BARBECUED FOR JESUS

Rather selfishly I thank God for perverse things.

I thank God for rain on days that I am expected to be in the garden. I thank God for cold threatening evenings in August when otherwise I would be expected to barbecue. My list of perverse hopes is quite extensive, but I keep it close to my heart.

To barbecue is American. To barbecue is masculine. (Men do it.) It has even been shortened in conversation to "barbee". It does remarkably little for me, but you would never know this by looking at my face as I tip the charcoal into the rusted receptacle and leap away from the cloud of dust. The granite smile on my face remains constant through the whole excruciating performance.

So it was with a slight wryness that I discovered that the patron saint of Affpuddle was barbecued. This indicated that barbecuing was not always "a good thing".

I only mention this because this month, on the 10th, we remember this gruesome event. St Laurence was barbecued on 10th August AD 258. Not being influenced by America, they didn't use the word "barbee", but used the expression "roasted on a grid iron". But worse is to come. It was written down that in the middle of his torment, he addressed his torturer, "I am roasted enough on this side, turn me around and eat". We get this from the writings of St Ambrose. You can see why I have a slight aversion to barbecues, and why the annual Bere Regis Scouts' fundraising event, "Cub Roast", creates a problem.

The death of Laurence had, not surprisingly, a profound influence on the tiny Christian church in Rome at that time. Almost immediately, a church was built on the site. It is still there. Its name is St Laurence without the Walls. Although there were many such gruesome killings of Christians, this one stood out, and, for many centuries, Laurence was regarded as the saint close to Christ who made it his business to pray for those of us here in earth. A portion of his charred bone was sent to King Oswy of Northumbria in 680 AD and 228 churches in England alone are called by his name. If you are a stargazer, you will see meteorites in the night sky around 10th August. They are known as the "tears of St Laurence". And if you travel to the continent "San Lorenzo" features prominently.
If you were living in Affpuddle or Bere Regis 500 years ago, you might have prayed to God “through St Laurence”. This stopped at the Reformation, and all our prayers are now directed “through Jesus Christ our Lord”. But St Laurence, like St George, still stirs the imagination of those who understand martyrdom in the spirituality of the church.

I wouldn't say that Laurence had ruined barbecues for me; that was never a problem. But I have always marvelled at the heroism of those Christians down the ages who have been prepared to die for the faith. There are people at this very moment in Muslim countries who are doing just this. It makes my own faith and commitment look very weak. We have it so easy. I sometimes wonder if I would be prepared to die for the faith. Perhaps I would. But I'm not sure I would be able to say, "I am roasted enough on this side, turn me around".

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9.30 a.m.  Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m.  Miss Frampton

Sunday 13th August
11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m.  Mr Ventham

Sunday 20th August
9.30 a.m.  Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m.  Mrs Green

Sunday 27th August
11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
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6th August  Miss Frampton
13th August  Mr Ventham
20th August  Mrs Lewis
27th August  A Bellringer
CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

Sunday 6th August  (Feast of the Transfiguration)
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 13th August  (8th Sunday after Trinity)
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and sermon (Bere Regis)

Sunday 20th August  (9th Sunday after Trinity)
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 and sermon (Bere Regis)

Sunday 27th August  (10th Sunday after Trinity)
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins, Baptism and Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. A `Ringers’ evensong (Bere Regis)
Ringing practices have stopped for the summer holiday months. They will start again in September. Thank you to all those who have helped with instruction and joined in ringing rounds and changes with our new ringers so regularly.

There will be ringing for Weddings on Saturdays 5th and 12th August.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for flowers, cards and prayers during my operation and convalescence.

Eileen Bangay
You have read about it – now come and see it!!
The tower will be open to visitors with guided tours by the local ringing band on:

Saturday 26th August from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 27th August from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. followed by a ringers Evensong at 6.00 p.m.
The Church will have special flowers and light refreshments will be available on both days.

Our July meeting took the form of a social evening at Shirley’s home. Members enjoyed games, quizzes, refreshments and each others’ company.

Eileen gave an account of the diocesan MU trip to Harrogate. Members received overwhelming hospitality from MU members in that area and they were able to attend a family day at Harrogate show ground, organised by the MU, when between eight and ten thousand people were present.

We will not be meeting in August, but some members have offered to help with the children’s morning to be held at church on Wednesday 23rd August. Full details can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30 p.m. at Turberville Court, when our speaker will be Mr Edred Bowman, updating us on the charity “Send a Cow”.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391
CHILDREN’S MORNING

Andy Saunders from Bournemouth will be leading this event on Wednesday 23rd August. Andy is a Children’s evangelist and he works for Scripture Union.

Children aged between 4 1/2 and 12 are welcome to attend. The programme will include games, crafts, bible teaching, quizzes and refreshments. Please arrive at 9.45 a.m. for registration.

This event is sponsored by the Mothers’ Union and the Parish Church.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391

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MR ERIC GEORGE FANCY (69)

I think that it is felt by those close to Eric, that he began to go downhill after the death of his daughter Tina a year ago. Tina's death affected the whole community, but of course her Mum and Dad would have been amongst the most afflicted. Eric and Pat are not people to show emotions in public, but we all knew of their deep grief. Now Eric has moved from this life into a new life, and we pray that he will be united with Tina. It is with the greatest affection that our prayers and thoughts surround Pat and Rita and Lynn at this very sad time. Pat has also had to cope with the loss of her dear neighbour, Brenda Hewitt.

Eric came to Bere Regis to live 38 years ago, so he was a "foreigner" who captured a Bere Regis girl! He came from outside the parish. He came from Bloxworth. His father was a Crown Forester in Wareham Forest. The year of his birth was 1931 - in the fragile years of peace between two world wars. So he had a happy childhood as the youngest of four children. Ron and Fred were his older brothers, and Muriel, who lives in Canada, his sister. They all went to primary school in Bloxworth, in the days when schools were in villages. Then, at the age of twelve, Eric came to Bere Regis School. But not for long. At fourteen, he left, and became a forester like his father, but with the Forestry Commission in Wareham. National Service was compulsory for all of us then, and Eric was called up and joined the Devons, spending most of his eighteen months in Tripoli and Benghazi. As with most of us, he was affected for good by this experience. Back home to Bloxworth, he continued in forestry and farming.

But fate had its moment. Pat was on the bus which stopped at the Bloxworth turn off. Eric looked up. she looked down, and that was it. They knew they were destined for each other. But courtship was a long drawn out affair in those days, and it was four years before they both stood in Bere Regis Church "plighting their troth" one to the other - 41 years ago. It was Pat's parish church. They set up home in a little cottage in Bloxworth Wood - no electricity or gas, no running water indoors, washing done in a copper outside, a privy in the garden. It was a hard living, but wrapped around with happiness. Green Close was being built, and their application for a new house and home was accepted. This was 1962. Tina had been born the year before, Rita was born as they moved to Bere Regis, and Lynn ten years later.
Eric by this time had given up forestry work, and moved into the building trade, and civil engineering. This he kept to for the next 30 odd years until his retirement - four years ago.

But it was his home, his family, and his cats, that gave him most pleasure. He adored his garden - I used to deliver the magazine to Green Close, and so many times I would find him in his vegetable patch. It was a proper countryman's garden. In his younger days there was cricket, playing for Bere Regis. There was darts in the village pubs. There was a true enjoyment of country and western music.

When I visit the bereaved, I wait for the "punch line" which sums up a person who has died. I had it from Pat. It was the expression "silly nonsense". Its a Dorset expression. It portrays the kind, gentle man who is full of fun - pulling grandchildrens' legs. "Stop your silly nonsense," wives say, with a warm loving feel in their voice and heart.

Eric was a husband, father, grandfather and friend who endeared himself to people by his warmth, smile and "silly nonsense". He will be deeply missed and mourned by his family and friends. We commit him and commend him to God, that he may be away from the pain and ill health that dogged his latter years.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE
CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

SPECIAL CLEAN OF THE CHURCH

Despite the W.I. outing to London which occurred on the same day as the planned clean up several ladies undertook to do their share of cleaning during the week before. With the efforts of eight people it was possible to polish all the floors, the furniture and vacuum the hassocks. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work. For those workers who went to London, God smiled on the righteous and rewarded them with a beautiful day!

HASSOCKS

Here is another memory jog. Please would those of you who are stitching away at hassocks endeavour to complete the work by the end of September to give us time to make up the kneelers ready to be dedicated by the end of the year.

Philippa Thorniley

CHURCH FETE TOMBOLA

Bill and I would like to thank everyone who received us so kindly and gave us bottles, tins and jars for the 2000 Church Fete. A fantastic and varied selection was collected. At the time of going to press the fete has not taken place so I am not able to tell you how much the tombola raised. Watch this space next month!

Philippa Thorniley

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year’s cycle ride takes place on Saturday 9 September between 10am and 6pm.

A group from Affpuddle are hoping to visit 35 churches, so why not join them or sponsor them.

Offers of help, forms and information from David Payne on 01258 837700 or for Bere Regis, contact Chris Maunder on 01929 471342.
BERE REGIS CHURCH
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26th/27th August
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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting the Council learned of the difficulties associated with the County’s attempts to move on the Travellers, encamped at Lane End. There are major problems associated with taking legal action so the County Council is reluctant to proceed yet. The Parish Council understands that eventually action will be taken to move these people on and to make the site inaccessible for vehicles. However as yet there is no time scale for these intentions. The Parish Council is therefore writing to the County Council to express their concern for the apparent lack of action in moving these people, who are causing a nuisance. Equally any Parishioner who feels in a similar vein is invited to write to the County Council to express their thoughts.

The Local Plan Pre-Inquiry Meeting was held in Wareham at the beginning of July. The Council observers who attended foresee problems with the main Inquiry that is due to start in October. The Holton Heath problem, which affects the rest of the District, has not yet been resolved and needs to be before the Inquiry starts. Also the location of the Inquiry at Kemps Hotel is very questionable as it is not large enough for attendees and parking. Access is not good by public transport and is equally not good for the disabled. The Council has expressed its concern by letter to the Government Regional Office, suggesting that it be delayed by six months.

The Council was delighted to receive a report from the County Councillor concerning the participation by the First School in a Millennium Celebration at Lulworth Castle. She stressed how well the children had been in the play that they presented and that they were a real credit to their school and our Village.

By the time this is published the Chairman Street will have enjoyed the experience of attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This is an honour that is rarely bestowed on a Parish Council and our Chairman attends as the representative of the Parish. We all hope that the sun will shine on the day!

CM.
STOP PRESS – ‘GARDENS FOR TINA’

Thank you to all who opened their gardens, to all who participated in the viewing, to all who baked cakes or donated raffle prizes and to all those who attended the concert.

The day was very special, the lovely gardens, the pleasant people and the amazing talent of the young people in the concert.

£2,116.07 was raised for the Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal.

Most of all something beautiful was created in memory of someone who will remain special to so many people.

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This column will in future report on the activities of both the Drax Hall and the New Village Hall.

In last months report I expressed concern about the funding of Artsreach which enables us to see live theatre in our own Hall. The District Council, in an endeavour to save money, had decided in Committee to reduce the sum that they granted. This in effect would reduce the availability of performances to the Village Halls that participate - like us and Briantspuddle. We did what was necessary and as a result of our lobbying the Council agreed to re-instate the Grant to its original level. This was victory for common sense but it may be short lived as many of the Councillors are unaware of the advantages that we enjoy in being able to present a professional performance in our own Hall.

We have asked for some interesting performances from Artsreach for this year but as yet we have not yet heard how successful we have been

Another ‘by the time that you read this’ item. The purchasers of the land that we did hope to acquire for the new Hall and Medical Centre have asked to meet with representatives of the Parish Council and this has been arranged. The Team will present our thoughts and then sit back to listen to see what, if anything, the new owners are prepared to offer. In the meantime the New Hall Committee is investigating other possibilities, but progress is slow. Until it can be shown that something positive is on the cards it has been agreed to withhold on the fund-raising. So all one can say is ‘watch this space’.

CM

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Reg, Paul Marie, Rebecca and Phyl for all the support they have given me throughout my illness and during my time in hospital. I would also like to thank everyone for the kind gifts, cards, and well wishes that I received. There were too many to thank you all individually.

A special thanks to Dr Greenfield for all his help and support.

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Our delegates Megan Stone and Rita Burns attended at Wembley where all WI Institutes let the National Federation be aware of their thinking. Rita gave a report on their visit and confirmed that the Resolutions voted upon at our last meeting - Post Offices, Children's Hospices and Care for Stroke Victims - were discussed and after careful consideration all three items were passed unanimously.

The Prime Minister spoke and started off very well on the subject of the country working together but when the tone of his speech became political, you know what happened! Our delegates assured us they were not involved!!

On the 26 June six of our ladies joined other Institutes for a walk organised by Winterbourne Kingston to be followed by a ploughman's supper. On the first part of the walk we were taken to see their Millennium project - new kissing gates - of which they can be justly proud. The weather was kind that evening, no need for woollies. A very pleasant way to while away the time, followed by an excellent supper and all agreed a lovely evening..

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In October we shall be singing John Henry Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving" for soloists and chorus in Bere Regis church to celebrate Harvest Festival, with Schubert's "Deutsche Messe" (D. 872). Rehearsals will start in early September. Details will be sent to all those on our "singers" mailing list shortly, but all are welcome to come along and sing.

A notice of rehearsals will appear in the next Parish Magazine.

Tim Colquhoun

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BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

The section has had an influx of new members, mostly Juniors, in the 10 and 12 years age group.

Already they have made full use of the new playstation video games consul. Trying their hand at formula 1 racing and the fast moving off-road races. Members also spent an evening painting designs on glass. On this occasion they had to produce a decorated jam jar with their design visible from all sides. At the end of the evening the group, clutching their work carefully, could be seen leaving the club. It looked somewhat strange to see them holding their jam jars at arms length, in case some parts were still not completely dry.

Activities in July conclude with an evening session of Canoeing on the 18th and a Quiz Night on the 25th. In August there will be Rounders on the 3rd, Teeshirt Painting on the 8th, and a Games Night on the 15th. However, on the 22nd the young people will have the chance to say "Lights, Camera, Action", as it will be 'Let's Make a Video Night'. Canoeing will bring the month to its close with a session on the 29th. September will be the last month of operation, as a Legion youth section, before becoming the independent "Bere Regis Youth - Lenny's" youth group. The month will start with Games on the 6th, an Arts and Crafts Evening on the 12th and then Canoeing once again on the 19th. A Quiz Night will bring the month and the Youth Section to a close on the 26th.

Looking ahead, "Bere Regis Youth - Lenny's" will be up and running with a trip to Blackpool/Alton Towers on the weekend 6th – 8th October. Swimming at Blandford will be commencing again in November and a trip to Splashdown at Tower Park is planned for December.

Any young person aged from 8 to 17 can apply to join the group. Membership cost just £2.50 for Juniors (8-11s) and £4.00 for Seniors (12-17s). Just call in at the legion club on any youth night and you can have a free night to see if it’s for you! Or you can give me a call on 471693 for further information.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader
**MILTON ABBEY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

This begins on Friday 25th August with a choral concert. On Saturday 26th there is an organ recital followed by supper in the Abbot’s Hall and then a concert by ‘Courtlye Musick’ in the theatre. The choral and orchestral concert on Sunday 27th August is of music by Mozart, Haydn and Handel. On Monday there is a Lieder Recital by the tenor, James Gilchrist, in the theatre. There are also five sung services to which, of course, admission is free. Tickets for all concerts and recitals are available from Hardings Bookshop, West Street, Blandford and The Music Box, Princes Street, Dorchester.

**THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUST**

Applications for financial help are invited from young people under 25 years of age who live in the Parish of Bere Regis and have a University place, or plan the pursuit of further education this Autumn.

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Children from the school recently performed with other children in the area, at a Millennium show called ‘Echoes’. Each school based its performance on a local story and these were put together to celebrate the history of the area in dance, drama and music. It was held at Lulworth Castle, and everyone agreed that the children were wonderfully ‘professional’ and obviously enjoyed the event. Bere Regis based its contribution on the story of Woodbury Hill Fair, which gave rise to some colourful and exuberant jollifications!

The summer break will soon be here, and we are saying sad farewells to the pupils will be going on to Middle School. We wish them all good luck for the future. The school is also sad to say goodbye to Mrs Hurdiss who has been asked to head the Grove School on Portland. Mrs Hurdiss has worked hard for Bere Regis School for many years, and the children she has taught will have fond memories of her.

Everyone hopes she enjoys her new challenge and we wish her every happiness in the future.

THE JESSICA MULLINS APPEAL FUND

Our Granddaughter Jessica Kate was born thirteen weeks premature and lived for just one week. During her very short life she was tenderly and lovingly cared for in the Special Care Unit at the Royal Hampshire Hospital, Winchester. As a family, we are having a year of fund raising for the Unit in appreciation of all they did for Jessica.

As our contribution to the fund, we are organising a Coffee Morning at our home (12 Parmiter Rd. Wimborne) 19th August at 10.00 a.m. and a Concert with International Organist, Nicholas Martin at West Moors Memorial Hall on Monday 4th September at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. For further details ring - 01202 889227.

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Fresh or frozen blackcurrants may be used. This cake is lovely sliced and sprinkled with a little caster sugar or with cream or custard, or cold spread with butter.

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

The next meeting will be a picnic for all the family (and friends) at Su’s, Piddle Cottage, on 1st August from noon. Bring some food to share. Newcomers are always welcome. Phone Su Roberts for more information on 471322
Grants are available for young people living in the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle, who are undergoing apprenticeships, further or higher education, or a period of training of any other description, and who are in need of financial assistance for the purchase of books, travelling to and from school or college, or payment for accommodation.

Applications can only be accepted from those who live within the boundaries of the parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. There are other Trusts who give grants to those living in the parishes of Crossways and Bere Regis.

Applications for grants in 2000-2001 MUST be received before 31st OCTOBER 2000, otherwise it will not be possible to consider them.

Application forms can be obtained from:

Miss M. Frampton, William Frampton Educational Foundation,
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**FIRE REPORT**

Since my last report we have attended 11 incidents including a road traffic accident at Morden park corner, 2 vehicle fires and a barn fire at Ansty.

On Saturday 10th June, we were called to assist at a large heath fire near Upton. With dry vegetation and strong easterly winds it took 16 fire engines and over 100 firefighters to bring under control.

The following Saturday we received a call at 0353 hours to Lytchett Manor school where a major fire was in progress and was threatening to engulf the main building. We could see the flames from as far away as Morden park corner and for the next 4 hours, along with our colleagues from surrounding stations worked hard to limit the devastation to the school. The Salvation Army were in attendance providing tea, coffee and bacon butties, which was very much appreciated by all concerned.

Finally a word on our Annual Hog Roast. For this year we will be working in conjunction with the Twinning Committee supplying the hog roast for the party at Rowlands Wait caravan park on Saturday September 23rd at 1900 hours. The Fire Services National Benevolent Fund will benefit from the evening and all of our friends are welcome.

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Monday 14th August – “Salt Dough and Creative Writing” a morning of quiet activities.

Friday 18th August – “Adventure Time” a drama workshop with theatre games and stories.

Monday 21st August – “Discovering Africa” preparations for our final workshop.


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The August meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th at the Drax hall at 2.30 p.m. when we will be having a ‘Collectors Lot’. Members are asked to bring six items of their own collection. This will be a ‘free’ afternoon and non-members are welcome. There will also be a cream tea.

FOBRS SUMMER FAYRE

A big thank you to all who helped and supported the Summer Fayre. A total of £357.52 was raised for school.

A special thank you to the Bere Regis firemen who attended with Welephant and Fireman Sam, especially as they had been out on call most of the previous night.

Summer fete 20001 – a date has been set for 9th June 2001.

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I apologise for the lack of news concerning. The Dorset Latvia Link in the July issue of the Parish Mag I had read (but forgotten) that the closing date had been brought forward for July only.

The Future
May 14 2000 marked the 8th anniversary of the Dorset Latvia Link’s first visit to Latvia when a team of 7 committee members and 4 drivers travelled overland to take much-needed medical equipment, clothing and other supplies to our newly-linked village of Ikskile in Latvia. Since that first exciting venture the Link has undertaken many other exciting projects, necessitating a lot of fundraising and a great deal of hard work. Our last project has been to supply a prosthesis to a young Latvian girl, for which purpose she came to Dorset in 1997. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to complete this project in the UK and in the anticipated timescale - facilities in Latvia to supply Alesja with the treatment she requires are now available in Riga and we have been able to arrange for the necessary treatment to be finalised in the very near future.

You will be aware that our Constitution requires that an Executive Committee of six members is required to run the administrative side of the Link. We have reached the stage now where 4 of those 6 members are desirous of giving up their Executive Committee status, which would leave just the Chairman and Secretary in post. Canvassing for folk to serve on our committee has proved unsuccessful - most folk are very happy to assist as members of the Link, but not as committee members.

This is most understandable and, given the 8 years or so that we have been in existence, we have been most fortunate in having loyal and hard-working committee members as well as a fantastic support team.

The Link has now reached a crossroads and a decision needs to be made as to how we are to proceed. Whilst we are keen for the Link to continue in some form as the need for assistance for children in Latvia is still very necessary, fundraising on a major scale is no longer practicable or desirable. Following discussions, the Executive Committee decided that the most democratic way forward was to conduct a POSTAL BALLOT of all our members to obtain their views. This was done and the results discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee on 30 June 2000 (35 ballot papers were despatched and 28 replies were received. A majority vote was cast for the option that the Link be formally dissolved as it stands with funds used to purchase medical equipment for the Children’s Hospital in Ogre.

There are several loose ends still to tie up, and, with the holiday season in full swing, we anticipate that this will not be before the end of September 2000. In the meantime we will continue to raise funds as the opportunity arises.

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There was a thanksgiving service at St. Paul’s Cathedral ahead of time. There have been many tributes given to her, and articles written about her long life and the changes that she has seen.

We can all have our own image of The Queen Mother, even though we, like the majority of people, have never met her face to face. The portrait is painted for us by TV programmes and the few who have met her and written about her. This gives us some insight and behind the scenes information.

But how true and accurate are all these character portraits of this remarkable person? One TV programme, called ‘The Real Queen Mother’, showed her as the real power behind the throne and behind her shy and diffident husband King George VI. But it also threw new light on to the self-made polished image, as the rose-coloured spectacles were removed.

Aren’t you thankful, if you reach 100 or less, that you are unlikely to have your real image portrayed on TV for all the world to see? - Well, I am!

What is your image like of Almighty God and His Son Jesus, and where did you get it from I wonder? Simply put, it can all be seen in His wonderful creation, and in His Book - the Bible. ‘God is love, merciful, gracious, forgiving, just and much more.....’. I believe that is an accurate description, and proved completely true from personal experience. You may have your own opinion, but I’m sticking to what the Bible says!

How wonderful too, that God is the only person who knows what we are really like and yet He still loves us. One day, He will open His book on you and me and say “This is your life” What will it say about our response to His love, I wonder? “For we will all stand before God’s judgement seat. It is written, ‘As surely as I live’, says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me, and every tongue will confess to God.’ So then each of us will give an account of himself to God”. Romans 14:10-12.

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**Cricket results**

20 May  
BROADSTONE II 189 for 7 BERE REGIS  
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(G Price 26, D Merritt 30, A Kent 21)

21 May  
BERE REGIS 163 for 5  
MOORDOWN II 111 for 7 (R Fripp 25, A Green 39, C Way 37, N Cheeseman 20)

27 May  
BERE REGIS 88 allout  
BLANDFORD II 68 allout (A Green 5-24, C Oram 4-22)

3 June  
BERE REGIS 139 for 9  
REDLANDS 77 allout (C Oram 39, P Cheeseman 23)

4 June  
SHERBORNE REGIS 162 for 4 BERE  
88 allout

10 June  
WOOL 103 allout  
BERE REGIS  
104 for 2 (D Rogerson 3-41)  
(R Hewitt 39no, D Rogerson 30no.)

The Sunday team were pleased to get the show back on the road as they due to visit a windswept but dry Civil Service Ground at Kinson, Bournemouth, the home of Moordown 2nds. An early morning call from the Moordown administration was expected to be news of a cancelled match for Bere’s Sunday side and their second away trip of the campaign. The call was to say that the game was to be played out on an artificial mat wicket on the advice of the groundsman.

Hardline skipper, Alan Green was keen to keep the momentum going, following the previous week’s annulment at home to Suttoners who were unable to field a side.

After being asked to bat, Reg Fripp and Doug Curtis gave the innings a solid foundation, the first wicket not falling until the 23rd over. Lord Charles with a brisk 37 increased the tempo before being run out in somewhat bizarre fashion.

100 for 3 after 35 overs was the launchpad from which the skipper, at last able to hit the
A 42 run partnership in 6 overs, the highlight being Nick’s pull shot for 6 through mid-wicket which was only stopped by a distant garden fence, saw Bere to a total of 163 for 5.

In reply Moordown were never able to get in contention as the Fripp connection bowled a tight line and length. Paul not conceding a run until his 6th over and Reg finishing with figures of 2 for 8 from his 12 over ration.

This enabled the skipper to give valuable experience to debut boy Colin Campbell and youngster Phil Dolan as Bere restricted Moordown to 111 for 7, winning by a comfortable 52 runs.

First it was April, and then May bowed out with the kind of weather that has become a trademark of recent seasons. Summer was suddenly assumed shy tendencies, treating everyone to a glimpse here and there. Heavy overnight rain placed a gigantic question mark over the Saturday side’s trip to Blandford. With temperatures in the low sixties, players read-three jumpers and a tub of deep-heat.

Bere batted first on an uneven pitch conducive to low scoring, however nothing could prepare Bere for the collapse of two wickets in the first seven balls. Openers Russell Hewitt and Pete Cheeseman were back in the shed without the scorers having to reach for their pencil sharpeners. Now stability was the key from that moment on, and Bere limped to 28 for 4. with the wicket having more than its say.

Eleventh hour replacement Alan Green appeared 15 minutes late only to discover that more than half of Bere’s line-up were ‘padded up’. Green is experiencing an Indian Summer in his career at present, and Bere were more than grateful for his contribution with the bat.

He joined lawman Herbie Swann with the score at 28, and they brought about achieving respectability for Bere’s total. They compiled a patient 38 for the fifth wicket in the face of some quality bowling.

Both were bowled, and this initiated a Bere slump with the final six wickets tumbling for a paltry 20 runs, and more ducks than an Easter parade.

A youthful Blandford side would have to apply themselves well on the volatile pitch. Their team hold a lot of promise for the future, but coming off the back of a debilitating defeat the previous week, a target of 89 was to prove later, a mountain to climb.

Rick Davis was given the match-ball to start the Blandford innings, and he paid back yet another slice of last year’s transfer fee to farmers Ibberton, by returning a miserly spell in the gloom reading 12 overs, 8 maidens, 1 wicket for 6 runs. Praise indeed was heaped on his efforts by Bere’s ebullient skipper.
Hristo Oram, Bere’s strike bowler wreaked havoc in the home side’s ranks, claiming 4 for 22 and reducing Blandford to 19 for 5.

A recovery ensued, and the home side were almost home and dry, with plenty of overs to spare. They did not bargain for ‘The Egdon Express’-Vasbert Green who was called into the fray in a final attempt to win the contest. It was his late spell that captured the final five wickets to fall.

Bere certainly held their catches, with some quality efforts, mostly typified by the never-say-die, Dunkirk Spirit of Swann, who was asked to field in the trenches at short-leg, which harvested two catches. Bere claimed a minimum points win, and face newly promoted Redlands and Wool over the next fortnight.

Ten long years have elapsed since Bere’s historic victory on home soil against a traditionally strong Redlands outfit. That day Bere grabbed the most unlikely of triumphs by a meagre 4 runs, preventing the Weymouth side from being promoted to division one of the old league. One or two members of Bere’s veteran ranks were settled comfortably in the rows of deckchairs littering the boundary, whilst reminiscing about that very day, after being put in by Redlands on their home pitch.

Present day Redlands are a pale shadow of their forebears. The hostile bowling and aggressive batting have gone, and Bere skipper Pete Cheeseman sensed a probable win was on the cards.

The Bere convoy arrived early, skilfully avoiding the holiday traffic and inspected the wicket. The track at Redlands is renowned for being a bowlers’ nightmare, and in years gone by, Bere’s trips to the out of town Weymouth complex, have always ended in ignominious defeat.

Bere were missing the wholly influential Russell ‘Bear’ Hewitt, so passing a American tourist by the name of Inzamam Ul Merritt was drafted in for his opening prowess.

An early start was assured, as Bere’s premier tow strutted to the wicket at 14.50 local time. They found the early exchanges tough going on a damp strip devoid of true bounce. Inzamam failed to cash in, and fell guiding a decent length delivery comfortably into slip’s hands.

Solid performer, Andy Kent has carved out a niche for himself with the number three spot this term, no-one would have said that he deserved to be dismissed in such an unfortunate fashion with the ball taking a ricochet off his foot onto the stumps for an unwelcome duck.
As the Redlands bowling web closed in, Bere wickets tumbled like confetti. Dean Rogerson holed out neatly to gully after chasing a short one, and the skipper after surviving the crashing of wickets, was trapped lbw whilst sweeping after an innings of patience and deft adapting to the conditions. Alan Green became stuck in the nervous 19’s for the second week running being dismissed by a blinding catch at second slip, suddenly Bere were 96 for 8.

Chris Oram and pistol packing Rick Davis brought parity to Bere’s total. The former turned in a characteristic late order performance at number 7, flaying the home bowling to all parts compiling a top scoring 39, before being stumped in the hunt for big runs. The innings had put Bere in the driving seat, as it was generally felt that a score above three figures would pose a few problems.

The Redlands opening batsmen stated their intentions in the first two overs, as they were playing their shots, but this gave Bere’s bowlers heart, as a sharp chance was offered at such an early stage. Gunslinger Rick Davis struck, with a catch it or wear it grab off his own bowling, leaving the score at 2 for 1 at tea.

Bere gorged on a quality tea from the home side, and this did not hamper the post-tea bowling and fielding, with first change bowler Steve Cheeseman fortuitously claiming the second wicket in his third over. He was to bowl right through his 12 over allocation, claiming 4 for 27, all wicket being bowled, and a post match jug loomed ominously when the Redlands number 9 bat skied a drive to mid-off, and Rick Davis spilled what would have been a ‘fivefor’.

All rounder Hristo Oram returned late on to clean up, after a brief experiment with spin taking 3 for a measly 14, and walking off with the Purbeck Fossils Man of the Match Award.

The Sports club would like to thank all those who participated, and especially those who organised the recent football six-a-sides held on 3 June. The day was enjoyed by all, and was a creditable success for the club and football in general, as the opinion was that the football was of a high standard, and the eventual winners-Branksome Railway ‘B’ were made to fight all the way.

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17 June  HAMWORTHY REC. II  190 for 7  BERE REGIS
         145 for 7  (R Hewitt 41, D Rogerson 33)

18 June  BOURNEMOUTH III  187 for 6  BERE REGIS
         188 for 5  (R Fripp 26, D Curtis 26no, N Cheeseman 85)

24 June  BERE REGIS  129 for 9
         MELPLASH
         130 for 4(C Oram 49, D Rogerson 20)  (D Rogerson 3-32)
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Bere had a point to prove when Bournemouth 3rds visited the BRACA. Their opponents were above them in the division after Bere had lost ground in the upper reaches of division six. Bournemouth brought with them a side crammed with experience and talented youth from right across the social divide.

Sunday skipper, Vasbert Green was heartily aware that Bournemouth were scoring freely, and the pitch was to help any side batting as Mr Peeks turned out a flat strip on the ‘number 9’ track, coupled with a lightning outfield.

Bournemouth decided to bat, and got off to a sluggish start in the opening twenty overs, courtesy of a business as usual miserly 12 overs from one half of the Cardigan Twins—Reg Fripp. With the other half missing, the skipper gave the new ball to the deputising Hristo Oram who assumed the mantle with aplomb.

Bere were unable to make an early impact on the Bournemouth top order, as they took advantage of a sumptuous buffet offered up by Bere’s bowlers. Skipper Vasbert even resorted to bowling ‘dolly drops’ in an attempt to purchase a wicket. He went for a damaging 15 from his first over, as Bournemouth were allowed to build a solid 73 for the first wicket.

There Bere fears that they would be chasing a 250 plus target. Part time right arm seamer Phil ‘Sandwich Pack’ Dolan was thrust into the attack, and made an immediate impression with a wicket maiden. He trapped Bournemouth’s captain leg before, with Rick ‘Gunslinger’ Davis providing the finger-work. Dolan proceeded to bowl a tidy
Returning all-rounder Martyn ‘Poomie’ Price did not fare quite so well, and was hit out of the attack, conceding 28 runs from 3 overs. It was Bere’s captain that broke through for a second time with the score on an ominous 140 for 1, he managed to remove Bournemouth’s fluent number 2, who hit a half century with consummate ease and confidence for a 12 year-old. He is surely destined for the higher echelons of cricket.

The sight of The Slickster-Nick Cheeseman steaming in to bowl is almost as rare as his tea-plate being discovered empty. His one over was littered with extras and boundaries, but he somehow managed to conjure a catch, which was snapped up by wily veteran Doug Curtis, who ghosted in from the long-on boundary to seal a second bowling point for Bere. Bournemouth registered 187 for 6, which was generally felt to be more than an adequate score on a good Bere pitch.

The turnstiles were spinning with Bere’s biggest crowd of the season, which was swelled by a number of pensioners from Southampton who were marooned after their coach broke down. Stalwart openers Reg Fripp and Doug Curtis soon gave the ladies something to smile about, as they provided some calypso cricket under the descending sun. A first wicket stand off 67 balls gave Bere a perfect launch pad for victory, but Fripp was bowled for a quickfire 26.

Inzamam UL Merritt batted at number four and lasted for 5 minutes before chopping a low one onto his stumps. He failed to cash in, and may well have been his day with the bat. At 57 for 3, The Slickster joined Doug Curtis for the fourth wicket. The pressure was on, and The Slickster had an opportunity to continue on his learning curve with the bat. There can be no doubt that Nick can take any attack apart on his day, but over-eagerness has been his downfall. Under the supreme guidance of Curtis, the Slick set about plundering the Bournemouth bowling.

Batting with maturity, the Slick assumed the dominant role in the stand, with Curtis dropping anchor at the other end. Bournemouth’s young bowlers took a fearful pounding as the Slick batted himself into top form. Two massive mid-wicket sixes helped him into the forties. With one more flick of that Sandbanks Ferry Chain bracelet around his wrist, Slick clipped a glorious pull to deep square-leg, and after a grateful misfield, the Slickster had his half century which was hailed in Caribbean style all round the boundary.

Doug Curtis joined in the party with an on-driven six clearing the ropes by some distance. Together they compiled a massive 123 for the fourth wicket, a club record.

Weariness crept into the game, and Slick was bowled for 85 which was a personal high score from 71 balls, 93 minutes including 5 boundaries and 4 sixes. But David Scott concluded affairs with 26 balls to spare. Curtis remained at the wicket on 40 not out, carrying his bat and leaving the pitch in a decidedly ‘goosed’ condition but to rapturous applause nonetheless.
The visit of Shroton was undoubtedly Bere’s biggest test of the 2000 sojourn thus far. Arguable Bere’s oldest rivals since the reformation back in 1983, Shroton have built a formidable side over recent years, especially this term as they have gone undefeated throughout the first half of the season.

It is evident that the visitors from deep in the Blackmore Vale are destined for division two in 2001, but Bere had a chance to put a dent in their title aspirations. Bere’s record against the table toppers is reasonable, taking into account results from recent years.

A lot of cricket has been played since Bere were humiliated at Shroton back in 1990, then finding themselves knocking on the door of the local hostelry-The Cricketers, only to discover there was a Caribbean evening in full swing later on. Events that unfolded that night are well and truly etched into the memories of Bere’s battle hardened cricketers. There have been many ‘£5.86’ evenings since, but none quite to match that unforgettable day when so many fell victim to the deadly ‘Red Stripe’.

The previous week, Shroton had unwittingly done Bere a favour by beating closest rivals, Hamworthy Recreation 2nds. If Bere could restore some fight in their game and step up a gear, a victory would install them as second favourites behind the visitors. The weather was about as recognisable for July, as plantains on Bere’s square, but the forecasters got it all wrong again with rain expected following the midweek monsoons. There was no hint of any rain during the game, but a crisp breeze blowing in from the groundsmen’s boudoir and sufficient cloud cover kept temperatures at a minimum.

So player’s comfort read 2 jumpers or a sheep if you have one. The only high pressure likely to appear was out in the middle deep in the trenches, as the two old rivals slugged out a classic encounter.

Having only batted first once this year, Shroton were in no hurry to alter that pattern, and they fielded having won the toss. This decision was vindicated as the sun managed to peep through, helping to dry out the damp wicket. Once again Bere’s evergreen skipper turned to openers Russ ‘The Bear’ Hewitt and Inzamam U1 Sheep Merritt for a platform to build a total worth defending.

The Shroton captain could have ultimate confidence in his opening bowlers, and they bowled a tight line, frustrating the Bere openers. To say that the going was heavy for Bere’s innings was a massive understatement. The runs on the board did not surpass the overs until the 18th bowled. Bere had a meagre 29 from the first 20 overs, being testament to the accuracy of Shroton’s bowling, and the slow wicket.

The Bear was picking out fielders with regularity in the search for boundaries, which were about as sparse as the deckchairs strewn around the BRACA. It became evident that batting was to become easier as the day wore on. The dire need for runs was starting to take its toll, as Inzamam was caught comfortably at gully leaving the score on 34 for 1.
Andy Kent resumed his number three role, and had to kick-start the run quest immediately, not a role he was accustomed to being an accumulator of runs rather than a big hitter. He got off the mark by virtue of a glorious on-drive, and he added a further four boundaries out of his 35, and he departed with the score at 108 for 4.

Earlier Dean ‘Greg Lad, The Large’ Rogerson maintained his healthy batting average with 25, sharing a 49 run partnership with Kent off 68 balls, catapulting Bere above the 2 runs per over mark. There were eight overs left of the Bere innings.

Chris Oram was the ideal player for the situation that faced Bere. His form with the bat has been exemplary, with his temperament and shot selection second to none, entering the fray very often when urgency was the key, and runs needed. The Bat-Handle Price failed to star this time, as he was skittled for a single, but it was Oram that stole the show with 37 from 30 balls including a six lifted over mid-wicket into the car-park.

The acceleration was perfectly timed as at 73 for 2 from 35 overs, Bere were languishing in the doldrums. From the final ten overs, 90 runs were plundered from the Shroton attack, with Bere failing to score from no more than four deliveries. It was most uncharacteristic of the Shroton bowling and fielding machine to concede so many runs late in the day. It was a titanic final quarter of the innings for Bere, as they set a testing 164 to win.

There was no doubt which team enjoyed their tea more during the intermission. It was Bere that tucked into Mrs Price’s legendary fruitcake, happy in the knowledge that they had been let off the hook, with Shroton licking their wounds after conceding so many runs at the death. The question that was being asked was whether Bere had enough in the tank, and could cope without their talisman-cardigan twin strike bowler.

Shroton could boast the strongest batting line-up in the division, with an array of powerful strokemakers capable of reducing any bowling attack, which was reflected in their unbeaten run.

An unusual ploy by Bere’s captain saw him start with a combination of swing and spin from Steve Cheeseman and Dean Rogerson. Shroton signalled their intentions from the outset picking off Bere’s bowlers with consummate ease. Cheeseman claimed the first wicket, inducing Shroton’s premier opener to ‘play on’ and later it was to prove the bowler’s luck was in.

A second wicket was to follow, when a low leg-side half volley was glanced with the full face of the bat from Shroton’s number 3, then wicket-keeper Andy Kent swooped like an eager kingfisher to grab a sharp, low effort round his bootlaces, sending the Bere fielders into a frenzy, with the score at 22 for 2.
Perhaps the biggest hitter in the league entered the arena at number 4 for Shroton, and Bere was aware that dismissing him early doors could have held the key to winning. A third scalp was claimed by Cheeseman, when the skipper jugged a lofted push to mid-off but gleefully grabbed the ball at the third attempt.

Suddenly the game started to disappear from Bere’s grasp, as the Shroton middle order stamped their authority on proceedings with a flurry of sixes off all and sundry, though apart from wily veteran Mark Bennett plugging away with his low ‘scudders’. With the string of powerful hitter coming in seemingly endless, Bere had all but resigned to a fourth defeat of the year. The visitors were cruising along at 136 for 4, needing only 27 from 9 overs, with their ‘Master Blaster’ in prime form.

He chanced his arm through deep mid-wicket with a lofted drive in the search for a quick and abrupt end to the encounter. Steve Cheeseman trotted in from the Legion door appearing to judge the catch well, but made a complete hash contriving to guide the ball back to the bowler, nevertheless the batsmen completed two runs. The next from spin buffet guru Dean Rogerson was given the same treatment, and again headed for the Legion door like a missile. Cheeseman went from the ridiculous to the sublime, this time totally misjudging the flight, but reaching back clutching the ball about six feet above the ropes, and the Bere revival had begun.

Rogerson was persisted with after an Oram spin experiment went pear-shaped, and his guile at the wicket proved the undoing of Shroton. He extracted an on-drive, which seemed destined for a maximum, but Inzamam Merritt rose three inches off the floor and grasped a double-handed effort in front of a packed Restoration gallery.

This was followed by the easiest of stumpings for keeper Andy Kent, and Bere needed only one more magical wicket to seal the unlikeliest of victories, but ominously Shroton needed just ten runs from three overs, with the dangerous ‘Spud’ at the crease.

Wily veteran Bennett was to bowl the 44th and penultimate over, and skipper Cheeseman made the necessary last-minute off-side field adjustments. The first ball was pushed out into the covers and a run was called for, but the non-striker was rooted and Steve Cheeseman collected throwing to the keeper, and Kent was able to demolish the stumps triumphantly and Bere’s fielders were ecstatic, the square transforming in unprecedented scenes reminiscent of recent GB & Europe wins in the Ryder Cup.

It was a game that saw Shroton self-destruct, ruing their chances to win a hugely tense and exciting encounter for the neutral. In these games Bere usually prevail, the masters of defending a target, when the game is all but gone.

Please do not forget that full and comprehensive football and cricket reports, club events, developments and club history can be viewed at the extensive Bere Regis Sports Club official website-http: //www.welcome.as/bereregis
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We, the Village Hall Committee, are tired, and, I expect there are also more than a few ‘garden openers’ who are also rather weary.

This is because on 25th June with the help and support of the village, we raised almost £1,000 in a single day towards our village hall improvements. Thank you so much to everyone who mucked in and made the day a wonderful success.

We are lucky in Brianstpuddle (and our Parish). We’ve still go a thriving church, a shop/post office (if only part time) a social club to meet and have a drink and a chats, play skittles, darts and pool etc, and a village hall in which to hold functions, events, meetings and parties.

In Briantspuddle we have each year a good number of events, stage by our local organisations, these include – village quiz, the church fete, Artsreach performances, skittles, harvest supper, horticultural show, barn dance, Xmas Fair, the list goes on.

Even if it’s not consciously realised, these are the places where we meet and exchange information (or gossip, depending on who you meet) where we keep up to date about people and places, and where we can all be assured of seeing a friendly familiar face or meeting a new and interesting resident.

I mention this because I have recently been prompted to consider the meaning of community life.

For a small village in an out of the way parish, we have a pretty strong sense of cohesion. Most of us know and care about our neighbours. We live here because we all appreciate the unique nature of the area, its history, and the beauty and tranquillity of the surrounding countryside. So having this in common, no matter how long we’ve lived here or what we do for a living, is a good starting point for any community.

Another consideration worth mentioning is that having these useful facilities is not only a community asset, but also an environmental one. In this age of global warming and pollution, we are urged not to use our cars unless necessary, so being able to walk or cycle to a function within the village is even saving the planet in a small way!! (It’s call being ‘sustainable’ to use current jargon).
Those people who arrange functions and facilities on communities are often sneered at as being ‘busy bodies’ and ‘do-gooders’. I, on the other hand, take a contrary view on this – well I would, wouldn’t I? Apathy is the enemy of society and the one thing that ‘community activists’ have in common is that they care enough to do something. Most people (and I include my former self here) are only motivated to action when directly affected by something. Once roused, a few are motivated to work for a community benefit and not merely be confined to protecting their personal interests.

It is these people who do things, usually with the best motives who lay themselves open to criticism. Don’t forget if you do nothing, there is nothing to complain about, but also nothing is accomplished – and that is always the easiest course in life.

Next time you’re tempted into a knee jerk reaction over ‘do-gooders’ please try and remember that it’s these volunteers who are in many ways the glue that holds our society together, and that they would often prefer to be doing something else but “someone has got to do it!!”

So having made myself feel extremely self righteous, how about a bit of news……

The replacement chairs have been ordered after due consideration our hardy local expert has checked the quality of samples we’ve had delivered and OK’d our choice of supplier. The chairs will be checked on delivery to avoid the palaver we’ve just experienced, being repeated.

The exterior wood and paintwork of the hall is being treated and painted even as I write, organised amongst a myriad of other things by our trusty treasurer Philippa Thorniley.

Our architect has produced a sketch design for changes on the village hall site. We are currently seeking the planners view on this idea and await their attention. I feel that until there is a concrete proposal that villagers could contain their excitement as nothing will be contemplated without full consultation in the community. We are seeking improvements in community facilities and not controversy.

We are looking forward to the next village event on 5th August when the Horticultural Show and a Village Street fair will run concurrently being followed in the evening by a BBQ and sixties night. By the way, I’m already planning the menu for the Barn Dance – yum yum, so no doubt we’ll see all you dancing gourmets on 30th September!!

Jenny Lightfoot – 471498
BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Horticultural Show
On Saturday 5th August, the Horticultural Show and Street Fair is taking place. Entries for the show should be submitted to Dr S McGrorty by Thursday evening – 3rd August. The evening entertainment is open to all – Sixties night and Bar–B–Que.

Tuesday Club
As from 1st August, the Tuesday Club will be changing its time to 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and we will no longer allow children to come.

Membership
It is nice to report that more and more people from the Parish are now becoming members. Over 70% now live in the Parish and a further 20% in the Purbeck district and the remaining 10% from adjoining villages with only a handful of those having no connection with the Parish. If you would like to join, just pop in and the Bar Staff can sign you in and give you a membership application form.

Harvest Auction
This will take place on Saturday 23rd September at 8.00 p.m. in aid of church funds. Donations for items to auction are requested.

Waste Paper
The bottle banks have been moved, so no more sweeping up glass for George Poore or myself. However, we are still collecting newspaper for charity, so please keep bringing it.

Sue Jeanes
The village history weekend prompted a number of enquiries from folk living in and outside the village and I was able to satisfy many of them. Two ladies attended on the Sunday and asked if I had any information on Spring Garden Barn.

I had never heard of it, but they were able to give me a fairly good description of it and I ha happy to say that I found a brief reference to it in a set of books entitled ‘An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in the County Of Dorset’ - Volume 11 – South East – Part 2 under the Turnerspuddle entry. It says merely:-

“Spring Garden Barn (833941) of cob with brick dressings, is of the late 18th or early 19th century”

I am uncertain if they were local folk, but if so I hope this is of some assistance, albeit sketchy.

Jenny Silavs

**VILLAGE SCRAPBOOK**

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

Two vacancies have arisen (one in the Affpuddle Parish and the other in the Turnerspuddle Parish) for Parish Councillors.

If you would like the opportunity to serve your local community, are a resident, and on the electoral roll, within the Parish, and are available to attend the Parish Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, please approach an existing member of the Parish Council as soon as possible. (A list of Councillors can be found on the Parish noticeboards).

Mandy Spivey
Clerk to the Council
A meeting was held on 12th July in the village hall.

Lottery Application
This was progressing. The general layout of the Village Hall Project, as prepared by Mr Jones, had been agreed with the Hall Committee and the Social Club. Further consultations were being arranged by Mrs Lightfoot.

Burglaries
Following a recent spate of thefts, a well attended meeting took place in the Village Hall when P.C Hawes gave a presentation on ways to protect and secure buildings and outbuildings.

Recycling Bins
At long last the recycling bins had been removed from the village hall to their new location off the old A35 on the right hand side just past the entrance to the new bypass. It had been a long battle but the new location is convenient for the majority of people, it is unobtrusive and will cause no disturbance.

Mulberry Tree
The seat around the Mulberry Tree in the Ring was being repaired and should be returned by the end of the month.

Road Signs
It was reported that several signs in the Parish had been damaged and it seemed unlikely that this had happened by accident.

A sign was being placed at the dangerous bend at Affpuddle to warn traffic of pedestrians in the road.

Planning
The Meeting was reminded – and it’s worth remembering, that Planning Consent must be sought before carrying out any work on a listed building. This includes extensions, alterations and painting.

Dog Waste
A request had been made to supply “Doggie Bins” around the village. After some discussion it was decided that dog litter was not a sufficient enough problem to justify bins.
**Vacancies on the Council**

There has arisen a vacancy for a Briantspuddle/Affpuddle representative following the resignation of Mr Russell and a vacancy for a Turnerspuddle representative following the resignation of Mr Camberlain. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman expressed his thanks to both members for their help and support over the years.

Roger Wharton

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who attended the barbecue on 9th July in support of the Mission to Seafarers. We have been able to send them a cheque for £200 as a result.

Andrea and Allan Smith

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**BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL – FINANCE**

At the last meeting of the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee the hire charges were discussed. It was agreed to keep the hire charges at the same rate as those introduced in May 1999.

Charge for regular users (B.S.C., W.I., P.C.C., Briantspuddle Singers, Friends of the Shop) May to September £4.50 per hour, October to April £5.00 per hour.

Charge for residents of the Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish for social and charitable use May to September £5.50 per hour, October to April £6.00 per hour.

Charge for users who do not reside in the parish for social and charitable use May to September £6.50 per hour, October to April £7.00 per hour.

Charge for hire for commercial purposes May to September £10.50 per hour, October to April £11.00 per hour.

During 1999 the Hall Committee purchased a new set of cutlery for 60 and enough china for 60. Originally it was decided to charge £25.00 for the hire of the entire set. After consideration it was decided to hire the cutlery and china at the rate of 50p per dozen for use within the hall. If you wish to use china or cutlery when you hire the hall please let me, the hiring secretary, know how much you require.

Philippa Thorniley
BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

HORTICULTURAL SHOW
in Briantspuddle

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The Briantspuddle Street Fair has been resurrected! Bookings have flooded in and we can certainly promise you something for everyone.

We have White Elephant stalls, local produce, a fortune teller, roundabout, plant stalls, games and so much more that there isn’t room here to tell you about them all, so come along on the day and see for yourself!

The Horticultural Show will be taking place on the same day. Don’t worry about parking as there is a large free car park.

Teas will be served on the lawn of Cruck Cottage and there will also be a licensed bar.
ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete was held again this year in the garden at Cruck Cottage. After a rather doubtful week weather wise the day dawned fine and bright and a warm and sunny afternoon ensued. Weymouth Concert Brass entertained a crowd of some three hundred with a happy selection of popular music from light opera and musical comedy among other pieces. Besides people from the village there were a good number of visitors from away including two who had come from Australia for the Tolpuddle Martyr celebrations and looked in to enjoy the fun with everyone else.

All the stalls did well and together with the teas and the various competitions contributed to a grand total of one thousand and forty pounds being raised, which after the deduction of expenses is expected to result in over nine hundred pounds being added to the Church funds. The PCC wish to thank all those who helped in their various ways in raising this magnificent sum whether it was running or contributing to a stall, organising a competition, exhibiting their marvellous cars, rigging and unrigging or any of the other necessary activities.

Paul Badcock

HOME WATCH

On the evening of Thursday 6th July P.C. Hawes of Wareham Police gave a presentation in the Village Hall on the security of buildings. He was supported in this by Dave Rodgers of Rodgers Locksmith of Park Street Weymouth.

P.C.Hawes showed an instructive video on how to protect your house, garage and outbuildings from burglars whilst Dave Rodgers gave a demonstration of various locks suitable for all situations.

It was a well attended evening during which coffee and biscuits were provided.

I have received several reports recently of thefts from garages and outbuildings; there have also been thefts of red diesel from farm tanks. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious people or vehicles to the police and try to get car numbers.

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