A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

To witness the turn of a century is quite an unusual thing. To witness the turn of a millennium, a thousand years, is in its way, quite an awesome thing. So now that the “hype” and celebrations have finished, what are we to make of it. My thoughts as a Christian minister are anxious, full of sadness, and a bit gloomy; exactly the opposite of what I ought to feel. Be cheerful, full of hope, full of confidence, say the pundits, and of course they are right. From a secular point of view, I should be, and I am, all of these things. We live in a glorious world, the advancement of everything that makes for a good life is staggering. We are warm, well fed, well housed, generally blessed with friends or relations that love us or care for us. So why am I slightly depressed? I think it is because the churches in our country are not doing well in their mission to make or sustain Christians.

Yet again this past month, the results of a new survey have been joyfully proclaimed in the press. Only 28 million people in our country believe that Jesus was the Son of God. This is a big drop from fifty years ago, they say. And of these only 15 million believed in a “personal god”, one who knows and loves them personally; the other 13 million believe in some sort of “spirit/God”, or life force. Religious belief and understanding has declined dramatically. In 1990, there were 20 million members of the Church of England in England; today there are 14 million. Roman Catholics have remained at about 5 million but the Nonconformists have dropped to just over a million. Only 15 million people go to church once a month, and only 28 million once a year. Decline, decline, decline are the joyful headlines.

I wonder what it was like as the year 1900 was celebrated. It would be impossible to compare the statistics, and in any case, numbers are not everything. How many attended church because of the custom of the day? With no communications such as we have, and no ability to travel, church would have been the focal point in a community. I wonder what it was like as the year 1000 was celebrated. The Danes ruled half the kingdom. King Canute had just made his courtiers look silly. The French were beginning to have designs on England. Life was short and brutal. Superstition was rife. Few could read or write. Death was an everyday event. One again, no comparison can be made to our situation now.

I don’t need to wonder what it was like in the year 0. The beginning of the action by God is a well known story.
If I try to analyse my anxiety, sadness gloom or slight depression, I suppose the reason would soon emerge that I am bitterly disappointed that the things that I have loved and cherished and held most precious should be rejected, scorned, ridiculed or not even given a thought by so many of my fellow countrymen. Deeper reflection tells me this is only a human response. The gospel of Christ has always been rejected by most. They killed him for it. They persecuted the first Christians for 310 years. Why should Christianity enjoy popularity now? If it did, perhaps it wouldn’t be Christian. So plod on, keep the faith, do what you know to be right, be kind, and leave the rest to God.

And remember that little verse hidden in the Psalms “A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday”

Challam Roben.

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### Bere Regis Church Rotas

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# CHURCH SERVICES in January

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*1st Sunday of the Century*

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

JUMBLE SALE WAREHAM TOWN HALL

Saturday 11th February
10 a.m. to 12 noon

It's time once again to have that "clear-out" you have promised yourself. Jumble may be brought to the Vicarage or to Mrs Molly Carlyle (471441).

Items of clothing or bric-a-brac are most acceptable. Books can be left with Geoffrey Booth, Tower House, Tower Hill (471586). Helpers at the various stalls are always wanted.

It's great fun!

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Held in early December. The "Events Committee" wish to thank all those who contributed so generously and supported the coffee morning.

We raised £380 towards Church Funds, but £190 of this came from the raffle of the Christmas cakes.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Thank you to all those who helped celebrate Christmas and the New Year and have given their time for Sunday ringing and practices during the year.

Ringing practices continue on Wednesday evenings at the usual time of 6.30pm. Well done to our two new ringers Jane and Jenny who have progressed so well since starting in September.

TOWER 500 books celebrating 500 years of the Church Tower and year 2000 are still available from John England and from the Post Office, price £5.00.
**PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE**

This ancient service will be held on 9th January 2000 in Church at 11.00 a.m.
All organisations will be most welcome. We will meet in the Church Porch at 10.50 a.m.

John House

**CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE**

Thank you to all who supported our raffle.
The winners were:-
Iced Christmas Cake – Mrs C Constantinides
Dundee Cake- Mrs E Herridge

John & Pat

**MOTHERS’ UNION**

Our December meeting took place at Turberville Court, by kind permission of the Warden.
The meeting included a play in which the true message of Christmas had to compete with the world’s view of Christmas. We sang a selection of carols and enjoyed appropriate refreshments which had been provided by the committee.
The RBL had invited some of our members to their carol service and four of our members arranged to attend.
A group of members interested in the lunch club project would meet after Christmas to make preliminary plans.
Next month’s meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th January at 7.30 pm in Turberville Court. Our AGM will take place with reports from various representatives and there will be a gift exchange. All members bring a small gift and 50p.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE PRAISE  SUNDAY 23 JANUARY, 6.30 PM

The winter monthly series of evening services in Briantspuddle Village Hall will resume this month and continue until the fourth Sunday of March. These are informal services open to all.

Do join us.

Jonathan Haigh

SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 8 January 2000 there will be a special clean of the church from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

Please come along and help clear up the church after the Christmas Festivities. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths. Depending on the number of people present it is hoped to polish all the pews, furniture and floors, vacuum the hassocks and wash the floors and windows.

Philippa Thorniley

FLOWERS AND GIFT SERVICE

Because the January issue of the magazine has to be prepared in the middle of December it is not possible to report on the carol/gift service or the amount of money collected for the purchase of Christmas flowers.

AMAZING JUMBLE SALE
SATURDAY MORNING, - 5th FEBRUARY
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When you read this I hope that we will be enjoying the start to the third millennium. The Council hopes that the young people will take joy with the mug that they have received and take care of it as a memento of the great event. If there are still, by this time, some who have not yet received their mug then please call me on 471342. We are hoping to get them all distributed by New Year’s/Century/ Millennium Night!

At the December meeting the Council was addressed by Wendy Cutts from Dorset Community Action. She had been invited to speak on Youth Parish Councils and a number of representatives from the youth groups in the village attended to hear her. She suggested that possibly our problems in the village, some of which are attributed to the youth, may be overcome by involving them - the youth - in problem solving. The youth concerned are a minority group and consider that they have no voice or representation and therefore revert to vandalism. She suggested that so often this group are not interested in the organised groups and do not take part.

A discussion followed during which various suggestions were made concerning the needs of this group. The Parish Council has tried to initiate schemes but has been frustrated by the District Council who have not agreed with suggestions that have been submitted. However the matter has come on further since the involvement of the Police and it is thought that the District Council might actually listen to the needs of the Parish. However it is essential that the Parish Council presents a representative view of the needs and to this end it is intended to invite the youth of the Parish to a special open meeting at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 2nd February 2000 at 7.00pm.

The object of this meeting are quite simply to set up a liaison group - Youth Parish Council - and to discuss the needs. We understand that money can be made available to help in the setting up of this Council but to meet their needs clearly a large sum of money will be necessary. It is foreseen that this Council will work and be linked to the Parish Council - rather like a sub committee.

Parallel with the previous item, the subject of Village toilets was discussed. One person had written in suggesting that they be closed because of the activities that had been observed in the vicinity. Other suggestions were that they be pulled down to make way for the re-cycling bins and that the building be retained for the use of the youth. The Council accepted that they be closed and would take up the other suggestions with the District Council.
The Christmas Trees have been distributed and most are up and lit. The Council are grateful to those Parishioners who donated towards the cost of the trees and asks that if anybody else wishes to make a donation for them to contact Mr Gibbs. The Council learned that both Mr Gibbs and Mr Eastment do not wish to continue putting the trees up next year and so will be calling for volunteers nearer the time.

The District Councillor, Miss Sue Stone, reported on the District Plan. There is great concern at the District about the proposed housing at Holton Heath. As is well known they have a road problem and the locals saying ‘no houses without a bypass’. It seems that the alternative scheme has run into problems with SSSI’s and a general objection from intended users.

In addition there appears to be problems with getting the 1300 houses into the site as again there are ‘things that have to be protected’. She reported that the District Council are probably going ahead with the Local Plan as it stands and leave it to the Inspector, at the Public Inquiry in May, to sort it out. From the Bere Regis point of view we are conscious that the County Plan envisaged developments on the arterial routes eg Holton Heath, Wool and Bere Regis. The Council is deeply concerned with what happens if the Holton Heath scheme is lost.

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DRAX HALL

We now have half the complement of new chairs and they look magnificent. Fortunately they arrived just in time for the Pop in Place concert so most of the audience were sitting in comfort. The Committee is grateful to all who have fund raised or donated towards them. We now start to save for another fifty!

The Committee thank all who have made use of the Hall as it is only by use that it can pay its way. Remarkably it costs around £8.00 for each and every day in the year to maintain it as it is - a figure that those of us involved with the proposed new Hall would do well to bear in mind.

CM

THANK YOU

June Fowler would like to thank all Peter’s friends and colleagues who attended his funeral on 17th November 1999.

Thanks for all the cards and letters, and also for the donations to the British Heart Foundation.

June Fowler

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

A very busy year for the ladies with 17 venues, ranging from Bournemouth, Wimborne to Dorchester.

Our venues for December Christmas songs etc were for Wareham Hospital, WI Dorchester, Lytchett Matravers Derby & Joan, British Legion Wool, Sunshine Club Wareham.

Many thanks to the singers for their dedication and loyalty.

Wishing all our friends and singers a very happy Year 2000, and another busy year ahead.

Kath Jeeves
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BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

The Christmas Party was a very pleasant evening with good food provided by Elaine and the Christmas mood was set, with carols from Kath. Many thanks to everybody for their help with preparation etc.

According to Adrian’s records the Club has reached the ripe old age of ten! To help make a success of the next ten years we are looking for new committee members, so come along to the AGM on Tuesday 4th January at 7.40pm and if you don’t fancy the committee you can enjoy the slide show by Brian Edwards.

On Tuesday 1st February Mr Dawe will give a talk on GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS. Non-members are welcome to attend this meeting.

The seed order raffle produced a good response and we hope to have taken delivery of the first batch by the time of publication. We will be placing more orders so don’t think you have missed the boat!

Andy Morrison – 472343

THE POPPY COLLECTION 1999

The Royal British Legion Poppy collection for Bere Regis and District amounted to £1,931.00.

May I thank all of the street collectors, shops, public houses and churches for their supporting this year’s appeal so well.

Gordon Phillips, Hon Poppy Organiser.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our friends for all the cards and good wishes we received when we left Shitterton to live in Dorchester. We shall treasure them – many thanks.

Special thanks to Age Concern for their magnificent gift, we will have a “splashing” time with it.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

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Contact Julie Ching for a chat on 01305 854405.
We were entertained at our Christmas meeting by the beautiful singing of the children of Bere Regis First School with carols and Christmas songs. They all looked so happy and obviously enjoyed the singing. Thank you very much to Mrs Hurdiss and the children. There were 11 table decorations with a candle on display.

Our next meeting will be on January 12th at 2.30 in the Drax Hall. This will be our Millennium Party when we will be entertained by the Pearlies. We wish all members a happy New Year.

Thank you to all the village for all their many gifts to the Autumn Leaves during the year.

Another successful year, full of entertainment, speakers, Birthday Lunch, Rose Competition etc etc. Grateful thanks to the Committee and the Members who support the club. Good attendances at the meetings and outings.

We have another mixed programme for the year 2000. New members are very welcome – no joining fee – ring Mary on 471469 and Kath 471175

A Happy New 2000 to all our friends who support us and to all Members.

KJ
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The programme for the first quarter of the new year, will also include a trip to Splashdown at Tower Park. As well as further sessions of swimming at Blandford Sports Centre and a number of football challenge matches against other youth groups.

Members are also to be invited, to air their views on the facilities that are currently available to young people within the village. It is hoped that a wealth of positive and practical suggestions will be forthcoming on that evening. Youth section members may then become involved, in other meaningful discussions that may take place, to discuss possible actions for the benefit of young people within the village.

A number of other interesting activities, have also been planned for later in the year. These will include, a Day Trip to France, an opportunity for two selected members to attend a long weekend at an Activity Centre in Wales, for only £20!, as well as a weekend trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers in October. A trip to London is also scheduled for December, for a spot of shopping and perhaps to take in a West End show during the early evening.

New members, are always most welcome to join the section. It costs only £2.50 for Junior members (8-11) and £4.00 for the Seniors (12-17), just call in at the legion on any youth night. The section meets from 7.15 until 10.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday and the following Tuesday evenings each month.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, Telephone 471693

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

The next session for blood donors will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis, on Tuesday 25th January 2000 from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m and 4.30 – 7.00 p.m. Do please try to come and donate if at all possible as blood is urgently needed, especially at this time of the year. New and lapsed donors will be most welcome as well as regular donors.

The next sessions in 2000 will be on 26th September. Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01179 912020 or your local organiser, Mrs R Short Tel: 01305 853538.
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Pre-heat the over to 350°F. Heat the oil in a flameproof casserole and fry the minced beef for 5 mins, until brown and sealed. Add the vegetables and fry again for about 5 mins. Add the flour and stir for about 1 min, add beef stock and season to taste. Bring to the boil, cover and cook in the over for 1¼ hrs.

For the dumplings, mix together suet, flour, salt and pepper and parsley. Add sufficient cold water to form a smooth dough. Roll the dumplings into 8 equal size balls and place them around the casserole. Return to the over uncovered for another 20 mins. Serve with a green vegetable.
January 2000

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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October inclusive.

New members are invited to join. Contact Mike Davies – 01258 451764 for memberships forms and details

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The Pop In Place Show Team wish to express their sincere thanks to all who were involved in any way with this memorable event, a true example of a community working together in a positive and creative way to celebrate the Millennium and to raise money for a worthy cause.

Although profits from the production will be given to Kenya 2000 we wish to emphasise that we pay rental for the hire of the Drax Hall for rehearsals and the production so this is also helping the maintain your village hall.

Your comments on the Show:-

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I could go on and on but you can safely say it was appreciated. Well done everyone.

Happy New Year to you all.

Pop In Place, Community Team

THEATRE TRIPS

Is there anyone in the village who would consider forming a Theatre Circle as there are several people who would like to be able to go to a show sometimes. However, public transport being what it is this is not possible.

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JUBILEE 2000

Happy New Year to everyone!

This is the final year of the Jubilee 2000 Campaign, and we hope, its most successful one yet. 1999 saw substantial progress towards a resolution of the Third World Debt Crisis, but there is much still to do.

Zambia, a relative ‘winner’ from the debt relief package agreed in Cologne, could see annual payments cut by more than half, but it will still spend more on debt service than on health and education combined; and that in a country where life expectancy is expected to drop to 33 years as a result of HIV/AIDS. There are other impoverished countries which will have to wait much longer for even that level of relief.

Sunday 23rd July 2000 has been labelled ‘DEBT DECISION DAY’ by Christian Aid. It is the last day of the G8 Summit in Japan, and the world will be watching to see whether its leaders have grasped the opportunity offered to them to celebrate the Millennium with a massive act of compassion.

Watch this space – and the notice board in church – to learn about the increasing build-up of the campaign over the coming months, culminating in a rash of vigils all over the world as supporters wait to hear the outcome of the deliberations. And if you can do anything to publicise the Campaign/wish to learn more about it, please get in touch.

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‘Cars will be run without petrol so our air will be clean. Disneyland will have less people visiting because all the people will be at the moon’

‘In the next millennium I would like to see people camping in a tent on the moon without the tent floating away’

‘We could go on rockets or even have flying cars. Who knows what the next millennium will bring?’

‘All of schools will have a room where there will be every toy that has been made’

‘I think in the year 2000 there should be flying food, because then you would be allowed down from the

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 January 2000 gathering, however, will be a “bring a plate to share” lunch at Su’s home – ‘Piddle Cottage’, The Warren, from noon on 4th January 2000.

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I don’t know about you, but I was delighted that as the curtain came down on the last weeks of the year and century, and a new millennium was about to begin, the No. 1 ‘Top of the Pops’ song was The Millennium Prayer sung by Sir Cliff Richard to the tune of Auld Lang Syne. What better way to end one year and begin the new year than to sing and say ‘The Lord’s Prayer’, and to believe and know personally that Almighty God is our Father and my Father. Cliff Richard has been mocked by many people for his firm stand as a disciple of Christ Jesus. One might say ‘Congratulations’ on his latest hit!

The media have spent much time and effort reviewing 1999 and the past century, reminding us of the great historical events, discoveries and people that have influenced and changed the world for ever. For example - two tragic world wars, the discovery of the atom and hydrogen bombs, flight to the moon and back, and people like Sir Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher, Princess Diana, Morecambe and Wise, Sir George Thomas, Alexander Fleming and many others. Each of us can make a long list of our own. It was interesting to note the highlights of the century that were put before us at the excellent production organised by the Bere Regis Pop-in-Place entitled Millennium Musical Memories.

One thing is certain, it has been a century of rapid change, and not always for the better either! The evidence of moral and spiritual decline, especially over the last twenty years, is there for all to see, and hardly needs spelling out in detail.

You may ask what hope is there for the future of this nation and for me as an individual? The only answer I know from personal experience is found in Christ Jesus, and in letting Him be Lord and Saviour of one’s whole life. Then the Lord’s Prayer will become a personal prayer to my Father, and He will give us the strength, as His disciples, to put into daily practice the things that He has taught us in it.

May the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago become real in your experience this New Year.

On Saturday 29th January at 7.30 p.m. we shall be having another of our special meetings when the speaker will be Dr. Geoff Barnard. Geoff is an excellent Bible teacher and everyone is invited to this meeting.

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BRIANTSPUDDLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our grateful thanks to all of those who helped us raise £40.45 at the Christmas Fair, either by buying or donating to our stall. As usual it was great fun with a wonderful atmosphere. My only regret is that I did not get to meet Father Christmas – perhaps next year!

ALESJA

Loose ends are gradually being tied up and we hope to have a Link Representative in Latvia very soon to deal with Alesja’s problems with her prosthesis. In early December we were successful finally in our efforts to contact British Airways in Riga (it appears they did not receive our correspondence in June 1999) and efforts to contact them by telephone on a number of occasions subsequently were unsuccessful until that date. The really good news is that they have donated two return air tickets to the Link to enable our representative(s) to undertake such a visit. These are on a stand-by basis only but we are more than grateful for their generosity.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to those who have renewed their subscription. We have received approximately £100 to date, which is wonderful. There is no time limit on renewals so please don’t be embarrassed by a late renewal – we don’t mind a bit.

A happy and peaceful New Year to all.

Jenny Silavs, Hon Sec
Injuries and work commitments continue to dog the Bere Regis team as they were without Paddle, Spivey, Oram, Cleall and Curtis for a difficult away match up at Weld Arms. There was still an air of confidence, though, as Bere arrived at Lulworth and the shabbiest changing room in the league. Despite the sofa and carpet, Bere’s superstars were used to much better and the thought of using a hosepipe to shower afterwards probably caused the lack of concentration that was to follow.

The first half started disastrously for Bere and got worse as it went along. Failing to clear a free-kick after 5 minutes a well struck shot found its way through the huddle of players and into the net to give Weld the lead. Soon after it was 2-0 as the referee ignored appeals for a push in the back and a Weld player was given acres of room to pick his spot. There was little to admire from either team in the first half as the game became scrappy, but certainly Bere could play a lot better than this. The team spirit and rhythm seemed to have gone completely. Half time was a welcome respite for both players and spectators and a chance for head coach, Nick Macklin to have his say.

After the manager had made his feelings particularly clear in the interval, Bere started the second half brightly. Rob White dropped back to pick up the loose ball and began to use it to great effect. Unfortunately, it was one of those days when the opposition goal (and keeper) led a charmed life. A spectacular point blank save at the feet of Wayne Cope saved one certain goal. A series of goal-line clearances from a corner saved another. A one-on one between Wayne and the keeper normally ends in a goal, but the shot beat the keeper and then just slid past the post. Another spectacular save from a rasping shot by Ian Macklin and the Gods were well and truly against Bere Regis.

As Bere pressed harder, gaps appeared in the defence and chances were missed at both ends in what was an exciting and entertaining game for the neutral. Steve Ives was particularly keen to entertain the neutral as he tried to take on the Weld forward, forgetting that he had lost that yard of pace about 10 years ago. Luckily, the opposition were in a forgiving mood and decided to head over an open goal from 5 yards out. Ian Macklin showed off his famous trick of sitting down on the ball to confuse the defenders, then getting up and running off with it again.
Bere contrived to miss some more chances as Wayne knocked the ball over the bar on the line and a Weld defender joined in with a clearance that just shaved the top of the bar. Near the end, when it was all over bar the shouting, the shouting started with a final chance to bicker before everyone joined up in the bar afterwards. With a final score of 2-0 to the Weld, there was still plenty of entertainment for Bere’s long-suffering fans, but little for their even longer-suffering manager. Will the slump continue and Nick go the way of other managers under ‘Deadly’ Cyril, the chairman. Find out next month!!

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.

Finally please also make a note for forthcoming BRSC events for beyond the Millennium period:

**Jan 15**  A ‘Century’ Quiz encompassing question from the last 100 years, commencing at 8.00pm at the above venue. Teams of four are most welcome.

**Feb 3**  Brewery trip to the Thomas Hardy Brewery, Dorchester. Tickets £10.00, includes complimentary beer, travel and buffet. If interested please contact 01929 471131/022. All monies to handed in prior to the event, and times/travel to be confirmed closer to the event.
ART REACH

On Saturday 13 November Trisha Lewis and Graham Rogers gave a masterly performance of ‘Noel and Gertie’, a nostalgic and thoroughly enjoyable account of the careers of Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence. 82 people packed into the Village Hall and after all expenses were paid £106 was raised for Hall funds.

On 26 February we are fortunate enough to have Pauline Cato and Tom McConvile, a Northumbrian Pipe and Fiddle Duo at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of February. Do put this date in your diary. It promises to be a great evening.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As mentioned in the December edition of the Parish Magazine the Hall Committee have purchased a full set of cutlery (enough for 60 people). This equipment is for use only in the Village Hall. It may not be hired for use outside the hall.

The Hall Committee have agreed that the cost for hiring the cutlery, the china and the new white cloths will be £25.00. A £100 deposit will be required but this deposit will be returned after the hiring providing there are no losses or breakages and that the table cloths have been washed and ironed.

HOME WATCH

Sadly during November news was received of a burglary in Briantspuddle. The thieves gained access be removing a ladder from in insecure garden shed and gaining access to the property in this way.

The moral of this story is chain up ladders and padlock them to the wall or other solid and immovable site so as to make them difficult to remove. Make outhouses and garden sheds secure.

Another incident involved suspicious youths knocking on a door asking to use the telephone as they had ‘broken down’. The householder declined to let them in. Do not let strangers into your house under any circumstances.
A love of history allied to a love of collecting creates problems in a very small cottage and a determined ‘clear out’ in 1997 produced an astonishing collection of memorabilia, much of it concerned with the village in which I live. It is difficult always for me to discard anything and it was whilst trying to decide what to do with all my years of hoarding that I came across the newspaper clipping of Jonathan Burke dedicating the memorial stone erected for the celebration of our own millennium way back in 1987. There cannot be too many villages that can boast of such an event and it occurred to me that, what at the time was quite an occasion, has passed now into dim memory. How often have we all said “I wonder when so-and-so happened?” or “do you remember?”, only to find our memories are totally at fault. Orders of Service for weddings and funerals; souvenir posters of Street Fairs, Village Hall events; Church functions; newspaper clippings of various local happenings and political handouts were piled on the table awaiting destruction.

My historical instinct quailed at the thought of destroying so much local history, so much so that I started to compile a “VILLAGE SCRAPBOOK” (four volumes to date and going strong). The obvious starting point was the village millennium and, coupled with the fact that George and I arrived in Briantspuddle in January 1987, seemed to me to be as good a starting date as any for such a project. It is not intended as a scholarly work, merely the recording of the happenings, the joys and sorrows, triumphs and perhaps the tragedies of the ordinary everyday men and women who inhabit a small part of England that we all love so well, encompassing Affpuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle, in addition to Briantspuddle. There are gaps, of course, particularly in the early years. A number of events take place on a regular or annual basis and I have not thought it necessary to include details of every such event. Where appropriate I have included items of interest from a broader locality with, on occasions those of national and even international interest. Space is the biggest single problem. Additionally it is not intended as a photo album although these are included if available or suitable. The greatest difficulty has been to establish the year an event took place. Surprising how much publicity or advertising for an event omits the year and, on occasions, the complete date. At the time this may not be relevant but memories do fade and the scouring of old calendars etc for this information has taken up a great deal of time.

The PARISH MAG has proved an invaluable source but again there are gaps. If anyone has any back number of the Parish Mag (particularly for the years 1987 to 1997) I would appreciate the opportunity of looking at them to fill in some of the gaps. Orders of Service for weddings, christenings and funerals (with, where appropriate, a photograph) would assist also in helping to complete our village history, with of course any other suitable items of local interest that you may like included. Please get in touch on 01929 471577 if you are able to help. Many thanks – Jenny Silavs, Cob Cottage, 3 The Hollow, Briantspuddle, Dorset.
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4th  RBL Gardening club AGM and Bryan Edwards       7.30 p.m.
7th  Closing date for Christmas ‘Prize’ Music quiz
12th Autumn Leaves Millennium Party                  2.30 p.m.
28/29th BRATS Panto - Aladdin

February
1st   RBL Gardening club - Genetically Modified Crops  8.00 p.m
5th   Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall, in aid of Church 10.00 a.m.
19th  PiP Fancy Dress Disco                         7.00 p.m.
24th  Royal Oak Golf Society AGM - Royal Oak
26th  Art Reach - Pauline Cato and Tom McConville

April
21st  Hot Cross Buns and Easter Egg Raffle           10.00a.m.–12.00 noon

June
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.

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

December
16th  PiP Show and Party

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