A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Maybe I'm a bit sensitive, but, just as at Christmas, I worry about those who are sad, so too on February 14th I worry about those who are desperately hoping for a Valentine card but it doesn't come. Most of us are sensitive about such things, and it is lovely that we are. I've known people who have sent Valentine cards to their teenage children just in case they are hurt by not receiving one. One of the many sad stories that have come my way was of a girl in her late teens. She had been invited to a smart dance by a local boy of her acquaintance. She was so excited. She, with her mother, went and bought a special outfit. On the evening, she spent ages making herself look really beautiful. The boy never turned up to collect her.

To be sensitive and caring and kind seems to me to be a quality that is the most important of all. Of course Love is the highest quality in the world, but sensitivity, care and kindness come within that over used word, Love. To be sensitive, caring and kind involves looking outwards from yourself. What will please the other person, or make their life a little easier? Many people lead pretty lonely or sad lives. Others experience constant pain; still more feel a failure, or think of themselves as nobody. But we are all very precious and special to somebody. Even when we are very old and our relatives have all died, we are very precious and special to God.

As we get older, Valentine cards don't loom so large in our lives. We enjoy giving and receiving them, but we don't go into deep decline if our wife or husband “forgets”! Valentine cards are most important for the young or insecure in love. To be a Valentine to just one person every now and again will bring a lot of happiness and security in our little world.
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Eileen Bangay, Robert Croom, Mary England.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen
Sunday 6th February  9.30a.m.  Mr House / Mr Bates
                      6.00 p.m.  Mrs Jutting

Sunday 13th February 11.00a.m.  Mrs March / Mrs England
                      6.00p.m.  Miss Frampton

Sunday 20th February 9.30a.m.  Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
                      6.00p.m.  Mr Woodward

Sunday 27th February 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
                      6.00 p.m.  Mrs Griffin

Sanctuary Flower Guild

6th February  Mrs E Bangay  Mrs N Scott
13th February Mrs B Cobb  Mrs D Ventham
20th February Mrs P Mooney  Mrs K Benjafield
27th February Mrs J Woodward  Mrs J Clark

Readers

6th February  Mrs Juttering
13th February Miss Frampton
20th February Mrs Lewis
27th February Mrs Griffin
CHURCH SERVICES in February

Sunday 6th February  
5th Sunday of Epiphany
- 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 February  
6th Sunday of Epiphany
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 20th February  
Septuagesima
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 27th February  
Sexagesima
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Worship in the Taizé Style (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices continue on Wednesday evenings at the usual time of 6.30 p.m.

Tower 500 books celebrating 500 years of the Church Tower and the year 200 are still available from John England, the Post Office and Drax Arms, price £5.00

Our ringing efforts at the millennium and reactions to the church floodlighting were recorded for posterity. Anyone who would like a copy of this short tape cassette may have one for a suggested donation of £3.00 towards our church fabric fund.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service will take place on Friday 3rd March at 2.00 p.m. in Puddletown Church. The service is entitled ‘Talitha Koum: Young woman Stand Up’ and has been prepared by the women of Indonesia.

If you require transport, please contact Mrs M England (471469) or Mrs Joyce Healey (471443)

CHURCH VISIT TO LAMBETH PALACE

For the first time in its history, Lambeth Palace will be open to the general public during the year 2000. As we had a very successful visit to Balliol College last year, we thought it would be nice to organise an outing this year to Lambeth Palace. As this will take only half a day, we propose to visit the Chelsea Hospital for a tour of the home of the Chelsea Pensioners.

The date is the 8th April 2000, leaving the car park at Bere Regis at 7.45 a.m. The cost will be £15 inclusive. Please book early as numbers are limited. Ring John House on 551266.

Tea or coffee will be served on the coach at no extra cost. No smoking on the coach. It will be advisable to bring a picnic lunch.
"THE CRUCIFIXION" by John Stainer - Wednesday
19th April 2000

The Christmas holiday has passed, we are well into the new century, and Holy Week and Easter (23rd April - also St.George's Day) are not as far away as one might think! On the Wednesday of Holy Week we are going to sing John Stainer's Passiontide cantata "The Crucifixion" for which we need to gather as many sopranos, altos, tenors and basses as possible to sing in the chorus. If you know the work you will realise already what an exhilarating piece it is to sing. If you do not know it, now is the time to find out about it! Rehearsals will commence on St. Patrick's Day, Friday 17th March, at 7.15pm in Bere Regis church, continuing on succeeding Friday evenings. The chorus needs as many singers as we can gather! Do come along!

NMSM Awards & Diplomas in Music

On a date yet to be decided during the Summer, there will be an opportunity for any musician in the region looking for musical qualifications to take a music diploma exam. The North & Midlands School of Music will be holding an exam session locally for instrumentalists, singers and composers. Various levels of award are available from GCSE/Grade 5+ standard to post-graduate. The options for the practical tests are extremely wide. The pieces for practical performance are not prescribed but can be selected by the candidate and agreed by the exam board.

Composition candidates can submit work of any style commensurate with the level being attempted. Those of a literate disposition can submit dissertations on virtually any musical subject for consideration. There are no age limits! If you would like more information and a copy of the requirements of any or all of the awards and diplomas offered please do contact me (01929-471360).

Tim Colquhoun
ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS "PRIZE" MUSIC QUIZ - PART 1 (November)

1. Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra 2. 12
3. Dangerous Moonlight 4. c. Milborne Port
5. Jazz 6. Danish
7. b. Clarinet 8. Mouth-organ (Harmonica)
11. "Swan" 12. Cairo
15. b. Form of musical ornamentation 16. d. Gymnopédies
17. Placido Domingo 18. von Trapp
23. 1936 24. Flute
25. Scotland - Western Isles (Staffa) 26. Cello
29. "Sting" 30. 5th
33. Ledger (or leger) lines 34. Organ rank in Bere Regis church
35. Gustav Holst 36. George Gershwin
37. "B" 38. Orchestral conductor
39. b. Aldeburgh 40. Dame Cleo Laine

ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS "PRIZE" MUSIC QUIZ - PART 2 (December)

41. 22nd November 42. Oliver Reed
43. Mendelssohn 44. River Moldau from source to sea.
45. 7 crotchets 46. Cheddar Gorge
47. They were not related at all 48. Zither (Tyrolean box-harp)
49. Benjamin Britten 50. Part of choir stall hinged seat
51. Davies 52. a. Baritone of the oboe family
53. Percussion section 54. Refrain, chorus, or repeated section
55. Organ 56. Napoleon's retreat from Moscow
57. Georg Frideric Handel 58. "Away in a manger"
59. c. 1350 60. 6 strings
61. Melchior 62. Any festive occasion drinking song
63. f. Skiffle 64. b. Guitar
65. b. Troubadour 66. Trombone
67. d. Venetian Orphanage for Girls 68. Cigarettes
69. [omitted in error!] 70. Siegfried
71. Priscilla White 72. Edith Piaf (Edith Giovanna Gassion)
73. Glen Miller 74. a. Delibes
75. Yehudi Menuhin 76. Clerical lead singer ("First singer")
77. Harpsichord family 78. Organ (organ recitais.ts)
79. b. A dance named after an Italian town 80. Daniel Barenboim
81. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra 82. James Galway
83. c. 880kps 84. 22 pipers in total
85. King's College, Cambridge 86. Noel Coward
87. "At the Drop of Another Hat" 88. a. Important grace note
89. Samuel Pepys 90. Violin family ( bowed instruments)
91. a. South-east Asian gong ensemble 92. Poland
93. c. 1960s 94. (East) Sussex
95. Gregorian & Ambrosian chant 96. 5/8
97. "Good King Wenceslas" 98. One semi-tone
99. d. Campanology 100. "Saint Nicholas" (or Nicolas)
OBITUARIES

Mrs JUDITH RAM (aged 85)

Mrs Judith Ram died early in December last year whilst staying with her daughter Elizabeth, in Surrey. She had lived in Briantspuddle for several years, and was a well known character in our community. She was particularly well known through her teaching of the piano to young and old; this teaching often resulted in one of her "concerts". She was also known as an interesting and somewhat eccentric lady with ideas that were never boring!

We held a service of Thanksgiving for her in Affpuddle church, and many of her friends, pupils and family attended.

Judith, as she was known by all, came from a family of clergymen, going right back to an Irish Bishop in 1601. (Being somewhat of a rebel, she naturally decided to call herself a Methodist). Her father was a vicar in Bedfordshire, and she grew up there. Music was important in her family and the Bluthner piano which they used when she was a child eventually came with her to Briantspuddle.

The sea was an important thing for her in her life, due probably to her family moving to the Isle of Wight when she was a little girl. To the delight of her grandchildren, she was always first to plunge into the sea at Ringstead.

She was a prolific letter writer. Hardly a day went by without her writing to Prince Charles or the Prime Minister or Mrs Thatcher, or the Archbishop of Canterbury. Her passion was for peace and goodwill in our world. Many of us in the parish had copies of these letters, and they challenged us in our complacent thinking.

Not surprisingly, she had an unusual and exciting life. As a young woman, she did two "round the world" tours, and it was during the second that she met and married her first husband, Charles Green, who worked in Ceylon. She had two daughters by this marriage.
She married secondly in 1974, Gresham Grenfell, but sadly, he died seven years later. In between all this she had been the organising secretary of the "Not Forgotten Association" in the Star and Garter Home in Richmond. She was also a keen student of Yoga and became a "Jainist".

In a world of political correctness, Judith shone as a beacon of outrageous thought, but she always had a glorious chuckle to accompany it. She was also a lady who practised abundant care, not only for our world, but for her neighbour, not just once out of duty, but all the time, making the lonely know that they mattered. She is sadly missed, but the memory of her will continue to bring a smile in our souls.

Mrs NORA PENFOLD (aged 87)

Mrs Penfold died in Wareham Hospital just after Christmas. She had been poorly for a little time, but just as it seemed she was getting better she took a turn for the worse, and passed away quietly and peacefully. Her funeral was held in Bere Regis Church, the church that she had loved and been part of for the 25 years that she had lived in the parish. Her Christian commitment and faith led us to hold a service of "celebration" for her life. It was a joyful service, full of hope and confidence.

Nora had been widowed for seven years. Her husband, whom she nicknamed "Penny" from his surname "Penfold", had been a draughtsman in the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, and it was in this work in Whitehall that they had both met and then married.

She had come originally from Birkenhead, but had moved down to Kent with her father when he took over an hotel, the Post Boy Hotel, and she had been put in charge of the restaurant. It was a very happy time for her. But then the war came, and she went to
On her marriage to "Penny" they set up home overlooking Battersea Park, and lived there until their retirement. It was then that they decided to come to Dorset, a move that they never regretted. Their daughters Anne and Carol had by this time grown up and left home, so they were able to become very active members of the community.

Nora was particularly active in the church, being a parochial church councillor, and the electoral roll officer. She was part of the Meals on Wheels team, and a member of the Women's Institute. She was very active in helping at the Vicarage Garden Party or Church Coffee Mornings. She collected silver paper for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and in a very quiet and hidden way, she was very generous in helping those in need, particularly animal welfare charities, but also people. She was always alert to any need, and responded accordingly. When new prayer books were needed for the church, she bought them, in memory of her husband. She gave, and received pleasure in doing so.

She will long be remembered in our community, with that lovely smile and gentle manner. We will go on praying for her that she may enjoy being re-united with "Penny", and with the Lord who meant so much to her. She received the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve, and was totally at peace.
CHURCH DIARY

February
5th February Jumble Sale (Wareham)

March
8th March ASH WEDNESDAY

April
2nd April Mothering Sunday
8th April Church visit to Lambeth Palace
16th April Palm Sunday - Bere Regis Church AGM
21st April Good Friday
23rd April EASTER DAY
30th April Affpuddle Church AGM

May
19th May Confirmation
28th May Rogation Sunday - Church Service in a Farm

June
1st June ASCENSION DAY
11th June WHITSUNDAY
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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE PRAISE, SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 6.30 PM

The winter monthly series of evening services in Briantspuddle Village Hall continues this month. These are informal services open to all. Do join us.

Jonathan Haigh

SPECIAL CLEAN

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the special clean on 8th January. Five people turned up and it was possible to polish all the furniture and the wooden floors and vacuum the hassocks.

CHESHIRE HOME GIFT SERVICE

The following letter was received from Mr John Smith, the Manager of the Dorchester Homes and was dated 23rd December 1999.

‘We are most grateful to everyone at St Laurence Affpuddle for thinking of us at this time. The presents are much appreciated and will make a valuable contribution to helping our young people have an enjoyable time over the festive period.

Thank you all for your generosity.

With our best wishes for Christmas and New Year’.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Nine people responded to my request for money for the purchase of flowers to decorate the church at Christmas. These people together very generously donated £30.00 with which we were able to buy six bunches of white chrysanthemum sprays. Thank you for your generosity.
During March 2000 I will be preparing the new cleaning and flower arranging rotas which start on the first Sunday in April. I am assuming unless I hear to the contrary that all those people at present on the rotas will be willing to continue to help the church. However, new volunteers would be most welcome.

The weekly cleaning consists of sweeping through, dusting the furniture and dry mopping the wooden floors.

The weekly flower arrangers make sure that the church flowers are in a fresh and tidy condition. Great expertise, though very welcome, is not a prerequisite and it is not necessary to spend money on flowers. Garden flowers and arrangements with variegated foliage are most acceptable.

If you are able to help with either or both tasks please let Philippa Thorniley (01929 471497) have your names and the preferred time of year when you can carry out these tasks.

Philippa Thorniley
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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

An application for the development by Fry’s was delivered to the Council immediately prior to the January meeting. This is a revised presentation and consists of a great deal of reading. Thus the Chairman suggested that any discussion on this be withheld until the February meeting when the package would have been seen by all Councillors. In the meantime the Council advise all those who have a concern about the development to write to the District Council with their concerns. The other planning matters that were before the Council - that for the replacement Hyde House and for the Doctors to have a portable office in their car park - went through without any objections.

The Council has been offered a grant of £500 towards the eastern extension of the Board Walk which will include a ramp to enable less able persons to get onto and enjoy the walk.

The Local Planning Inquiry, scheduled for May, is likely to be postponed until September/October as the sustainable traffic plan for the area is not yet ready. The District Planners are experiencing great difficulty with the problem of the A351 and until that is resolved the final location of the 1400 houses at Holton Heath or elsewhere in the District can not be established.

The County Councillor spoke of the reorganisation that has gone. The Government has given Dorset an improved settlement this year so it is planned to maintain the Education budget and reduce other budgets by 1.25%. Thus the County element of the Council Tax should be an increase of 6%

The Parish Budget for next year was the main subject for debate at this meeting and the budget reflects the forward planning for a new Village Hall by providing for the likely expenses to be met. This is an ongoing activity so it is anticipated that future budgets will include similar charges so that a reasonable figure can be achieved. Otherwise the budget has included the usual items that we are required to cover.

The Chairman has received a number of cards and letters from the recipients of the Millennium Mugs. They were all expressing their gratitude to the Council for their gifts and the Chairman was very happy to receive them. The distribution of the gifts was completed in the first few days of the new millennium. There are now a number to sell which are available at the Post Office or from me at 15 North Street - cost £3.00 each.
The Christmas Trees brightened up the Village at the festive season and the Council is grateful for the donations made towards them. As reported in the last month’s magazine it is regretted that the present team of illuminators has decided to discontinue the task. Could any persons who feel that they would like to continue the task come forward in time for next year. The trouble has been the lack of numbers and so it has been an onerous task for two or three people. If we could get more help it would not be such a long task. It would be a shame to lose something which has become established in recent years. Perhaps interested persons could let any Councillor know.

CM.

BERE REGIS W.I.

As a mark of the beginning of a New Era – the Millennium – a happy group of us planted 200 daffodil bulbs within the village. Now do your Girl Guide stuff and be observant – notice them. Well, we hope they put in an appearance.

Now the December bit. Education is still the most important thing that the WI should put across, although these days in some aspects, we take a more light-hearted approach. But education covers everything from sewing on a button to using a computer! If you were about in the village on the evening of 14th December, you would understand my next few lines.

You would have observed many ‘Queens of the Road’ shuffling and clanking through the village to the Drax Hall. Yes, you’ve guessed it – it was the ladies of the WI who became ‘tramps’ for the evening, complete with raggy baggy clothes (our gardening clothes in some cases) and trousers tied with string and tin cans around our waist – or wherever they used to be – but no dogs, we forgot to apply for their food allowance. We were on our way to the ‘hostel’ for our Christmas slap up!! - fish and chips wrapped in paper, and we supplied our usual ‘tipple’ – sorry no photos allowed.

We finished the evening with a beetle drive arranged by the managers of the hostel, after which we fell out of the hostel to wander to our various resting places for the Christmas recess. ‘WOW’! The WI will never be the same again.

We all agreed that we would be back as usual on the third Tuesday of the month. Time 7.30 p.m. I dare you to join – even if only to redeem us.

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As I write this the Hall is coming into its own with the final preparations for the performances by BRATS of their pantomine - Aladdin. After the successful concert put on by the PIP team one is aware of the interest growing in this latest production being put on in the Hall and it demonstrates, if indeed it is required to, the needs of the village hall and its subsequent replacement.

The Committee are pleased to announce that there is to be a performance of ‘The Pied Piper’ by two puppeteers from Devon on the morning of Tuesday 22nd February. The show, which is described as suitable for everyone over five years old, starts at 10.00am - doors open at 9.30am. It lasts 45 minutes and has 48 puppets of every type. Admission- Children up to 12 yrs £2.00. All others £3.00. Booking and tickets from Mrs Maunder at 15 North Street - Tel.471342.

CM

Fred Lys would like to thank everyone who sent cards to him for his 100th birthday.
Also to all those who signed the “Tower 500” book, which the Vicar presented to him.

It was with great sadness that we announced the passing of our beloved mother Nora Penfold on 28th December 1999.
We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the cards, acts of kindness and words of comfort that we have received.
Thank you all so much.

Carol Tracey, Ann Hunter and families.

The singers have started the 2000 year with entertainment for the United Reform over 60’s club at Stapehill.
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Following our recent meeting we are now in a position to advise of the events we are planning in the run up to this year’s carnival.

A couple of new events have been suggested – these being a Boules competition, a Tea Dance and a Pram Race. We would appreciate any thoughts you have on these events.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 19th February – Skittles knockout at the Royal Oak. 7.30 for 8.00 start. Teams of 4, as last year, with the winners receiving the ‘Royal Oak Cup’ on Carnival Day.

Friday 24th March – Quiz at the Sports Club. Teams of up to 4. Entries welcome from village organisations or individuals. Trophy to be awarded on Carnival Day.

Thursday 6th April – Easter Bingo at the Legion. 7.30 for eyes down at 8.00. Families welcome.

Monday 24th April (Easter Monday) – Duck race. Time and course to be advised later.

Friday 19th May – Drawn mixed pairs darts competition at the Drax Arms. 7.45 for 8.00 draw. This was a very popular event last year but we could do with a few more women players. Trophy to be awarded on Carnival Day.

The Carnival Disco will be a little different this year – we are hoping to select a King, Queen, Prince and Princess. Details and dates to follow.

We are also hoping to organise a pet show again this year.

Now one for the younger generation of the village. Can you design a poster to be used for this year’s Carnival advertising. Start drawing now. Open to all age groups, the poster should be no larger than A4 size. Entry for this will be 50p each poster so start designing now. I will advise when entries should be in by, in a later issue.

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Our New Year Party was held in the Drax Hall when we were entertained by the Pearlies with old time and more modern songs, sketches with which members were able to join in. A very happy afternoon with excellent entertainment was enjoyed by all. We finished with a special tea and New Year cake.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th February in the Drax Hall at 2.30 p.m. when John England will show us slides of Madeira. The competition will be for a funny vegetable.
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BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

The annual Junior Competitions for 1998 -1999 resulted in the following members taking the honours forward into the new millennium.

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The competition will soon be underway once again, when the young members can try to hold on to their titles, while other try their best to take them away.

During January the section will be running a Quiz Evening and hopefully, holding the Annual General Meeting postponed towards the end of last year.

February will include swimming at Blandford, a visit to Splashdown at Tower Park as well as the first rounds of the Junior Competitions.

In March, there will be swimming again, teeshirt painting plus a trip to Tower Park for an evening of Ten Pin Bowling.

The day out to Chessington World of Adventure, costing only £18 per member including transport and admission, is starting to fill up. Any youth member who has not yet booked to go on this trip, should do so very soon if they intend going.

The trip to Blackpool Alton Towers, held over a long weekend in October, is back on the programme once again this year. A savings scheme is once again in operation, those who would like to put a little away each week towards the trip, can now do so.

New members are always welcome, 8 to 11 year olds pay £2.50p annual membership and the 12 - 17 year olds pay £4.00p, there are no nightly subs to pay. Young people can call in at the legion club in North Street on any youth night, we will be pleased to see you there.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH
thanks to Pat House

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4 small trout
4oz mushrooms
1 tbsp chopped chives
1 tbsp chopped parsley
2 dessert apples (English Cox’s)
1 tbsp chopped thyme
Salt and pepper
Watercress and lemon wedges to garnish

Split and bone the trout, removing the head but not the tail. Pat dry and lay flat. Peel and core and dice the apples and chop mushrooms. Mix together with fresh chopped herbs.

Season the trout with salt and pepper and cover each fish with a quarter of the stuffing. Roll up from the head to the tail.

Place the fish in a buttered casserole which is just large enough to hold the fish. Cover with a lid or foil and bake in a moderate oven for about 40 minutes.

Decorate with the watercress and lemon wedges and serve with potatoes and carrots.
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Friday April 28th.  Jim Corbin Cup             Wareham Golf Club
Friday May 26th.    Ringwood Trophy            Wolfdale Golf Club
Friday June 30th.   Whitbread Cup              Dudsbury Golf Club
Friday July 28th.   Landlord's Cup             Bridport Golf Club
Friday August 18th. Rob Hall Hacker's Trophy   Meyrick Park Golf Club
Friday September 29th. Captain's Cup          Weymouth Golf Club
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POPI IN PLACE NEWS

We would like to announce that the millennium frieze has been completed and has been mounted downstairs in the lower room of the Drax Hall. Thanks to anyone who contributed to this historic memento and special thanks goes to Alison Bennett and her helpers for putting it all together – it’s quite something to behold!

It’s surprising how many village people and places are included on it – are you? Is your house? Is anyone you know? Come and see for yourself at one of our pop in session. We are open Monday and Friday mornings from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

New Year, new broom. Have you had a New Year sort out and find you have a lot of unwanted quality clothing or bric-a-brac? If so, have you considered bringing it to our new to you scheme. We are always looking for ‘new’ stock.

We are holding a fancy dress disco on Saturday 19th February from 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 pm Tickets are priced at £1 each and a forfeit of 50p will be required if you do not wear fancy dress. Tickets are available from the Pop in Place or phone Alison on 472023 or Julie on 472069.

Finally a request to anyone who wished to help with our ‘Gardens for Tina’ day. It is to be held on Sunday 23rd July and more information about this special event (in aid of the Poole Hospital Scanner Appeal) can be obtained by phoning Alison on 472023.

Julie Lye, on behalf of the PiP Community Team.

Stop Press

Would anyone who took photos of the Millennium Show, let us have a look please so we might buy some copies. We were all too busy to take any ourselves and we’d really like some mementoes of the event.
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When done, remove from container and cool. Save liquid. Refrigerate both overnight.

Next day cover beef with flaky pastry using 8oz butter to 12 oz good plain flour. Decorate with plaits or leaves as desired.

Cook in hot oven for 20 minutes till pastry is set. Turn down to medium and cook for about an hour. This will keep hot nicely in hostess trolley until needed.

Take fat off gravy, strain to remove onion etc. Add favourite stock cube and thickening and boil up.

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KENYA 2000 - UPDATE

If you missed Gavin Bates talk on 7th December, you missed a memorable experience. His colour slides were breathtaking and the unassuming account of his personal travel experiences inspired us all. These included; walking solo across the Sahara desert, climbing Mount McKinley and the Irish Expedition to Cho Oyu 8,000m+ without oxygen. As you can imagine he had many personal reminiscences, some pleasant others not so! He talked at length about the Street Kids project, how it evolved and his increasing involvement with it.

Some of the children are very special to him like the little girl, the age of our village 1st school children, earning money to eat by prostitution. This year, as well as leading the Kenya 2000 group, he is making his own Millennium Expedition. He aims to climb the highest peak on every continent, including Everest without oxygen, with different groups of people. We wish him good luck and God speed with this incredible expedition.

The group fund raising continues, Gavin's talk raised £200. Thanks especially to the Pop-in Place for the sellout Millennium Concert and the Sponsored Disco. These two events boosted our funds by nearly £600.

Future events for your diaries:

Quiz Night 11th February Purbeck School 8 p.m.

Bring your own team of 4 or join up on the night. Enquiries Maryanne Holman 01929 471593

50/50 Auction Sale Scout Hut Sunday 5th March

A chance to spring clean your cupboards, make some money and have a fun evening. Details Julie Cosker 01929 471688 or Bob Knight 01929 471838

Jumble Sale Blandford Corn Exchange Saturday 11th March

There will be information in the villages about these events.

Part of the Kenya 2000 project will be to build a medical clinic on the Rowallan Camp Site. This will be a wooden prefabricated building to serve the site. Gavin has sent us an extensive “shopping list” of medical supplies, equipment etc needed to equip the clinic. Everything from sterile dressings to lockable medical cabinets and cotton sheets are required. Dr Tim Harley has the list and if anyone feels they can contribute in any way please get in touch with him at the Bere Regis Surgery 01929 471268.
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What spectacular fireworks displays we saw as the world welcomed the new millennium. Each country seemed to be vying with the next to see who could put on the most eye-catching show, and what a vast amount of money went up in sparks! The Year 2000 certainly came in with a bang, although the date change and outward celebrations did not bring any real change to personal, national or international situations. Now we have come down to earth as many suffer, not with the Millennium bug but with the ‘flu bug!

I was reading recently that every day thousands of people travel from Hong Kong to Shenzhen, China, and head straight for Lo Wu Commercial City, a giant shopping mall that sells imitations of luxury items. It has five floors and 500,000 square feet of retail space and may well be the world’s capital of counterfeit goods.

People eagerly pay $58 for a bogus Rolex watch. They buy imitation Gucci shoes, Fendi clothing and Chanel wallets for a fraction of the prices charged for the real thing. Scuffles often break out as shoppers struggle for the most popular goods.

What a commentary this is on our tendency to value outward appearance more than reality. We will pay big money to have the right label and look even if the merchandise is not authentic, or of real and lasting value.

How can we tell if something is a fake or a counterfeit? Compare it with the real and genuine of course. How about us? We may carry the label ‘Christian’, but we can only tell how real and genuine that is when we measure ourselves against God’s standards - the Bible, God’s Word. Remember, so often man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart of man. 1 Samuel 16:7 The Christian life involves a change of heart as Jesus takes charge of our lives and we put Him first instead of our own desires. Jesus gives us new life, anything that anyone else promises is only an imitation of the real thing.

The fireworks lasted only for a brief time, but the gift of new life from Jesus will last for ever.

How real is my life as a Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ? God knows!

Rev Ray Healey, 12 South Mead – 471443
The first major potential disaster of 2000 has been averted! Thankfully the queue at the AGM to become a committee member was orderly and quiet – well almost silent.

If anybody who would like to join the committee missed the AGM just come along to Megan’s on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. – you will be most welcome.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 1st February will be a talk on genetically modified foods by Mr Dawe. Non-members are welcome to attended this meeting.

We are also going to continue with our sales table at the month’s meetings so please bring along your surplus plants, seeds, cutting, etc to help swell club funds.

On Tuesday 7th March we can look forward to a talk on Camellias by Harry Dawes.

Andy Morrison – 472343
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

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The knives were out for Nick Macklin as his young charges faced bottom-of-the-league Coolshore in a match they dare not lose. The way Bere started the game, you would never have believed they had been out of sorts for a few weeks. Passing and moving with verve and skill, Bere tore the opposition apart, but for the lack of a final ball, could have been 3 or 4 ahead in the first 20 minutes.

Ian Macklin had left his shooting boots at home as he miscued 2 efforts which he would normally have put away with his eyes closed. Bungy shot past the keeper, only to see his effort cleared off the line, although the shot itself was so pitiful that I doubt it would have made it over the line.

On one of the few occasions that Coolshore ventured into the Bere half a hopeful cross somehow, crept into the far corner of the goal. Unbelievably, this was how it stayed until half-time despite sustained pressure on the Coolshore goal. Bere trooped in at half-time to nurse their injured pride.

Expecting the worst at half-time, the team were surprised to find supremo Nick Macklin positively drooling, and not just because he had forgotten to take his tablet that morning. His message was very simple, keep playing like that and the goals will come. Little did we know how quickly that prophecy would come true. Two minutes into the second half and Bere were level. A simple one-two between Wayne and Spivey on the left gave Wayne half a yard of space. That was all that was needed as he left one defender for dead and flighted a beautiful cross that found Rob White at the back post. One touch to control, one touch to finish and the ball was nestling nicely in the corner of the net.

Bere continued to play some pretty football, but with the final touch missing and lady luck constantly sleeping with the enemy lately Bere soon found themselves behind once more. A lightning break by Coolshore left Bere exposed at the back post and Earle could only pick the ball out of the back of the net. Bere soon got back into the game with a goal that was a scramble in the goalmouth, which saw some desperate defending and woeful shooting, until Ian Macklin was on hand to toe poke the ball into the corner and Bere were level.
Minutes later, they were ahead for the first time in the game. A wicked near post corner from Rob White was missed by both Bungy and the defenders and there was ‘Johnny on the spot’ Ian Macklin again to give Bere the lead. All Bere needed to do was shut up shop and they were home and dry.

Unfortunately, Bere’s defence were ‘Open All Hours’ as they contrived to give Coolshore the equaliser. A hopeful punt upfield should have been meat and drink to Mark Gale. However, a bobble at the wrong moment and all Mark could do was miscue an inch perfect through ball to the centre forward. Dean Rogerson tried to make amends, but only succeeded in bundling the forward over to give a penalty to Coolshore.

Despite a valiant effort by Earle between the sticks, the penalty was expertly put away and Bere were left to rue what might have been. There might still have been time for Bere to win it, but an excellent save from the Coolshore keeper from Andy Curtis meant that the scores stayed level. There might also have been time if the referee had followed the normal tradition of adding injury time on and not taking it off, which seems the only explanation for a very short second half.

Please do not forget that full and comprehensive football and cricket reports, club events and developments can be viewed at the extensive Bere Regis Sports Club official website - http://homepages.tesco.net/~pip.evans/brfchome.htm. The club recently celebrated the arrival of the Millennium in style, with an evening to remember. We would like to extend our thanks to all who attended and especially those whose organised the events staged over the festive period, which turned out to be a most enjoyable time for all concerned.

For those attending, please do not forget the BRSC Brewery Trip to the Thomas Hardy Brewery, Dorchester on 3 February 2000, forthcoming events at the club include Carnival General Knowledge Quiz, 25 March 2000 and English Quiz to coincide with St George’s Day and Easter Draw on 23 April 2000. Details about the forthcoming cricket campaign to follow in next month’s report.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

ART REACH

On 26 February we are fortunate enough to have Pauline Cato and Tom McConville, a Northumbrian Pipe and Fiddle Duo at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets costing £4.00 are now on sale from Philippa Thorniley, Raithby Cottage (01929 471497). As usual there will be a bar selling wine, soft drinks and coffee. The reports received about this show have been very good so do come along to what promises to be a splendid evening.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

Jean, Sue, Janet and Jenny would like to thank everyone who came and made this party a success. We would also like to thank the Village Hall Committee for donating the use of the hall, the WI for a donation towards expenses and to Bladen Social Club who paid for the entertainment. Also a thank you to Campbell De Burgh for piping in the New Year.

AFFPUDDLE’S MILLENNIUM PARTY

The villagers of Affpuddle held a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable New Year’s Eve Party at West Farm. Assistance in organising the event came from throughout the community with contributions ranging from a venue, power and lighting to decorations, food and drink. At midnight the children of Affpuddle rang the bells of St. Laurence’s Church to welcome the New Millennium.

Due to the kindness of the many people who made contributions to the event, the village was able to donate £65 to the ‘Children’s Promise’ fund. The organisers would like to thank everyone for their generosity and hard work in making the start to the year 2000 memorable.
BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

AGM Wednesday 23 February at 8pm.

Membership fees due 1 March and must be paid by 31 March. Amount to be decided at AGM.

Tuesday Club 2.30pm

1 February
15 February
29 February
14 March
28 March

If anyone can come along and give a talk or demonstration we’d be very pleased to hear from you. Phone Sue on 01258 837267

You do not have to be a member to join the Tuesday Club, new people always welcome.

Bingo 8.30pm

10 February
24 February
9 March
23 March

Bingo lasts for an hour and visitors are welcome to come along then if you enjoy it you can apply for membership.

Social Club/Youth Club Reunion Party - 4 March 8pm

If you are an ex-member and would like to come, phone Sue or contact the Club.
BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

We meet on the first Tuesday afternoon each month from 1.30 p.m. to arrange sitters ahead and allow mums and children the opportunity to get to know one another better. The February 1st gathering will be at Shirley’s home – Pine View Cottage, 7 The Hollow, Briantspuddle. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Su Roberts on 471322 for further details.

BRIANTS PUDDLE WI

At our January Meeting on the 5th Mr Bateman both informed and entertained us with his talk on Dorset Road Safety. He encouraged all drivers amongst us to take the Advanced Driving Test (he is an instructor & examiner for the test) and was pleased to find two of our members have already done so. He had excellent slides on various driving manoeuvres and was only too willing to answer many questions after his talk which, he informed us usually took 3 hours and he had telescoped into just over an hour.

Having our meeting so early in the New Year we did not have the County Letter available for all so we discussed the immediate past rather than the future. Our trip to the performance of Hansel & Gretel at Martinstown was a success, Forage Forge as usual convincingly playing 6 characters with only 4 people and a very clever set. We all enjoyed it.

Plans were made for the Jumble Sale on Saturday 19 February (readers please note) and we all look forward to our meeting on 2 February when Mrs P S Eady will talk on ‘Life in the Land Army’. I always remember going to a Harvest Camp in the 1940’s and being met by a Land Girl driving the truck to take a group of us to our camp in Worcestershire. We passed a field with a really big haystack in it and she pointed and said ‘I helped to make that and my gold watch is in it somewhere, I hope they break it open soon and then I can find it’. My first introduction to an incurable optimist.

Mary Bentley
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

Alesja

At long last we are able to report that our Chairman George Silavs (as surrogate Medical Representative for the Link), was able to visit Riga in Latvia over the Christmas/New Year period - thanks to the generosity of British Airways Riga - to make the necessary enquiries etc with a view to supplying Alesja with a new prosthesis.

Prior contact with our friend Dr Libermanis ensured that enquiries were kept to the minimum, given the short time available, and we are very happy to report that following some necessary remedial surgery, Alesja should be fitted with her new prosthesis very shortly. The cost is half of what we would have anticipated had she returned to Dorset as planned and, although her new limb is possibly not quite as high-tech as that available here, it is of a similar style and of a very high quality indeed and we are thankful that this matter has been dealt with so professionally by all concerned.

It remains only for pounds to be converted into Lats and the monies transferred to the appropriate bank. We have asked if the other FOC air ticket can be put on hold for a while just in case problems develop, in which case Dr Tim Harley our Medical Representative - can pop over to Riga for a day or two to sort them out. Sadly Tim was unable to make the journey with George, given the 'flu epidemic, and we are hoping it will not now be necessary for him to do so, but you never know.

JENNY SILAVS, Hon Sec
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE
PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new millennium took place on 12th January 2000.

Bypass signposting and noise

For many months the Parish Council has been campaigning for Briantspuddle to be signposted on the westbound carriageway of the new bypass. Mr. Ian Bruce, MP, took up the matter on our behalf and has now had confirmation from the Highways Agency that a signpost will be erected.

A parishioner recently complained to the Highways Agency about the considerable increase in noise level from the new road and was dismayed to be told that no one else had complained. In fact the high noise level from the new road is a subject of much disappointment to many residents of this parish and those of Tolpuddle. It casts a shadow over an otherwise excellent and long awaited bypass. Although resurfacing is unlikely to be an option, the Parish Council is to make it known to the Highways Agency that noise pollution is far greater than expected.

Shop and Post Office

The alterations to the shop and Post Office are progressing. The steps and new counter have been completed, which leaves the door to be changed and some glazing to be replaced.

Recycling Bins

The re-siting of the recycling bins seems to have become a permanent item on the Parish Council Agenda. The bins cannot remain in their present position, and for many months the Parish Council has sought to alternative sites but each one has been rejected. The most recent proposal, on the road leading to the bypass, was thought to be ideal as it offered easy and safe access and was hidden from view. The District Council supported this proposal but the Parish Council has now been informed that the site is not considered suitable on environmental grounds.
The lay-by at Throop Clump has been put forward as a more suitable place. However the Parish Council was at a loss to understand how recycling bins at Throop Clump, a designated SSSI, could be more “environmentally conducive”. The Parish Council is to emphasise to Purbeck District Council all the advantages of the site near the bypass, and to make it clear that if no site can be found, then regrettably the bins would not be replaced when they move from the Village Hall area.

**Signposts**

It was reported that a number of signposts around Bladen Valley have been damaged or gone missing. It seems unlikely that the damage has been caused by accident.

**Precept**

The Committee agreed that the precept should remain unaltered for the third year running.

**Potholes**

The wet weather has brought the usual spate of potholes in the roads. A recurring hole in the road leading up the hill out of Briantspuddle is thought to be caused by the underground spring, which forces out any repair work as soon as the water level rises. It was suggested that a drain cover or grid could be placed over the hole, thus allowing the water a free passage.

**Seat Around Mulberry Tree**

The seat around the Mulberry tree in the ‘Ring’ is in a state of disrepair. Efforts are to be made to make good the seat and its bases.

**Millennium Hedge**

An idea was put forward that the hedgeless verge between Briantspuddle crossroads and Schoolhouse Lane could be used for planting a millennium hedge. Mr. Buck is to make some preliminary enquiries.
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
26th (Saturday)  Super League Darts

MARCH
11th (Saturday)  Pot Luck pairs darts competition

APRIL
1st (Saturday)  Super League Darts
6th (Thursday)  Carnival Bingo
21st (Friday)  Pete Howell
22nd (Saturday)  Easter Egg Draw and Quiz
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9th Autumn Leaves – Madeira by John England 2.30 p.m.
5th Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall, in aid of Church 10.00 a.m.
11th Kenya 2000 Quiz night, Purbeck school 8.00 p.m.
19th PiP Fancy Dress Disco 7.00 p.m.
19th Carnival skittles knockout, Royal Oak 7.30 p.m.
24th Royal Oak Golf Society AGM - Royal Oak
26th Art Reach - Pauline Cato and Tom McConville

March
5th Kenya 2000 50/50 auction sale 8.00 p.m.
7th RBL Gardening club – Camellias 8.00 p.m.
8th Autumn Leaves – Films by Tony Bates 2.30 p.m.
11th Kenya 200 Jumble sale, Blandford Corn Exchange
24th Carnival Quiz, Sports club

April
6th Carnival Easter bingo, RBL 7.30 p.m.
12th Autumn Leaves tour to Chichester
21st Hot Cross Buns and Easter Egg Raffle 10.00 a.m.–12.00 noon
24th Carnival duck race

May
6th Autumn Leaves May Fayre
19th Carnival Darts competition, Drax Arms 7.45 p.m.
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June
14th  Autumn Leaves outing to Bath
16/17/18  Annual Cub Camp, Bowling Green Wood, Lulworth

July
15th  Carnival
23rd  Gardens for Tina event  10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

August

September
1st  PiP 4th Birthday Party and Raffle  10.00 a.m.–12.00 noon
22nd  Visit of Twinning members from Cérences

October

November
25th  Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar

December
16th  PiP Show and Party
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