogerson sustained his prolific run output, by hitting 44, sharing another crucial partnership with Andy Kent, who is gradually putting some scores together with his cultured strokeplay at the crease. With the visitors in total disarray and their heads well and truly in the turf, hungry Bere pressed home their advantage by hitting a very impressive 213 for 7 from their 45 over allocation.

Bere expected Shroton to chase in a positive manner, and Skipper Cheeseman shrewdly set a field with a defensive leaning for the first series of overs. There was a gift from the gods, as in the fourth over, Steve Cheeseman managed to induce one of Shroton’s dangerous openers into chasing a wide delivery, and edged with keeper Kent taking a sharp low effort in front of first slip. Bere were ecstatic and in the ascendancy, although Shroton had traded on a reputation of big hitting, an element that Bere were most aware of.

With the young Chris Oram bowling his heart out for the cause, he passed the outside edge countless times, and justly saw his reward when Shroton’s number flashed wildly outside off stump, sending the ball of in the direction of fine third man, Russell Hewitt, realising he had to take this chance, launched himself from first slip, and appeared to land at cover point whilst taking a ‘blinding’ catch, one out of the top drawer at full stretch two-handed to his right. Mark Bennett, gleefully snapped up a stray shot from another batsman,, and Bere had three back in the hutch for 34, Shroton then dug their heels in, as if to make a statement of defiance and maintain their lead at the top.
Bere were in no mood to cave in this time, and stepped up a gear, and took the initiative by forcing Shroton to hit out or take chances. Veteran Bennett, then broke up a threatening stand in his usual manner, hitting off stump this time. With Shroton needing 8-10 runs an over, fortunes fluctuated both ways, but Bere held all the chips. Skipper Cheeseman played his trump card by bringing back Rick Davis, the Milborne Revelation, who after being clubbed onto the A35 sliproad, banked two more wickets from catches in the deep from Inzamam Ul Merritt and Sir Charles Way.

This effectively was game over, as Shroton batted for points, and to reduce the harvest that Bere were going to gain, nonetheless Bere achieved greatness that day, and more importantly another 19, pulling them to with 0.21 of a point at the head of affairs. The breaking of a jinx away to Hamworthy Recreation, managed to relieve an enormous weight off the shoulders of Bere’s playing staff. The visit of Bere’s eternal Jonah’s, heralded what Bere thought would be a victory and a healthy point advantage. Prior to the match, Bere’s camp seemed in somewhat downbeat mood, their captain sensed this as he attempted to rally the squad once again.

With Inzamam absent, and Charlie Way having to fill in behind the stumps, Bere were depleted, but still contained a side capable of dismissing a Hamworthy side which differed greatly to the side Bere faced earlier in the season. Forcing the visitors to bat, skipper Peter Cheeseman reinstalled his faith in the bowlers delivering the goods. They certainly repaid by capturing two early wickets, Brian Benjafield clutched a skier running round from mid-on when nearby fielders ran for cover. Steve Cheeseman extracted extra bounce and movement to take care of the dangerous number three batsmen, a continuous stream of wickets tumbled, Davis ending up with 4 for 19, and the skipper was more than happy with a target of 109 from52 overs. What followed, was a Bere batting performance unseen for some five or six years. Quite the most dismal showing, as they were humbled for 69, against accurate bowlers, who had their day, as the Hamworthy curse reared its head once again. Even the wicket had its say, as all trueness and bounce lacked during the second innings helping Ham’s pie throwers. Openers Hewitt and Cheeseman, were dismissed to very questionable leg before adjudications from the opposing umpire, always renowned for his controversy and eccentricity.

The wicket gremlin accounted for Dean Rogerson as he received a good ol’ shooter and Bere were out for the count at 26 for 4. A lethal combination of poor strokes, tight bowling and the wicket conspired to end Bere’s run of 5 games without a win. The captain reflected over the day’s events putting it down to ‘a bad day at the office’ and things must improve before next week’s trip to lowly Gillingham.
Bere’s bowlers made short work of Gillingham and assured themselves of an early finish, having being able to retire to the bar by 5.00pm. On their newly refurbished grass wicket, Gillingham decided to bat, but from a neutral’s viewpoint, they only lasted a paltry 26 overs for their 47, as Bere’s hungry bowlers closed in for the kill like deprived vultures. Veteran seamer, Mark Bennett cleaned up with a destructive spell taking 4 for 7, earning him the Shell Ultra Classic man of the match award.

Fellow vet, Rick Davis rolled back the years, with his slightly more expensive 4 for 16, with 10 coming from the last over of his spell of 12. Andy Kent after being re-installed behind the stumps, took a jug inducing three catches taking his season’s tally to 7 with 2 stumpings. With the scent of victory all around, Bere were not going to throw away the game this occasion, although they lost three wickets getting there, Russell Hewitt showed a welcome return to form with 22 not out from 33 balls, as Bere ran out winners with a mere 50 overs left, and 19 points safely packed away. Second against third, matched Bere against former rivals, Lytchett Matravers.

With a win being a must, Bere’s Sunday eleven skipper, Alan Green was hoping for a satisfactory outcome from the match up at home to Iwerne Minster. Being of equal standard, both teams were out gain promotional ground on each other. In his own words, the skipper ‘had all his prayers answered’. They batted first on a batsman friendly track, which would have given Herbie Gale a backache. Run machine, Reg Fripp recorded a further half century for the statisticians. His 70 was the backbone of Bere’s formidable innings. A resurrected Andy ‘Chamois’ Welsh continued to bat with authority, and gained his second high scoring not out of the term on 44. Bere only lost 6 wickets out of their 205.

Green was aware that Iwerne Munster had some strokeplayers in their ranks. He assigned Reg Fripp and Iain Macklin to the task of keeping the runs down, and they did just that with Iwerne being pegged back to just three an over. With the opportunity presenting itself, the captain was able to hand valuable experience to youngsters Brian Benjafield, Paul Fripp and Phil Dolan. Bere coasted home by a margin of 42 runs. The prospect of another match on Bere’s cricket graveyard-Broadstone Rec, faced the Sunday side away to Oakdale Conservative Club, owners of the biggest name in the league. Bere negotiated their way to victory against the rock bottom club who had amassed only 4 points this season.

There were a few scares on the way though as Bere defended what they thought was a useful total. Opener Reg Fripp, was subjected to a barrage of short bowling, and after a period of some frustration, was adjudged to be out whilst fending another short ball which appeared to brush the face grill on his helmet, rather than a glove as was suggested. Swashbuckler extraordinaire, Rick Davis was thrust into the limelight, and his array of inventive aerial shots, and powerful dancing helped him top score with 45. The middle order caved in leaving ‘Nick-Nick’ to take over. Their ninth wicket effort certainly saved Bere’s blushes at the home of the basement boys.
The champagne moment, without doubt was debutant youth, Tom Bennett’s crisp cover drive for four. With Green bowling in his usual stingy manner, he grabbed three wickets and Oakdale slumped to 95 for 7, and looked out of the race. But as is customary, Bere’s spirit momentarily subsided in the field and let Oak’ have a dash at the target. They whittled the run rate down to 3 an over needed, when Iain Macklin took a catch deep out on the mid-wicket boundary which was a huge turning point. This made a total of seven catches in all, equally shared amongst the team. Thankfully the two missed opportunities that went down were irrelevant, however the unnamed culprit, has been offered ‘counselling’.

On a pitch with a Millennium Dome at either end, Bere invited Moordown 2nds to bat on their own track. Reg ‘Lockheed’ Fripp was once again most thrifty, as the home side were in trouble at 21 for 5. A mammoth sixth wicket stand helped Moordown to their 163, it was like father like son, as Paul Fripp polished off the tail to ensure maximum bowling points were bagged. Team pharmacist, Herbie Swann (also club chairman, grass doctor, wicket keeper, psychologist and general guru) supplied skipper Green with a headache relieving potion, which was instrumental in his 39, as Bere edged their way to their goal.

Bob Croom lived up to his all-rounder tag, hitting out with ferocity on his way to 27 after team batsman Swann had calmed a top order storm with 24, as Bere teetered on 85 for 6. The picnic chairs had already been in the fold position, and the car park exodus begun, when Iain Macklin steered Bere to within easy reach of the target. With nine wickets down, Paul Fripp and Phil Dolan batted the final over with three needed to win, they scrambled two of balls four and five to seal a tie, and keep Bere in third spot. The recent heatwave had baked Bere’s green and pleasant pitch, leaving a corker of a wicket to grace the event.

With the outfield in tip top condition, and the official press being present, captain Alan Green and his charges were out to gain some ground on the team one place above them. With Lytchett having amongst their ranks, one or two batsman capable of taking apart most attacks, Bere were fearful when Lytchett batted first, and took more than full advantage of the conditions. Lytchett’s numbers one and three bats, went about the Bere bowling with a flourish, and set the pace of over 6 an over for the first 22. Bere could only reply with 2 wickets, although dropped catches hindered the cause.

Rick Davis returned unusually indifferent figures of 0 for 55, this thrust the captain into the fray, and he quickly captured two wickets, putting Bere back in the hunt, or to try and enforce some damage limitation as Lytchett seemed to be on their way to 250 plus. However they only contained some 2 batsmen on the day, and their total pushed on towards 200 with wickets not falling soon enough for Bere.
More dropped catches for Bere proved to be their failing as with the corresponding fixture, this gave Lytchett the luxury of pushing the score along with the knowledge that they had wickets in hand. Bere were glad for the tea interval and copious amounts of fluids and pizza were distributed, giving most welcome relief from the heat and the leather chase. Stalwart openers Reg Fripp and ‘Deadly’ Doug Curtis got Bere off to a confident start, with 33 coming from 9 overs, however fresh fruit was once again on hand in the shape of pears, as the reply stumbled, faltered, collapsed rather like a Graeme Price racing tip. David Scott went first ball, playing a shot that hinted that he might have had a hot date after the event.

With Fripp falling to a piece of ill fortune, the baton was passed to his partner, and Curtis duly took up the challenge, as Alan ‘Venkatesh’ Green joined him at the wicket with around 6 an over needed. They added 60 for the fourth wicket, with the acceleration coming after the drinks break. Curtis fell two short of a richly deserved fifty, and was applauded off the famous ground from all parts. Green then assumed the mantle, and despite being struck down with cramp, and receiving treatment from the umpire, within the allotted 15 minute period before a blacksmith is called, he went on to record his season’s best and nudged Bere to within an outside chance. With the likes of Carruthers and Davis yet to come, Bere were sure of maximum batting points, also considering that Lytchett had rather cheekily used 9 bowlers.

Bere’s assault ended on 174, with Messrs Swann, Cheeseman (N) and Davis falling cheaply. On his home debut Tom Bennett received a wicked delivery, but we are sure there are plenty of runs to come from his bat.

Bere Regis Sports Club his hit the cyber age, and has now a website available for all and sundry to visit. So if anyone would like to browse and keep up dated with all village sporting events, be it football, cricket, darts, and now, most recently boules, please visit us on our page: http://homepages.tesco.net/~pip.evans/brfchome.htm . This is going to be developed over the coming months, with both the football club and cricket club chairmen going ‘on line’ to answer fans’ praise or criticisms (only joking). Also we intend to introduce a little humour alongside the usual factual details. We hope to include notes from Bere’s Sporting history to jog a few memories of yesteryear.
AFFPUDDLE & TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 12th July, Mr.Rolls reported slow progress with the signposts on the new bypass, there being no sign to Briantspuddle travelling West. Although it was not certain if traffic had increased on the B3390, the sharp bend at Affpuddle was highlighted as being particularly dangerous and there had already been some near misses. P.C.Powell suggested that the Police Traffic Dept could carry out a survey of the area and make recommendations to the Council.

P.C.Powell reported several burglaries in the area, mainly garden tools and items from outhouses. There were two cars to look out for: A red Escort, reg no. E686 FLM and a blue Sierra estate, reg.no. B819 NLB. Anyone seeing these cars should report the matter to the police. Mr Wharton pointed out that the level of criminal activity in the area appeared to have increased dramatically during recent months with both houses and garden sheds being burgled.

Cpt.Badcock was pleased to report that the lease agreement for the shop/P.O had now been completed satisfactorily. Two estimates for the shop improvements were opened at the meeting and it was decided that in view of the large difference between the two quotes, a third would be sought.

A site meeting had been held at the field adjacent to the bypass, where an application had been made to remove a hedge. the hedgerow marked an ancient boundary between Turnerspuddle and Affpuddle. However the hedge was in poor condition and it was agreed to remove the hedge and mark the four corners of the boundary by planting native trees.

Mr.Chamberlain commented that the verges around Turnerspuddle had been cut too early and were now overgrown. Mr.Buck mentioned the absence of litter bins in the lay-bys on the new bypass. Mr.Rolls to take up.

Mr Woodward had been informed that oil off the road was finding it's way into Pallington Lakes. Also septic tank effluent appeared to be getting into the ditches. The Environment Agency were to investigate. Mr.Wharton reported that the new rising main sewer from Briantspuddle was now complete but it was disappointing that the area around the ford had been widened undermining a tree which was now precarious and in danger of being washed away when the river rises.
BRIANSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Hall Committee took place on 7 July and following the resignation of one of our number the committee was re-elected, co-opted and representatives were assigned all as per last year. Sadly no other members of the public attended but please be assured that we are always open to suggestions or offers of help from other parishioners.

The Open Gardens Day which was held on 20 June was the most amazing success, far exceeding our expectations. We would like to thank everyone who most kindly opened their gardens, the wonderful ladies of the ‘tea rooms’, the generous people who baked those scrumptious cakes and all those clever gardeners who donated plants for the sales table (sorry if all those thanks sound a bit like an Oscar Acceptance Speech but it would be a sin to forget anyone!). At the end of the day we made a whacking profit of £700. People came from near and far, many having just happened upon our adverts in the Echo and Blackmore Vale and then decided to investigate our lovely village, no-one seemed disappointed and there were so many complimentary comments that we have taken to thinking perhaps we should do it again in another couple of years .............

By the time this magazine is delivered the Dollshouse and Miniature Exhibition will have been and gone but don’t despair, there is still the Barn Dance in September, which, if it lives up to last year, will be one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year to be held in the Village Hall. If you haven’t got your tickets please contact any member of the Committee to reserve them.

Linda Holmes - Secretary
HOME WATCH

I have recently received reports from the police and from people living locally that sheds and out houses have been targeted by burglars. Their main object is to steal garden implements and in particular lawn mowers, strimmers and hedge cutters.

There have also been instances of cars being broken into and contents inside being stolen. Also petrol has been siphoned out.

Care should be taken to ensure that sheds and out buildings are securely locked. It is possible to get locks from specialist locksmiths for particular situations. Some of these locks are expensive but may be cheaper than having expensive machinery stolen.

A man and a woman have been arrested after being caught collecting money for 'Kosovo Refugees' without a licence. They went around with collecting boxes in the streets and knocking on doors. If you are in any doubt about the identity of any person collecting for charity who calls at your house you should ask to see their authorisation from the charity for which they are collecting.

Bill Thorniley

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

During June, Jenny Beedle and I attended a promoters evening for Art Reach. We were given details of the interesting selection of plays, concerts and shows on offer for the Autumn/Winter season. I have not been told what, from the list we submitted, we are likely to have. However, it is expected that we will have Art Reach events during November and then either in January, February or March. Keep a look out in the magazine for further details of shows.

Also in June, Lynda Holmes and I attended a promoters evening in Briantspuddle Village Hall for the Purbeck Film Festival which takes place during the first two weeks of October. Every year the festival has themes. This year’s themes are the birthdays boys (Hitchcock, Charles Laughton and Humphry Bogart’s 100 anniversary), Film Music and Lets Dance. In addition to films there are live events and archive and silent film shows. Both Lynda and I felt that we have had two archive film shows and a silent film and that it would be interesting to have a film. From the selection on offer we have been allocated ‘The Lady Vanishes’ an old Hitchcock film. This will be shown on Friday 16 October 1999 in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Put this in your diaries now and watch out for further details. It is hoped that we might combine it with a supper as we did last year with the silent film 'Sunset'. Those who attended the silent film show last year will be interested to note that Briantspuddle managed a better audience for this film when it was shown than the National Film Theatre in London!

Philippa Thorniley
BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

WI members who helped with the Open Gardens Day in Briantspuddle were pleased to know that £700 was raised for the Village Hall in June.

Our July Meeting had an enthralling talk/demonstration from Mrs Maden-Mayers on pressed flowers. This went far beyond showing us flower presses, cards, door finger plates etc. which could be made with pressed flowers. We were really made to see the intricacy of tiny flowers and how to store them when pressed and use them to make the most charming miniature pictures. A really interesting evening.

We do not have an August meeting but we shall have a social coffee morning on 14 August at Audrey Grinrod’s house, Bladen Tye (the old shop) at 10.30am. All welcome.

At our next meeting on 1 September we have a talk on the National Health Service so we have plenty of time to think of our questions and comments. It should prove very interesting.

We look forward to the DFWI Medieval Fayre at St. Mary’s School, Puddletown on 25 July from 10.30am to 4.00pm although we in Briantspuddle have a Dollhouse and Miniatures Exhibition from 11.00am to 5.00pm, again for Village Hall funds. As our President said “You could be very busy”.

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3rd Gardening club, Mystery outing, start from RBL 7.30 p.m.
7th Mill St Jazy Band, Briantspuddle Village Hall 8.30 p.m.
7th Horticultural Show, Briantspuddle Village Hall
21st Bere Regis Fire Station, Pig Roast
31st Blood donor sessions, Drax Hall

September
3rd Age Concern Fish ‘n Trips outing 7.00 p.m.
7th Gardening club, Australia Slide show 8.00 p.m.
11th Barn Dance, Briantspuddle Village Hall
11th Sponsored Cycle ride, Historic Churches Trust
19th School reunion for ‘old’ boys and girls
23rd Forest Forge theatre ‘Bedside Manners’, Drax Hall

October
7th Purbeck Film Festival, archive film of Bere Regis
16th ‘The Lady Vanishes’, Briantspuddle Village Hall
31st Joint Choirs Choral Festival, Bere Regis Church 6.30 p.m.

November
10th RBL Women’s section coffee evening, HQ 7.00 p.m.
27th Xmas Fayre, Autumn Leaves

December
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