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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

December 2000

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

SANTA CLAUS

We are getting into the season. Things are hotting up. Carols are being played in shops. Children are learning their lines for the Nativity Play. Your stress level is rising. Presents have to be bought. The super market trolleys are looking grotesque as they are wheeled to the check-out. How on earth did all this start? Was it Charles Dickens writing about it 150 years ago? Was it Queen Victoria's husband Albert, who imported the German pine tree and dressed it in lights? How on earth have we been pressurised into the modern Christmas?

America is to blame! As you know, it has been the country for immigrants. Thousands of families from the Netherlands sailed to New Amsterdam, later called New York, and took with them the simple and lovely legend of a saint who they called Sinte Klaas. St Nicholas was a well known saint of the Christian church. He lived around 300 AD. Over the centuries he became the patron saint of many areas of the world, and one of the many legends that stuck to him was that of giving to the poor, the needy, and to children. Clearly his care for those in poverty was very great.

For example, he is reported as having saved three children from slavery by throwing three bags of gold as payment into the house of the owner. Then there are the stories of him saving three unjustly condemned men from death; and saving three sailors in distress off the Italian coast. Notice how the number three repeats itself. That is why he is the patron saint of pawnbrokers, who used to have three gold coloured balls over their shop doorways. He is also the patron saint of sailors, children, and merchants, as well as countries, dioceses, cities and about 400 churches in England.

To be fair, St Nicholas had been venerated in England for a thousand years. He has given rise to so many names; Colin, Nicolson, Nixon, Nicola, Nicolette. But the practice of giving presents came from America, through the immigrants from the Netherlands. From this practice arose the story of Father Christmas.
Like it or hate it, we are stuck with it. Charles Dickens, over 100 years ago, portrayed the lovely side of the practice in Bob Cratchet, the father of the little crippled boy, Tiny Tim, in the novel *A Christmas Carol*. He also portrayed the familiar side in many of us with the painful character of the banker, Scrooge, who echoed the familiar cry, "Humbug," to everything associated with Christmas.

St Nicholas, Santa Claus, Sinte Klaas, Father Christmas; they are all one in spirit, the giver of kindness to those in need. The simplicity of this holy man may have been overshadowed by the massive materialism of our present age, but beneath all of this lies a holy action, loved and acknowledged by generations of ordinary men and women.

Thank you, St Nicholas. His feast day is on 6th December.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December
2nd  Children's Activity Event in the church  10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
2nd  Briantspuddle WI Christmas Fair
5th  Gardening club Christmas Party  8.00 p.m.
9th  Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court
12th  Autumn Leaves Xmas afternoon with children from Class 4, Drax Hall
16th  PIP Show and Party
17th  Affpuddle Carol and Gift Service
24th  CHRISTINGLE - Bere Regis
24th  MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Bere Regis
25th  CHRISTMAS DAY

January
2nd  Gardening Club AGM and slide show
9th  Autumn Leaves New Year party
18th  Twinning Association AGM, Royal Oak Skittle Alley

February
3rd  Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall

Church Officials - Bere Regis
Lay Reader  Mrs B Pitfield - 471391
Church Wardens  Mr J House, Lower Stockley Farm - 471255/551266
                Mr J England, 10 Southmead - 471469
Deputy Warden  Mr R Comben, Beechmast, Whatcombe Lane,
                Winterborne Whitchurch - 01258 881143
Secretary of PCC  Cdr C Maunder, 15 North Street - 471342
Treasurer of PCC  Mr G Phillips, 102 North Street - 471525
Organist  Mr T Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360

PCC Members
Geoffrey Booth, Molly Carlyle, Ian Ventham, Susan Hazlerigg,
David Gibbs, Eileen Jutting, Fred Pitfield, Kay March, Sybil Frampton,

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Church Wardens  Captain P Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle - 471297
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Sanctuary Flower Guild
3rd December ADVENT
10th December ADVENT
17th December ADVENT
23rd December Decorating for Christmas from 9.00 a.m.
31st December Mrs P House Mrs P Roblin

Readers
3rd Miss Frampton
10th Mrs Jutting

Bere Regis Sidesmen
Sunday 3rd December 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton
Sunday 10th December 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting
Sunday 17th December 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m. Carol Service
Sunday 24th December 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Christingle
23.30 p.m. Churchwardens
Monday 25th December 11.00 a.m. Cdr Maunder
Sunday 31st December 9.30 a.m. Benefice Communion (Affpuddle)

Dorset/Lativa Link
Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577
Floral Group
2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall
Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Guides
Unit suspended
Kingsbere Quilters
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library
Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and
3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park
Mothers’ Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Playgroup Bere Regis
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792
Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pop in Place
9.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Rainbows
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
RBL Gardening Club
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
Scouts (10½-15 yrs)
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Swimming Club
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m,
Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Toddler Group
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
Tuesday Club
A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday
at Turberville Court. All welcome
Twinning Association
Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities
Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
W.I. Bere Regis
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. Briantspuddle
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
Woodbury Hill Singers
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society
7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

Autumn Leaves (over 50s)
2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Babysitting Circle
1.30 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Su Roberts – 471322

Beavers (6-8 yrs)
6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Bere Heath Methodist Chapel
10.30 a.m. Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly
(3.00 p.m.)

Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s” Chapel
RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays
Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.

Bingo
7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall

British Legion Club
7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

Legion Women’s Section
2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

Brownies
6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

B.R.S.C.
Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

Briantspuddle Singers Choir Practice
7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

C.A.B.
Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-
2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Camera Club
7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court

Coffee stop
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct

Congregational Church
10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
10.00 a.m. Sunday School

Cubs (8-10½ yrs)
6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

Dancing classes
Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

D.S.S. Van
1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

CHURCH SERVICES in DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December
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)
6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service (Briantspuddle)
Led by the Briantspuddle Singers

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

Sunday 17th December
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpuddle Carol Service
6.00 p.m. Bere Regis Carol Service

Advent Sunday
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)
6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service (Briantspuddle)
Led by the Briantspuddle Singers

2nd Sunday of Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service and Baptism (Bere Regis)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

3rd Sunday of Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpuddle Carol Service
6.00 p.m. Bere Regis Carol Service
CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 24th December   4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Christingle Service (Bere Regis)
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion (Bere Regis)

Monday 25th December   Christmas Day
9.30 a.m. Christmas Day Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 31st December   The Sunday of Christmas
9.30 a.m. Both parishes join together for a Benefice Communion (Affpuddle)

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The cover price will increase to 50p per copy and this will apply to magazines purchased at the Post Office and Spar shop and from the Church. However, it has been agreed that those who pay an annual subscription for a delivered copy should benefit from a discount. This subscription, therefore, will only increase by 20p, to £5.00 per annum. If you don’t currently subscribe and would like to have your copy delivered to your door, contact Mary England on 471469 or fill in the form on page 75 and send it to Mary as soon as possible.

The new advertising rates are also shown on page 75 and new advertisers are always welcome – for a single month, or a full or part year. Contact the Editor, Alison Debenham, on 471780.

We hope that our supporters will understand the need for this increase. The size of the magazine has grown substantially during the past few years from around 36 pages to an average of 76 pages each month, with the resulting increase in printing costs. Although the Editor and the Affpuddle representative give their time voluntarily, the cost of consumables and related expenses continue to rise. We feel that our magazine gives a good read, provides a useful community service and is excellent value for money.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Thanks are due to all our bellringers for their devotion to duty at our Sunday services, for Wedding ringing, welcoming visiting ringing bands, and coming to help on practice evenings to encourage our newer ringers.

We hope, numbers permitting, to continue the local tradition of ringing in the New Year. Last year was a special event being the Millennium, but records show that this practice has gone on for at least 150 years to our knowledge.

CHURCH NOTICES

ADVENT SUNDAY sees the beginning of what is called "COMMON WORSHIP". It is in no way 'common' to the Church of England, in that each church will now decide the worship that it desires, regardless of its neighbouring church. This allows us to decide the format of the worship in our two different parishes. The alternatives have by law, been provided for us.

We are under the "law" of the Church of England", and not a congregational church, so the Parochial Church Councils are deciding on your behalf what format your 9.30 am Parish Communion will take; either the modern usage or the traditional, or the Prayer Book (1662). The early communions at 8 o'clock in both churches will continue with the Prayer Book Service as will the Mattins and Evensong services. (This has been passed by the PCCs of both churches).

BERE REGIS CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

This will be held in Cyril Wood Court on Saturday 9th December from 10-30 a.m. onwards. As always there will be stalls, but essentially it is a good community occasion.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
For years now this service on Christmas Eve has proved to be the most popular in the year. It is "standing room only" if you arrive on time! It is quite an ancient service, coming from the Moravian Church on the continent, and it centres on the symbolism of a candle, representing Christ as the Light of the World. In the service, each child is presented with a candle, and a procession is formed which goes around the church. The Church is in darkness, but gradually it comes to light as each child moves with its lighted candle. The fact that it is meaningful is demonstrated by its popularity. (6·00 p.m. Christmas Eve).

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (popularly known as Midnight Mass)
This year we are holding this in BERIE REGIS. (We alternate with our sister parish of Affpuddle). The service starts at 11·30 p.m. and covers the moment of midnight.

CHRISTMAS DAY
The services in Affpuddle and Bere Regis will be Communion Services, to allow those who cannot come to the midnight service to receive their Christmas Communion. The services will, of course, be full with carols and Christmas readings, but they are adult services to which children are of course very welcome. (Affpuddle - 9·30 a.m.; Bere Regis - 11·00 a.m.).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS
The Bere Regis PCC meets on Monday 4th December in the church, to discuss Common Worship.
The Affpuddle PCC meets on Tuesday 5th December in the church to discuss Common Worship and other items.
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Our meeting began with a service of Holy Communion, the Vicar being the celebrant. As it was All Saint’s Day, other members of the congregation attended it. All Saints tide is the time of year when the church remembers the ‘faithful departed’, both the saints with a capital S and those who have been dear to us, our family and friends. Graham had invited people to write down the names of those they wished to be remembered and during the intercessions, he gave thanks to God for all those on the list.

During the business part of the meeting, members were told about the Jubilee 2000 rally to be held in London on 2nd December, which would be attended by some people from our parish. On the same day, a Children’s Morning will take place, organised by our own church members. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments etc.

We have been invited to send four members to the RBL Women’s Section Carol Service on 4th December. Four members agreed to go. Our deanery Carol Service for Advent will take place at Winterborne Kingston church at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 5th December. Transport can be provided – please contact Mary, Eileen or Brenda.

Five of our members visited Beckingsale House in Salisbury, the refuge for women and children escaping from violent relationships. We were shown around the house and had tea in the new sun lounge. The Chairman hopes to update the kitchens with funding from the European Community. Our branch has, in past years, sent gifts for the women at Christmas. Items suggested were:- make-up, face wipes, face towels, deodorants, shampoo, emery boards, nail polish and remover, tights, leggings, pants, jewellery and Christmas crackers. Any of these items can be given to Eileen or brought to our next meeting which will be held in Turberville Court on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm. This will be our pre-Christmas meeting with carols, mince pies and readings. Non-members would be most welcome to attend.

Brenda Pitfield 471391
Four members went to the Autumn Council Meeting in Weymouth and a report was given on this thoroughly enjoyable occasion which had culminated with a talk by Sir Anthony Acland on ‘The Evolution of Diplomacy in the 20th Century’. Life in the Foreign Office certainly had its moments and one hopes that this delightful speaker will put some of them down on paper during his retirement. He said that it was a great privilege to speak to the ladies of the W.I. and I am sure everyone there agreed that it was an even greater one to listen to a diplomatic gentleman.

Our Christmas Meeting will be a social one, with various games and refreshments provided by members.

Mary Bentley

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Our November Meeting (& AGM) began with our speaker, Mrs. J. Birt, talking on her six years in Papua. As an entrance, I feel nothing could equal walking in with a handful of spears! Fortunately, as it turned out, they were fishing spears, so we held on to our seats.

Mrs. Birt was in Papua for six years with her builder husband and whilst he was erecting houses on stilts, she quickly found a niche for herself in the (eventual) management of a pharmacy, recently opened in the nearest town by someone who was mainly interested in the profit making side of this enterprise. Mrs. Birt had medical training and was very aware of the needs of the families who came to her for help.

The pharmacy sold lots of goods other than the drugs which were needed but expensive, and the former were promoted with success by Mrs. Birt and so enabled her to subsidise the medicaments for needy families. The Papuans are very skilled in making baskets, some of which she brought, intricately worked in materials from the gardens and forest. They speak Pidgin and some English, so communication was not a problem and we saw two albums of her pictures of the people and were given a real insight into life there, both European and the tribal life of Papua. Altogether it was an enthralling talk and she was warmly thanked.

After refreshments, we held the AGM. Election of officers was not needed, as the present Committee agreed to serve for another year. In their reports, the President and Secretary covered all the events and activities and charity raising which we had undertaken and enjoyed in the past year. Highlighted was the trip to London in June on a sunny day, which enabled members to choose various venues and was very enjoyable indeed. We had been the guests of other Institutes and had entertained some ourselves. The Treasurer reported that we were ‘in the black’, which is always reassuring at the start of another year. For the first time, we had had a Car Treasure Hunt, which was a great success and the two members concerned were thanked.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

THE VESTRY

Work on the vestry is proceeding to time and it is expected to complete by Christmas. The Bishop of Sherborne, The Right Reverend John Kirkham, has agreed to come to consecrate the new vestry on Sunday 4th February at 11.00 am. This will take the place of the Matins Service which would normally be held that day.

As a result of the new vestry being created, there is a cupboard, a wardrobe and a chest of drawers surplus to future requirements which the PCC are offering for sale. They may be viewed in the North Aisle of the Church. Bids in a sealed envelope should reach Paul Badcock by Friday 15th December.

Paul Badcock

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Church Decorations

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 23rd December 2000 from 10.00 to 12 noon. Gifts of holly and other greenery would be most welcome. If those ladies who usually decorate the Church for Festivals expect to be away for Christmas please would they make sure that a substitute flower arranger is found and that they let me know that person’s name.

As usual I am collecting money to purchase flowers for the church decoration. If you would like to make a contribution please let me have your money as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 21st December. Suggested donation £1.00 though lesser and greater amounts will be most welcome.

Philippa Thorniley

Christmas Gift and Carol Service.

This service is to be held on Sunday 17th December. Gifts are requested for Dorchester Cheshire Homes. The residents are aged 18 to 30 and are mentally handicapped. Suggested gifts would be the sort of small present one might buy for a person of this age (toiletries, clothes, novelties), non perishable Christmas Fare is always welcome as well as store cupboard items such as tinned food or even cleaning materials! You may rest assured that what ever you give will be used for the benefit of the residents. The Leonard Cheshire Foundation is always most grateful for the help we give. Please continue to be as generous as you have in the past.
**CHURCH CLEANING**

The work on the new vestry should have been completed by 16th December. It would be most helpful if Kath Wharton could have some extra help with cleaning up the church after the renovations. Any volunteers please let either her or me know whether you can help.

Philippa Thomiley

**CHURCH KNEELERS**

Another reminder to those kind people who are embroidering the new kneelers. Please let Andrea Smith have your completed canvases soon as possible so that the hassocks can be made up in time for the dedication of the new vestry which is planned for Sunday 4th February 2000. The kneelers will be dedicated at the same time as the new vestry.

**AFFPUDDLE "ADVENT CAROL SERVICE"**

- in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Having the Briantspuddle Singers in our community is a splendid bonus, and from time to time they offer to enhance our traditional services. This year they are going to lead us in an Advent Carol Service. This will be in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Sunday 3rd December at 6.30 p.m.

**THE AFFPUDDLE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

This has now settled down to be held on the Sunday before Christmas (17th December) at 11 o’clock. In the past this has been combined with the presentation of gifts, placed at the Christmas tree, which are taken to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. This we will continue to do.

The Annual WI Christmas Fair

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2pm

Christmas Stalls
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**Forthcoming Events**

**Friday Night Quiz**  
Friday 8 December – 8.45 pm  
Friday 22 December – 8.45 pm (Christmas Quiz)  
The Friday night quizzes are popular and very enjoyable. Teams of 4, informal and ‘fabulous’ prizes for the winning team! Why not come along and give the brain some gentle exercise.  
Watch this space for the Music Quiz to be held in the New Year.  

**Bingo**  
Saturday 2 December 8.30 pm. Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall.  

**Tuesday Club**  
Tuesday 12 December 3.00 pm, plus OAP’s party. Anyone wishing to attend, please phone Sue Jeanes, tel:01258 837267 (Sorry no children.)  

**Christmas Club Party**  
Saturday 23 December 8-8.30 pm, as reported last month. There will be a buffet with music and games. Free entry to members and £3.00 to non-members. A great way to start your Christmas celebrations! Come along and join the fun.  

**Christmas Eve**  
Sunday 24 December. The Club will be open from 8.00 pm – 11.30 pm.  

**New Year’s Eve Party**  
Sunday 31 December 9.00 pm. Make sure you keep this date free. Live entertainment to see in the New Year.  

**Club Membership**  
New members are always welcome. If you would like further information about Club activities and opening times, please contact Sue Jeanes, tel:01258 837267.  

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH**

After many years, we now have an organ that works, and is totally suitable for our weekly services. The organ was installed eighteen months ago.  
As a result of much private donation, we are now creating a vestry, under the organ loft, within the tower area.  
For many years, this area has been a bit of an embarrassment. It has had a certain amount of charm with the chest of drawers and wardrobe, both of which were "well worn"! Buckets, flower vases, mops and brushes, and a waste paper bucket occupied any available space. Concealing this was a blue curtain. A new vestry is taking shape. An oak screen has been made, vestry cupboards, and a water resource (a sink, hot and cold water) is being installed, as well as hanging cupboards for vestments. It is a longed for hope coming to fruition.  
The Bishop of Sherborne (John Kirkham) has kindly agreed to come and dedicate the organ and vestry on Sunday 4th February at the 11 o’clock service. We hope to make this another special moment in the recent history of our ancient church. To add to the service in church, we are having a lunch party in the village hall. Details of this event will be published nearer the time, but please make a note of this in your new diary.  

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**AN AFFPUDDLE BAPTISM.**  
The great grandson of a former vicar - Bert Johnson - is to be christened on Sunday 10th December at 3-00 p.m. He is Scott James, the son of Tracy Johnson and Barry Corney.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the November meeting Mr Alan Dunning volunteered to be the SEB Liaison Officer for the village. In the event of a power crisis the SEB will contact Mr Dunning with up to date information on the situation. He will be the only person who the Board will respond to and it is from him that we will be advised of repairs and estimated reconnection etc.

It was encouraging to learn that there has been a good response to the disposal of unwanted cars. Many have now been cleared from around the countryside and others have been taken away and not just dumped, as before.

The promised site meeting on Rye Hill occurred as promised. The Official, from the County Council, listened sympathetically and a healthy debate ensued as we progressed from The Cross to over on the Wool side of Rye Hill. On completion he promised to write a report for the Parish Council. The report was considered at the Council meeting and it is anticipated that improvements will be made to the limit signs coming off the Poole Hill roundabout, improved signs on the approach to the School, a 40mph zone from the South before the turning to Turnerspuddle to give vehicles the opportunity to slow before the 30mph length and, when approved by the new legislation, consideration for 30mph reminders in the road. The Parish Council have responded in agreement and requested the time scale for these improvements to be implemented.

The Council was saddened to learn that the Ragamuffin Play Group was having to ask for financial support. This little group is essential in the village and deserves all the support that the village can give it. It is housed in what is to be hoped a temporary building which itself costs money to maintain and which is currently in need of decorating. If there is anybody able to offer help the Council is certain that the Group will very happily accept it.

The Grainger Trust presentation had attracted considerable interest. They are now presenting their scheme to the Inspector at the Local Plan Inquiry in the New Year.

Included in the above mentioned correspondence is a list of the drugs/medical supplies required, all of which are available in Latvia. This would appear to us to be the most sensible solution and means that there will be no concerns as to despatch/receipt of this very important and very necessary consignment.

BRIANTSPUDDLE CHRISTMAS FAIR – This annual event takes place on Saturday 5th December in Briantspuddle Village Hall. The Link will be running a stall as usual and we look forward to seeing old friends with possibly even older items for sale, plus some rather newer items kindly donated by various supporters and friends.

It’s always great fun so do come along.

FINALLY we send all our members, supporters and friends our grateful thanks for their continuing interest and support and wish them all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Jenny Silavs

ARTS REACH

At the time of going to press Ben Osborne - Common Source his not taken place. There will be a report on this in next month’s magazine.

On 15th December at 7.30 p.m. in Briantspuddle Village Hall Tim Laycock and the New Scorpion Band will be giving their Christmas Show “Christmas Goose”. Tickets will cost £4.50 each and not £4.00 as described in last month’s magazine and are available from Philippa Thorniley. Already tickets are being sold so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. There will be a wine bar and coffee will also be sold in the interval.

I have just heard from Arts Reach that we are lucky enough to have "My Kingdom for a Horse" on Saturday 3rd February 2001. This is a one man play performed and written by Richard Derrington who also performed "Taylors Tickler" in the hall in 1997. "My Kingdom for a Horse" is based on the life of Richard Plantagenent. For Archers’ buffs Richard took the part of the late Mark Hebden, Shula's first husband. I will have more details of times and ticket prices later so watch this space!

Philippa Thorniley
Offers of some help and advice have been received from two members of the community, and we are most grateful for these. However, if anyone reading this has expertise or experience that would benefit this project please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jan Hopkins, Village Hall Secretary on 471778.

Despite this flurry of excitement, business continues as usual down at the village hall. The Committee have not been inundated with ideas for fundraising for next year, despite a pathetic plea in last months magazine, but we shall plough on regardless. No matter what changes the future holds we still have buildings to maintain and run.

To this end, we have decided to add to our recent acquisition of chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery some new curtains and blinds. The existing curtains have seen good service but the time has come when they really do need replacing. As with anything else nowadays replacements will have to comply with British Standards being fire retardant and fit for use in a public building. (not a consideration when the old ones were made). A firm has been recommended to us which specialises in curtaining etc for public buildings. They have been approached, swatches of materials assessed and the Committee has agreed to go ahead.

So, in the near future the village hall will be visually enhanced by the installation of matching curtains on all the windows, and where appropriate blinds as well. Having blackout facilities will allow film/slide shows to take place during the hours of daylight….. especially useful during the summer of course.

As usual the Hall Committee continues to work to make this a comfortable, pleasant and accommodating place to hold functions, events and meetings.

Thank you for your support. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2001.

Jenny Lightfoot.

THE DORST LATVIA LINK

MEDICAL

Following correspondence from Ikskile and a telephone call to Ikskile, we are now in a position to dispose of funds remaining in the Dorset Latvia Link accounts, as agreed by our members in the July Ballot. However, rather than send a consignment of drugs/medical supplies to Ikskile with all the complications that can produce, it has been decided by the committee, in consultation with Dr Lelde Samite our medical representative in Ikskile, to send the funds to her.

It was interesting that one person thought that it would be a good idea if we could have the Mobile Library visit the village - it does every Friday, and one plea from a small child who would like the trees to be nearer! The next stage is for all of the information to be collated and eventually produced in the form of a booklet.

The Parish Council did the last one and it is interesting to read of the plea for control of the traffic speed by the School - nothing seems to change, except that when that was written the School was outside the restricted length of road and it was changed to the present situation at that time.

It should be noted that the Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend and there is a period for public discussion at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes of meetings are held at the Post Office.

CM

DRAX HALL

The Hall had a very busy period presenting a film show, a Puppet performance for the children, the presentation by the Grainger Trust the preparations for the collation of information for the Village Appraisal and our own Christmas Market. These were in addition to all of the normal ‘goings on’ that the Hall is used for. It is a busy place as was illustrated at the recent Committee meeting when members were trying to sort out the bookings. As a result we are currently able to say that the Hall is financially viable. It costs £7.31 for each and every day of the year and so it is a credit to the Village that it is kept viable by people using it. Fellow Treasurers of other Halls are not so lucky.

We will be taking delivery soon of another twenty new chairs which takes us up towards our full complement. If anybody knows of a good home for the old red chairs please do let me know.

CM.
"MIND THE WORLD" GROUP

Thanks to everyone who supported our Traidcraft Coffee Morning on 8th November. The splendid sum of £331.65 was raised.

Eileen Bangay

We are very pleased to be able to report that we have sent £150 as a contribution to Lois Kokanyi’s Revolving Loan Scheme to help women set up small businesses in Uganda. (See article in October’s magazine). Many thanks to everyone who helped with our special effort to raise this money, whether by producing things to sell, buying them or by generous donations.

Philippa Ward

SHOEBOXES

The Rotary Club of Wareham was delighted when the School agreed to collect shoeboxes for the children of Albania and Kosova. Twenty nine boxes were collected and these have been joined by the other boxes from schools in the area to make a total of around three hundred. Last Sunday these were all taken, by now they were in larger boxes for each classification, to the former Royal Naval Air Station at Lee on Solent where they joined the boxes from the other Rotary Clubs in this District. During the following week all of the boxes are loaded on to two very large lorries which will take the parcels direct to the children. Distribution is arranged by Rotary Clubs in those Countries so we can be sure that all of the gifts are going to needy homes.

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Wareham are very grateful to the School, the teachers, the parents and of course the children for their generosity and thoughts at this time. We hope that you may receive a message from a recipient because we can assure you that such messages touch the heart and make Christmas really come alive.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Wareham, are planning to tour the Village on one evening between the 5th and 20th December playing carols - we can not aspire to sing! Please respond generously.

CM.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There is now no household in our Parish that is unaware of the plans to improve the hall and facilities in Briantspuddle.

As part of the public consultation procedure leaflets have been distributed to each house in the parish. It was a dire task, trudging about in the pouring rain from Clouds Hill to Pallington to Ashley Barn, and to all points within that triangle, but it was done.

Plans were placed in notice boards and other local venues. The Information Day was well attended, and then the Open Forum was held in the Village Hall. Here each member of the community had an opportunity to both receive and express views on the proposals.

The planned improvements were generally approved of, with some misgivings expressed about issues such as parking, funding and proposed changes to the licensing legislation.

The Parish Council Village Hall Committee and Social Club Committee will, and must, address the concerns of our community and try to accommodate them wherever possible.

Consultation thus far has proved that a commitment to open discussion of all proposals is of paramount importance. This must be the case if we are to provide facilities that cater successfully for the community’s needs. This is, after all, what this project is all about.

Put simply, we’ve got to give you what you want or it is not worth bothering.

Following the November Village Hall Committee meeting a project management team is being set up to move matters forward in a planned and logical way, with more consultation to take place in future.

It must be said here that what we are embarking upon will be a long and complicated process. Design, funding and implementation are the basics, but with much, much more involved than is immediately obvious. Support is available to us in the form of Mrs Lois Rose the Village Halls Advisor at Dorset Community Action, and Mr John Tweed, Head of Special Projects at County Hall
It was asked that if the overall plan was rejected, could the alterations to the toilets and kitchen, which were a necessity, go ahead? Mrs Lightfoot confirmed that this had been considered and was possible.

On the question of finance, both the Charities Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund could be approached. The Village Hall was a listed building and one of the few listed village halls in the country. A plan, which incorporated the reinstatement of the old cart entrance, was likely to be looked upon very favourably when the grant application was made.

Capt. Badcock explained the next steps pending overall agreement with the principles of the proposal. These would be:

- Form a project management team.
- Prepare details of the general concept.
- Prepare detailed drawings and specifications.
- Commission technical input as appropriate.
- Prepare detailed costings.
- Prepare a business plan.
- Submit a planning application.
- Submit plans etc for Lottery funding.
- Invite tenders.
- Appoint contractor.
- Begin work.

The architect, Mr. Jones, who had drawn the plans to date had very kindly offered his services free of charge up to the planning submission stage.

The meeting was lively and there were understandably some grave reservations, particularly from near neighbours. All concerns are taken very seriously and would be addressed by the management team and the Planning Authorities. Of course further public consultation would take place.

As an indication of the feeling of the meeting, there was a show of hands which revealed an overwhelming majority in favour of proceeding with the proposals in principle.

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BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Beer and Skittles
A lively and fun social evening was held on Saturday 25th November. The annual Beer and Skittles night at the Royal Oak was a great success and enjoyed by all. There were a number of participants who were able to claim beginners luck and some others who were clearly old hands.

The overall winner was Mary Lillie – she claimed it was “a real fluke” but any local team talent spotters who may have been attending incognito will perhaps be making some approaches!!

Annual General Meeting
The date for next year’s AGM has now been confirmed as Thursday 18th January 2001. All members will be very welcome and the meeting will take place in the Royal Oak Skittle Alley starting at 8.00 p.m. There will be a pre-meeting for the management committee at 7.00 p.m.

This will be another opportunity for members to get together and enjoy a social evening, once the business is over.

Visit to Cérences 2001
We are now able to confirm the dates of the next biennial weekend exchange visit to Cérences so that you can book this in your diary now. It will take place over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September 2001. Although a few members have already indicated their keenness to participate in this event, we will start to need a firmer commitment very shortly so that the necessary reservations can be made for the booking of a coach and the ferry crossing. Places will be limited and it will be very much first come, first served. To register your interest, so that you can receive further details once they are available, please contact me as soon as possible.

New members
The Twinning Association continually welcomes new members and the annual subscription remains at £5 per year, per household. On joining you will receive information about social events and activities as well as being able to participate in exchange visits. You don’t have to speak French! If you’d like to join, all you need to do is complete the form at the top of the next page and drop it in to me.

Alison Debenham, Membership and Publicity Secretary – 471780

Lottery Application
This was the subject of the public meeting. Almost 70 people attended filling the Hall and reflecting the interest shown in the proposed Village Hall and Social Club development.

Mr. Barter, chairman of the Parish Council, opened the meeting by outlining the history of the Hall and Social Club and the events leading to the current proposals. He emphasized that the plans were proposals only and that this was a consultative meeting where residents would have the opportunity to voice their opinions. Without the support of the residents, the plans could not proceed.

A lively discussion quickly ensued and it became clear immediately that there was much concern about the Government’s proposed changes to the licensing laws.

It was thought that the new law could lead to a relaxation in the Social Club’s opening times and areas where drinking would be permitted. This in turn could lead to noise and disturbance to the neighbours, particularly if drinking was allowed outside.

Capt. Badcock outlined the contents of the White Paper for the revision of the licensing laws. He explained that the application for a licence was very detailed and had to include proposed opening hours and areas where drinking was to be allowed. The Hall and Social Club would, as now, be treated separately. It was pointed out that there appeared to be some confusion over the proposed changes to the law but this was probably because there had been several amendments to the White Paper and not all the authorities had the latest edition.

The chairman of the Hall Committee, Mrs Lightfoot, explained that the Hall was run as a charity and the Club was run as a members only social club. They were separate concerns with no plans to amalgamate. The Social Club representative, Mr Jeans, reminded the meeting that the Club was paid for by its members but that the site was owned by the community (the Parish Council) and a rent was paid for it. The chairman of the Social Club, Mr Rolls, stated that although the Club had not instigated the planned alterations, they were prepared to support the proposals in order to increase the likelihood of obtaining a Lottery grant.

It was hoped that the new development would attract more members but it was mentioned that car parking, which was already a problem in the village, could become worse. In reply, the Social Club representative said that the Club was intended for use primarily by local residents most of whom should not need to use their cars.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

PARISH MAGAZINE

I have recently agreed to take on the responsibility of secretary to the Village Hall Committee and as the deadlines for contributions to the magazine and minutes of the committee meetings appear to fall at the same time each month, I have decided to hand over the work of the Parish Magazine.

Una Russell has kindly offered to take on the collection and collation of the Briantspuddle and Affpuddle contributions and will take up her new duties from mid November. Una’s address and telephone number can be found on the back page of the magazine.

To everyone who has sent me their news over the last two years and has done their best to make my job as easy as possible in spite of the deadlines - thank you!

Jan Hopkins

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 8th November. The meeting was brief in order to allow time for the public meeting which followed.

Shop & Post Office

In response to its huge success the shop is now open seven days a week (one hour on Sunday for the papers).

Explosions

Following complaints of unusually large explosions from Bovington, the Army had replied that the charges used for the explosions were no more than normal and the recent excessive shocks were probably due to atmospheric conditions. Nevertheless, if anyone could show that their property had been damaged by vibrations caused by the Army explosions, then compensation would be considered pending an independent inspection.

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BERE REGIS SCHOOL

It hardly seems possible that Christmas is nearly here, but the children are already talking about what they hope will be under the tree on Christmas morning!

As usual, we will be performing a Christmas play and holding a carol concert in the church. The dates are:-

Tuesday 12th December - 2.00 pm performance
Wednesday 13th December - 6.30 pm performance
Thursday 14th December - 6.30 pm performance

Tickets are available from school (free of charge). Please ring 471334

The carol service will be at 2.15 p.m. at the church on 20th December.

We are sorry to be saying ‘Goodbye’ at Christmas to Mrs Mary England who has been a lunchtime supervisor for many years. We will all miss her, but hope she will pop in to see us from time to time, and give her our best wishes for a happy retirement.
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NOVEMBER
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DECEMBER
4 (Mon) Womens Section Carol Service
8 (Fri) Carnival Darts
9 (Sat) Function
16 (Sat) Christmas Draw 9.00 pm with mince pies
26 (Boxing Day) Dice Horse Racing – first race 12.15

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

The next meeting will be at Gillian’s, 99 North Street, on 5 December at 8.30pm. Please note change of time to evenings on 1st Tuesday monthly during term-time.

There will be a New Year ‘bring and share lunch’ gathering for all the family at noon on 2 January 2001 at Piddle Cottage. Newcomers are always welcome. Come and meet other mums and little ones and book sitters, or phone Su Roberts for info - 471322.

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Sun. 17 December 2000, Children’s Christmas Party from 3.00-6.00pm. Later that evening, the BRSC Christmas Draw and festivities. Starts at 8.00pm.

Tues. 26 December 2000, Boxing Day Challenge Football Match kick off at 11.00am, with mulled wine and mince pies after the match then followed by a ‘Sporting Bullseye’ with sport based questions for teams of two at a cost of £1.00 per person entry fee.

Sun. 31 December 2000, New Year’s Eve families night. An evening for all the family, with a party atmosphere with festive background music, games, quiz and lots of fun and lager. Also promotional drinks, snacks and fireworks at midnight. Members and bona fide guests only.

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But there was to be no fairytale ending and Bere had lost yet another game. Nick was last seen on Holton Heath picking basketfuls of lucky heather for the visit of Hamworthy Royals.

This was not enough, though, as Bere once again managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. A strong first half performance against the wind saw Bere only 2-1 down at half time and that thanks to some suicidal passing around the goalmouth. The scene was set for Bere to destroy the Royals in the second half, as they had done last year.

But with pressure so great that the Royals half of the pitch was listed in the ‘Good Camping’ Guide, Bere simply could not find the net. Stalwart defending, a succession of missed chances and an obvious penalty decision turned down and Bere were once again left pointless and nervously looking over their shoulders at the bottom of the table looming large.

At last, a bagful of rabbit’s feet finally did the trick. A victory built on hard work and fluid football was just what the manager ordered and got. 2-0 up at half time, Bere never looked in any trouble, until a rush of blood from Danny Vater saw Bere down to 10 once again with a two footed tackle straight out of the Vinny Jones tackling manual.

Bungy Brown was using up all his energy before his three match ban, and he must have covered every piece of grass on the pitch and capped his performance with a bullet header at the back post that fairly flew into the net. Even so, Bere love to give their manager a few scares and when Corfe threw caution to the wind Bere wobbled like a jelly on a plate.

Corfe pulled one back. If the centre forward had worn longer studs Bere would soon have lost another goal, but there were to be no more scares after that as the referee blew his whistle and Bere could celebrate a victory once more.

Indoor 6-a-side Cricket Results

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The speaker for the October meeting was Peter McMahon who gave an account of the work and holiday the scouts were able to take as part of the Kenya 2000 trip at a camp near Nairobi. A fascinating talk with slides that brought home the work that was very important for the children there. They helped to build a Round House and Medical Unit, along with about 12 Kenyan builders. It was not all hard work and the slides showed how much they enjoyed their holiday – such a worthwhile trip not only giving help to Kenya but also bringing home that there are others not so fortunate as ourselves. A talk not to be missed.

As in usual in October nominations for the Committee were put forward ready for the Annual Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at The Drax Hall on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm.

Margaret Dann, 472734

Allendale away was another story, but still a happy ending. Team spirit was high as Dean unveiled his secret weapon, Macca the wing back, but a bit more wing than back. Less surprising was the sight of Ricky scoring once again as Bere took the lead. However, in weather conditions that would have had a duck complaining Bere gave away a sloppy goal and left with only a share of the points this time.

Meanwhile, Bere’s Sunday side were in the middle of their worst losing streak for years. Lady luck had left them, along with any discipline they once had as Bere started their own card school, using red and yellows.

West Quay were once again league leaders so it was always going to be difficult. Despite this, Bere should have put them to the sword in a rather vindictive game. Bere were first to lose a player as legendary hard man ‘Bungy’ Brown took exception to a late tackle and swung a haymaker so wild many of the spectators were ducking.

Down to 10 men, Bere were still in the game at 1-0 down and the way things were going it was only a matter of time before West Quay also lost a player. The fact that this coincided with a penalty made things even rosier and Mark Gale duly despatched the penalty with ease. When West Quay went down to 9 men, things look set for a rare Bere victory, but West Quay had obviously not read the script. A wicked deflection from a free kick and Bere were 2-1 down. Then, with defending more confused than your average presidential election, Bere gave away two late goals and all the points.

When in the middle of a losing streak the last team you want to play is one full of squaddies who have been deprived of war action for a while. Add an indifferent referee and grass tall enough to hide your boots in and you have a sure-fire recipe for disaster. Once again, Bere soon found themselves behind thanks to some sharp finishing from Bovington. Despite this, they were soon back in the game again after to a basic goalkeeping error and should have been in the lead when the ball was so far over the line it touched the net before being clawed out. The referee rewrote the rules of offside and give Challengers a 2-1 lead at half time. A most questionable penalty decision followed that even the player’s mother would not have given. This gave Bovington a 3-1 lead. Finally a polite enquiry as to the competence of the official from Mr Cleall was misheard and Bere were down to 10 men.

Backs to the wall situations often bring the best out of the Sunday team and suddenly Bere were back in it as Wayne grabbed his second. Pushing for the equaliser, however Bere were caught out at the back and went even further behind, but it was still not all over. An outstanding piece of skill from ‘Ginge’ brought Bere back to 4-3, floating a 30-yard free kick precisely into the top corner.
Football Results

21 Oct CHILDE OKEFORD 6 4 BERE REGIS
22 Oct BOVINGTON CHALLENGERS 4 3 BERE REGIS
29 Oct BERE REGIS 1 2 HAMWORTHY ROYALS

4 Nov BERE REGIS 3 0 HOLT UNITED
11 Nov ALLENDALE 1 1 BERE REGIS
12 Nov BERE REGIS 3 1 CORFE MULLEN

R.B.L.

Two away games in a row against the first and second in the league looked difficult on paper, on grass it proved to be impossible. A bare eleven turned up to play Cranborne and, whilst Bere held their own for most of the game two spells of goalscoring in both halves put the game beyond them.

Childe Okeford was a different story and may just be the turning point of the season. With a full squad of 14 to choose from, boss Dean Rogerson could finally put out his strongest team and the performance speaks for itself. But for a lapse in concentration allowing 3 quick goals in almost as many minutes Bere could have come away with all the points against one of the favourites for the league.

As it was, at 4-1 down Bere matched Okeford goal for goal and kept the game going right to the wire. Ricky Cummings was a hat-trick hero, the last one a back heel that would have had Rivaldo applauding in admiration. With Sean Cope getting the other goal, the manager need only now address the problem of a defence leaking goals at an alarming rate.

Bere entertained Holt reserves and despite Holt’s best efforts, they could not breach a back line more fired up than a Welsh front row. Meanwhile, up front Ricky continued his purple patch in front of goal with another well deserved hat-trick, his last being one for the scrap book with a diving chip volley that would have put a lesser man’s back out.

This was a real team effort, though, as Bere scrapped for everything. Sean Cope was closing down more than Marks & Spencers, whilst Chris ‘The Rock’ Oram won his midfield
How time flies! Here we are preparing for, and about to celebrate, the first Christmas of the new Millennium, and that special year 2000 is nearly over. When you think about it, Christmas is a bit of a puzzle, isn’t it? Christmas is called the season of peace and goodwill, yet it is peace that seems to be the missing ‘piece’ so often. Once again in Israel, the birth place of Jesus, there is no peace at this time. In our own country there are fuel protests and protests about the state of the railways. In America there have been protests concerning the election of the President. In the Bible it says, “They dress the wound of My people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.” Jeremiah 6:14. Could the missing factor be that there is no love or fear (awe) of Almighty God? Christmas is celebrated by millions of people, but Jesus Christ, the central figure, has become the missing vital piece (peace) in life’s great puzzle.

The Christian church celebrates the birth of Jesus on 25th. December, a date decided years ago by attaching its celebrations to a pagan festival time. It is generally agreed that this is not the right date, if for no other reason than that the shepherds would not have been in the fields with their sheep at that time of year. I believe it is much more likely that Jesus was born in October during the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, and perhaps it would be better if the Church at least, celebrated on this date without all the razzmatazz that goes with December 25th!

Remember, when the shepherds were told the good news of the birth of a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, they had a choice to make. They could either ignore or dismiss the good news, or they could go and find out for themselves if it was really true or not. They wisely chose the latter course and found the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, just as it had been told to them. “For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given ...and he will be called ...the Prince of peace.” Isaiah 9:6. The shepherds could not help but praise and glorify God for all they had seen and heard. What lasting joy and peace were theirs, as their whole lives were changed for good and for God. They had found the missing link between themselves and Almighty God. “For there is one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus”. 1 Timothy 2:5

Have you found that same peace in your life, or is that piece (peace) missing? Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8. May the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas and forever.

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Total money donated to Women’s Section Schemes for the year is as follows:
- Benevolent: £1,400
- General Fund: £900
- County: £300

Teas were served by Mrs Maidment and Mrs K March the Bring & Buy was run by Mrs Reed and Mrs Payne, and the Raffle by Mrs S Leigh. Our Poppy Appeal Coffee Evening was held on 8th November and this raised £123.14. Our thanks to all who donated, supported and helped this event.

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Friday the 26th January and a Matinee and Evening performance for Saturday the 27th January 2001.

John Brown, the Chairman, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their hard work and support.

B.R.A.T.S.

BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

Our November talk ended up on the Turkish Lakes and not Egypt as previously advertised. It was real Turkish delight!

The seed catalogues for 2001 were distributed at the meeting and I look forward to receiving your orders by the Christmas meeting on Tuesday 5th December. This will be our Christmas Party and tickets are available from Adrian and Elaine (Tel: 471774) at £5 per ticket.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 2nd January 2001 at 7.30 p.m. and nominations for Committee can be added to the notice on the British Legion notice board. ‘Bere Regis People in the Millennium’ will follow the AGM. This will be a slide show of pictures taken on 31.7.2000 of people in and around the village.

We send our hearty congratulations to Jimmy Barnes who has passed the examinations of the National Vegetable Society and is now qualified to judge vegetables throughout Great Britain. He becomes only the third person in Dorset qualified to this level.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who co-operated with us to take their photographs in the village on Monday 31st July for “A day in the life of Bere Regis”.

As most of you know, the photographs were in the church for about a month. They will be back in the church again in the near future in an album for everyone to see.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

A wealth of new singing talent was discovered during the Karaoke Night held on the 17 October. Let’s hope that some of those budding stars enter the Youth Group’s Talent Show in November.

Halloween Night produced real coven of witches, with all the young members attending, dressed in pointed hats, black capes and complete with broomsticks. With all that realistic make-up, I was not really sure, which witch, was which!

Everyone had a lot of fun at Apple Bobbing, most getting a little wet. Trying to pick up sweets, by mouth, from a bowl of syrup and then from a plate of flour proved very entertaining, but rather messy. At least everyone enjoyed the evening and went home fairly clean.

The young members will be attending the Village Appraisal on Wednesday 10 November, from 5.30 - 6.15 pm. As it is most important, that the young people within the village put forward their own views on what is required in the village in the years ahead. Afterwards they will travel to Blandford Sports Centre for the evenings activity of Swimming. With all the rain that has fallen, you would think we would all be wet enough already.

November’s programme will include Plaster Moulding on the 7th, the Talent Show on the 14th and Fimo Modelling on the 28th. In between will be the challenge Carpet Bowls match against the ladies of the Women’s Section on the 21st.

The year will be rounded off in December with an Eskimo Night, fancy dress and strange food on the 6th. There will be a chance for a bit of seasonal cooking on the 12th with Christmas Cooks, to be followed by the Christmas Disco on the 19th.

Remember, Bere Regis Youth Lenny’s re-opens again on Tuesday 9 January 2001. If you are aged from 8 to 17 years, then you can join in the fun at Lenny’s. Just call in at the legion club on any youth night, we will be pleased to see you!

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December 2000

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB
In November Mr Eady showed us some beautiful slides of the British Isles, including flowers and butterflies.
There were many pieces of beautiful linen brought by members on display.
Our Christmas afternoon will be on the 13th December when the children of Bere Regis First School will be singing carols and Christmas songs for us. We will also be joining in with singing Christmas Carols before tea.
Thank you for all the donations for our Christmas Fayre.
A Happy Christmas to everyone after which we look forward to seeing you all at our New Year party.

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WOODBURY HILL SINGERS
The singers have entertained The Salvation Army Luncheon Club and gave a donation towards the Army’s Kosovo Children’s’ Shoe Boxes. They have a busy schedule for the Christmas entertainments.

Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.
**POP IN PLACE**

Christmas Show - Saturday 16th December 3pm and 7pm
Tickets on sale now – telephone 472023 today as limited numbers available.
Please support your local Community Nativity Play in aid of charity. All profits to Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal.
All tickets £2.50 to include light refreshments.
Additional information in the advertisement in this issue of the magazine.

Carols Mince Pies – Friday 22nd December 10 –12 at the Pop In Place
Featuring Crossways hand bell ringers – everyone welcome.

**WANTED**
Volunteer to film our Christmas Show. We will need you to provide recording equipment. Please help out if you can!
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH
thanks to Pat House

Two Christmas stuffings for turkey, chicken or pork

PRUNE AND APPLE STUFFING
- 8 oz cooking apples
- 2 oz prunes
- 4 oz breadcrumbs
- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 oz melted butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1 Egg

Soak prunes overnight in cold water. Drain stone and chop finely. Chopped peeled apples finely, then mix all ingredients together with beaten egg.

CHESTNUT AND SAUSAGE STUFFING
- 1 lb sausage meat
- 1 lb chestnuts
- 1 oz melted butter
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- Salt and pepper

Make a slit in each chestnut and cover with boiling water and cook until tender. Remove skins and pass through a coarse sieve. Mix sausage meat with chestnuts, add melted butter, breadcrumbs and seasoning.

FIRE REPORT
A quiet October for us operationally, with little to report.
12 call-outs including:
- 2 vehicle fires
- 3 false alarms
- 3 road traffic accidents
- 2 stand-by duties
- 1 heath fire
- 1 animal rescue.

On a sad note personnel from this station attended 2 funerals. The first was a colleague from Maiden Newton who died in a road accident at Poole Hill, when his motorbike was in collision with another vehicle. The second was a daughter of an ex-fire-fighter from this station, who tragically died as a result of her injuries received in another road accident at Gallows Hill. Both these accidents were attended by fire-fighters from Bere Regis and our thoughts and sympathies go to the families.

We were called out early on Monday 16th at 01.11am to a report of two eight week old kittens missing, possibly stuck in a chimney. On arrival, the occupiers stated that after putting the ‘little darlings’ to bed earlier in the evening and making sure the doors and windows were shut etc, the husband had been ‘encouraged’ to check on their welfare and found them missing. After investigating the chimney and other less obvious scenarios, we finally located them lying quietly in a gap of approximately 65mm under a heavy wardrobe, no worse for their experience and more playful than some of us!

Can I finally wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander