March 2000

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Living in this part of Dorset means that we are not always aware of what is happening in the inner cities of our country. So when the communicators use expressions such as "We live in a multi-cultural society", or "We live in a multi-faith society", we can be tempted to say "Not here, we don't". But there is one expression that applies to us. It has begun to dominate any discussion vaguely to do with religion, and that is the expression, "We live in a secular age". The word "secular" means "not spiritual, or sacred, not ecclesiastical or monastic; worldly, temporal and profane". So I suppose we are living in a secular age.

Our modern lives are not generally dominated by the consciousness of God or the practice of religion. Yet surveys consistently show that 75% of people in modern Great Britain continue to "believe in God." He is there in the background, together with a belief in luck, the stars, and the need to touch wood.

Not surprisingly then, when we enter momentous times in our lives such as the birth of a baby, our wedding, a severe illness, or the death of someone close, our consciousness of the spiritual is awakened. We are more aware of "Someone behind it all". This is one of the great joys of being in a country parish. To share in the "glow" of a new mother and father with their baby at christening, cannot but lighten up the blackest day. To be privileged to plan a young couple's wedding day, and then to see the "look" in the eyes of the bride and bridegroom as they "plight their troth either to other" is something quite beautiful. To share a little in the grief of the bereaved can make you a bit round shouldered, but to be able to confirm the faith, hope and promise of eternal life made by Christ is something that straightens us up a bit.
In all these occasions, and indeed in every contact, either in the church building or outside of it, we as a church always hope to be welcoming, warm and genuine. It is easy for people to perceive that the church is forbidding, or negative, and sadly this is encouraged by the clergyman who starts the wedding with the words, "Don't throw confetti, and there's a plate at the door for your collection"! Here in our parishes, we aim to be welcoming, helpful to those who are not used to the services, and never ever judgmental.

I am nevertheless anxious that the secular age ill prepares people for the momentous times in our lives, and I am not sure that our age is very comfortable with it either. I suppose it's only a dream, but wouldn't it be wonderful for people to say, in response to the expression "We live in a secular age",

"Not here we don't!"

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### BEREGIS CHURCH ROTAS

#### Bere Regis Sidesmen

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**CHURCH SERVICES in March**

**Sunday 5th March**
- **Quinquagesima**
  - 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)

**Wednesday 8th March**
- **Ash Wednesday**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
  - 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 12th March**
- **1st Sunday in Lent**
  - 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 19th March**
- **2nd Sunday in Lent**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
  - 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 26th March**
- **3rd Sunday in Lent**
  - 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 Celtic Tradition (Bere Regis)
  - 6.30 p.m. Village Praise (Briantspuddle Village Hall)
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 2000 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.

Visiting ringers from the Abingdon area will be at the tower on Saturday 4th March from 3.30 p.m.

Mind the World
Coffee Morning
10.30 a.m. Saturday 4th March
at Cyril Wood Court
Raffle Bric-a-Brac Cooks’ table

Entrance – 50p including coffee and biscuits

Proceeds to Water Aid
LENT LECTURES

During the last thirty years, the mainstream churches have embarked on a dramatic revision of the language and liturgy in their church services. In the 1970s, the Church of England started with a series of experiments, and then, in 1980, it produced a complete Alternative Service Book. The changes were not to everyone's liking, but many embraced the change and most of us grew accustomed to the "new services" as the years went by.

However, the A.S.B. as it became known, had an obsolescence built into it. It was not meant to last as a feature of our church, and in any case the Book of Common Prayer, dating from the 16th century, was still in use and much loved. But the modernisation did not go away, and in recent years, the General Synod of the Church of England has painstakingly accepted and produced new forms of worship, known by the inclusive title "Common Worship". By the end of the year, all the new services will have been produced, and the ASB will in fact be illegal as a means of worship in our churches.

The worship in our churches is central to our Christian commitment, so I have decided to use the five Wednesdays in Lent to try to explore and reveal the contents, and the rationale behind the new "Common Worship". I will concentrate mainly on the Parish Communion Service, because that is the one that will be used most in our two churches. In exploring this, I plan to range a little wider, to look at what we do and why we do it.

The talks will start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m., and will be held in our two churches.

15th March - Affpuddle
22nd March - Bere Regis
29th March - Bere Regis
5th April - Affpuddle
12th April - Bere Regis

Graham Roblin

WOMENS’ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service this year will be held at St Mary's Church, Puddletown at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd March. The speaker will be Mrs Wendy Erskine from Weymouth.

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).
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Instruction in preparation for Confirmation will start fairly soon. Teenagers who attend Sandford School are having instruction during school hours, but should there be any who do not go to Sandford and wish to be confirmed, please contact the vicar.

There are always some adults who were not confirmed earlier on, and now wish to explore this. Again, please contact the vicar in order to work it out.

BERE REGIS CHURCH - Flag Fund, and Kneeler Fund

The flying of the St George's flag from the tower gives many of us great pleasure. As you will realise, the flags wear out after a period of time, so if you can spare "a fiver" towards this, it will help greatly.

So too, inside the church, we are gradually building up our kneelers in the pews. These are quite expensive; they cost £25 each. If you would care to buy one, it will be much appreciated.

"THE CRUCIFIXION": by John Stainer, Bere Regis Church

Wednesday 19th April 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

Listeners and singers put the date in your diary!

We need to gather as many sopranos, altos, tenors and basses as possible to sing in the chorus.

To date we can muster approximately 36 mixed voices to support the three soloists. Another dozen or so singers would be extremely welcome! The first chorus full rehearsal will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Friday 17th March, in Bere Regis church. Copies of the music will be provided then, and are also available from me at any time before the first rehearsal date if you would like one. Do bring your friends and join in!
WANTED - HELP!

We are seeking help from someone who could assist by playing the piano for rehearsals of 'unaccompanied' anthems at the occasional Bere Regis church choir practice. Great keyboard dexterity is not an essential requirement and auditions will not be held! If you can help, or you know a person who could, do please let me know.

AND......

There is a constant quest for more singers to join the choir. Whether you are available once a month or every Sunday matters not. If you like singing (Tailis to Rutter), come and enjoy yourself.

Apart from singing, once you join the "club" (no entry fees), there are excellent social events and occasional visits elsewhere - have you been up in the organ loft of Salisbury Cathedral or witnessed a rehearsal of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, been to South Bank University to hear the last remaining "Mighty Wurlitzer" (ex-Trocadero) south of Blackpool, or sung a concert with the aforementioned John Rutter?

All ages (over 10) and abilities are extremely welcome.

Tim Colquhoun

CHRISTMAS MUSIC QUIZ

There were some excellent high-scoring entries, and the individuals and "committees" who took part are to be congratulated! The answers were published in last month's magazine and by the time this edition is circulated all answer sheets should have been returned to their authors. The winner is Daphne Hacker, 37 West Street, Bere Regis, with the splendid score of 95 out of 99 (it was meant to be out of 100 but I omitted question 69 by mistake!).
At our February meeting, Mrs Sally Cheeseman, our deputy leader, talked to us about Mary Summer, the founder of the Mothers Union. We had all heard something about Mary Summer's work in the past, but Sally's talk gave us so much more information and we came away feeling proud to be part of this international movement of women. Mary Summer had all the advantages of her day, having been born into a wealthy family and marrying the son of the bishop of Winchester.

When her husband George became parish priest of Old Arlesford and their children were born, Mary realised that she had had no training for motherhood. But neither had the other parishioners, whether 'ladies' or 'cottagers'. So in 1876 Mary decided to invite them all to the rectory and encourage them in the task of bringing up their children. She also told the men that they should cherish their wives and give them presents! (Good advice in any age!). Following a talk that Mary gave in Winchester Cathedral, the movement spread throughout the diocese and subsequently throughout the Anglican Church.

We shall be back in church for our meeting next month when our speaker will be Mrs Janet Roe from the MU office in Salisbury.– Wednesday 1st March at 7.30 p.m.

We were reminded of other events taking place in the near future;

Prayers for Ireland on St Patrick’s Day, 17th March. Time and venue to be advised.

The Archdeaconry festival service will be held in Blandford Parish Church at 12 noon on Lady Day, Saturday 25th March.

We have been invited to a Lent Service at Fontmell Magna on 12th April at 2.30 p.m. Transport can be arranged.

New members are always most welcome to attend our meetings

Brenda Pitfield 471391

There are still a few seats left for our outing to Lambeth Palace on 8th April 2000. If you would like to come please ring John House on 551266.
OBITUARIES

MR FRED LYS (aged 100)

When the morning of 7th January came this year, many people in Bere Regis and beyond were full of happiness that one of our own had made 100. Fred had a happy day, with a telegram from the Queen, champagne, and birthday cake. Just under a month later, he slipped quietly away into a new life.

To live through the whole of the last century meant that he had witnessed the greatest changes in the history of the world. When he was born, his father had arrived as the parish doctor. There were no cars or buses; horses were everywhere. The young doctor went out to the sick by pony and trap. But by the time Fred went away to boarding school, first in Weymouth and then in Sherborne, the world was becoming motorised. But still, he had to go by pony and trap to Blandford, catch a train to Templecombe then another train to Sherborne. A great war was also raging in Europe, and the nation was sacrificing huge numbers of its young men. Fred joined the army at the earliest opportunity, aged 17. He trained, and then was commissioned into a cavalry regiment, the 4th Dragoon Guards, and was seconded to the Inns of Court Regiment. The war ended soon after, so Fred returned to take up his career in agriculture. After training in Reading, he started farming in Shillingstone, but this only lasted for 2 years. The position of manager of the cress beds came vacant, and Fred was appointed. He stayed for 43 years, until his retirement in 1965.

Bere Regis stayed his home and he never moved again. When he was 35 he married Betty Fookes, the daughter of a brewer from Milton Abbas, and they had 52 happy years together before her death in 1987. They lived in the house at the west end of West Street, West Mill. Here their children Ann and Martin were brought up and they created a lovely home to which many friends were attracted.

Village and parish activities took up much of his experience, enthusiasm and interest. He was a founder member of the British Legion. That was 82 years ago.
For some years, he captained the parish cricket team, where it is reported that his strategic skills outweighed his batting or bowling. On his 100th birthday, a life long friend was heard to say that he had made a ton at last! Then he gave time to the parish council and the Drax Hall committee. He was a trustee of the Thomas Williams charity, and for 40 years, he was a sidesman of the parish church.

But above all this, he was a truly caring man. Those who worked under him at the cress beds speak of it, and many older people are grateful for the visits or the telephone calls asking how they were.

Many tributes have been paid to Fred over the past three weeks, and all of them have a common theme, that he was one of nature’s Gentlemen; always courteous, caring and considerate, and always looking away from himself. Should anyone visit him, he always said “How nice of you to come, how good of you to spare the time”.

Mr Lys will be missed by many of us, but of course most of all by his daughter Ann, son Martin, daughter in law Peta, and his very special grandsons, Simon and Alexander.

The service in church had as its title “A Celebration and Thanksgiving” for the life of William Frederick Lys. We were also able to salute a fine gentleman who represented so much of what is good in man. May he rest now in the peace and beauty of heaven.
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**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE PRAISE, SUNDAY 26 MARCH, 6.30 PM

This will be the last in our series of evening services in Briantspuddle Village Hall this winter. It will take the form of a ‘Songs of Praise’. Do tell us which is your favourite hymn or worship song, and come to sing them with us.

Jonathan Haigh

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 25 March there will be a special clean of the church from 10.00 to 12 noon. Please bring with you cleaning cloths and dusters. Depending on the number of people present we hope to be able to polish all the furniture and the wooden floors, vacuum the hassocks, wash the floor and clean the windows. Please come along and help clean the church and maintain our reputation for one of the best kept churches in the diocese.

CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING

There is still time to let me have your names to be included on the flower arranging and cleaning rota starting in April this year. Please see the item in last month’s magazine for more details.

Philippa Thorniley

NEW HASSOCKS

Please would all of you who are making the new hassocks endeavour to finish the canvas work by the end of September 2000. I want to have another working party here at Raithby Cottage on Wednesday 15 March 2000 from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in order to continue the work of covering the foam pads. I have been given plenty of material to cover the pads so all that is needed is willing volunteers armed with needles and scissors.

Philippa Thorniley
AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

After some significant changes during the past year, we can now tell you what is planned for 2000. As a Millenium Project, we shall shortly be levelling the riverside area to the north of the church, much of which is old grave spoil. We shall then re-seed with grass and keep it cut, but not too short. It has been decided that, from now onwards, gravediggers will be required to remove surplus spoil, to prevent future dumping around the graveyard. The PCC has agreed that we should continue to look after the Garden of Peace by regular grass cutting. It is planned to allow small areas of the churchyard to remain uncut until early summer to see if we can encourage wild flowers to appear! These will be clearly marked to avoid demolition by enthusiastic mowers, or visitors thinking that mowers are not doing their job.

There will be 2 grass-cutting rotas this year, one for the main area as before and a new one for the Peace garden and areas to the north and west of the church. With new equipment, we shall be able to make the task much easier by mulching the grass rather than having to collect it. However this does mean that it must not get too long between cuts. So, more volunteers are needed please. If you would like to have a go, please contact me. Likewise, anyone who is currently on the rota but is unable to continue this year.

If we get our act together quickly, we shall be able to enter the Living Churchyard competition (which we unwittingly entered last year; is he reading this, I wonder!). Anyone interested in finding out more about what we might do to further our chances, please contact me.

The whole object of all this effort, however, is to make the Churchyard and Peace Garden a really pleasurable place to visit throughout the year. The stone seat in memory of Joan Brocklebank which is to be erected to the east end of the Church, will make it even better.

Weather permitting, we plan to have our Churchyard Clean-up on Saturday 11th March from 9.30 am onwards. Please bring rakes and spades, as it is intended to level graves (where necessary) so they can be mown. The alternative date is 25th March, if 11th is rained off. Please come if you can and, as we shall have the new mower by then, all those who wish to use it in the coming season can take the opportunity to try it out. It will only be available for use by trained operators!

Finally, if anyone has lost a pair of long-handled pruners found in the churchyard, please let me know.

John Solly – 472400
100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £25
Mrs I Phillips – no 75

2nd prize - £10
Mrs I Bush – no 9

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Mr R Barnes – no 71

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PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting could have been expected to attract a crowded public gallery as the Fry Planning Application was to be discussed. The Council decided to oppose the application on the same grounds as before - density and premature application considering the Local Plan Inquiry date. It is understood that the PDC planners have put off discussing the scheme until further reports from the Developer have been received. Additionally the Council objected to the proposed positioning of the Village Hall at the top end of North Street. Parishioners are advised to write to the PDC if they have any comments on the proposed scheme.

The subject of Public Toilets was discussed particularly with respect to the still existing direction signs. It was decided to advise the PDC, that having closed the toilets, that it was essential to remove the signs. A number of potential users of the toilets had been misled by the signs and were ‘caught short’.

The one Parishioner in attendance spoke eloquently on the problem of dog fouling in the village, particularly on the Sports Ground. Owners of dogs will be prosecuted if their dog is caught fouling paths etc. The Council remind all concerned of the health hazards, particularly to small children, of this effluent. Fly tipping, though not so hazardous is also a problem within the Parish. If there is a need to dispose of something then it should be taken to the Household Waste site. If that is a problem then contact the PDC.

A very successful meeting with the Youth was held early in February. The Parish Council values this link to enable it to understand the needs of the young people and to hope that by so talking that vandalism can be eliminated. Certainly the ideas which were forthcoming presented the Council with some deep thoughts and help in future planning.

The subject of Christmas Lights was brought up and discussed. The Parish is reminded that the trees are provided by the Parish Council to the places that have agreed to have them. The lights themselves are provided by the occupant. On the given day the team prepare the trees and place the lights, the occupant connects the lights to the supply. Then on a given day the reverse happens. The present team has decided that they no longer wish to be responsible and so the Council is seeking another team of volunteers. Anybody who would like to see this festive feature in the village continue and is prepared to assist is asked to contact any Parish Councillor.

The Millennium Mugs are still available for sale at £3.00 each from either the Post Office or myself at 15 North Street. They will also go very well with an Easter Egg next month!

CM.
NEW HALL COMMITTEE

The month of February was the most exciting to date in the short history of this project. The Working Group had a meeting to discuss the major topic - the sites. It was resolved that the prime site to explore remained at The Moors - the field on the north side of Egdon Close. It was understood that this field would possibly be included in a sale of land that was rumoured to be happening.

It was decided to write to the agent of the owners to seek permission to enter the land to see whether it was suitable or not for the new hall. A couple of days later the Committee received a letter from the agent asking whether or not we were interested in this field as it was to be placed on the market. Naturally an immediate reply was made stating that we were indeed interested. Since then the Working Group has had a site meeting to confirm that conclusion. The Parish Council has endorsed this conclusion and the next steps are in hand. The PDC Planners have been advised of this so that they can be assured that we may have found the alternative site to theirs, and the developers ideas of placing the new Village Hall at the top end of North Street.

CM
We launched the year 2000 with a touch of Summer. We were taken on a journey to Greece with Mr Tony Bates and his slides. If you have not been privileged to share his knowledge and interest then you have missed out. Perhaps in the future we may have the pleasure of his company again.

Have you noticed the daffodils? They are on their way heralding the spring.

Now a date for your Diary
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The Blood Bank held in January was the most successful that we have hosted with 122 donors coming forward and over 100 units of blood being sent off. Thank you to all who supported this splendid effort and apologies for the long waits experienced by all to give their precious gift.

The Committee was extremely pleased that the Pantomime was so successful. The BRATS had certainly worked very hard to achieve what all thought to be a brilliant production.

The AGM of the Hall Committee is to be held in the Hall on Tuesday 11th April at 7.00pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all who supported this splendid effort and apologies for the long waits experienced by all to give their precious gift.

Ann and Martin Lys would like to thank everyone who has sent letters, cards and messages of sympathy on the death of Fred.

The Singers have entertained the members of the Stroke Club, Poole and given them a donation. They invite friends to an evening with “The Woodbury Hill Singers” on the 1st April, Saturday at 7.30pm at The Drax Hall, £3.50 to include supper and a glass of wine. This event is in aid of new chairs for the Drax Hall. A further 50 chairs are required to complete the number for the hall. Donations are very welcome.

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Phillip Ventham
01299 471215
**BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

**Dates for your diary:**

**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.

**Poster competition.** Any design may be used but apart from the word Carnival don’t put any other writing on. This will be overlaid on the winning entry.

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BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

Seven members of the section attended a meeting at the Drax Hall on the 2 February. The meeting arranged by the parish council, was directed at the Young people of the village. All of whom were invited to come along and express their own personal views, on a number of issues. Which included, the provision of youth facilities, or rather the lack of them, within the village, as well the effect of new building developments and the possible siting of a new village hall.

The young legion members, took a very keen interest in the discussions and put forward their views in a straightforward manner. I am sure, that provided they are taken seriously, their ideas could prove to be a positive step forward. The group are all looking forward to the next meeting, due to be held on site, down by the boardwalk in April.

The trip to Chessington World of Adventure is coming up on the 18 March. Anyone wanting to go, should book their place as soon as possible, the cost is only £18. New members can also join the trip provided that they join the youth section by the 7 March at the latest.

Interest, in the outing to Blackpool/Alton Towers in early October, is already picking up. The cost of the weekend away, including a day’s admission to Alton Towers, is only £40. The trip gives members, a full evening at Blackpool’s famous Pleasure Beach as well as a sightseeing tour or two. Also, a visit to the vast indoor market at Fleetwood, to pick up one or two Christmas presents to take back home.

Before all that however, there will be a night at Tower Park for a spot of Ten Pin Bowling as well as Swimming and an evening teeshirt painting.

The section, is very keen to provide more activities for the 8 to 11 year olds. Any young person in that age range is most welcome to come along. Just turn up at the legion club on any youth night and see what the section can offer. New ideas, about the activities that we could run for the younger members are most welcome. Junior Membership, costs only £2.50p per year and there are no nightly subs to pay either!

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, Telephone 471693.
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ALADDIN

This New Year we have seen some strange characters wearing pointed hats and pigtails loitering outside the Drax Hall in North Street. The neighbourhood watch are most concerned. There is no need to worry. The Triads have not arrived in Bere. None other than the cast of Aladdin taking a well earned break in rehearsals.

For those who were lucky enough to secure a ticket for the first village pantomime, by our Theatrical Society, this show was better value than the Tyson fight. Even if that event was another kind of pantomime.

This show was sold out days ago. We were not disappointed with this colourful show, put on by a young enthusiastic cast on the small stage in the Drax Hall. Bob James as Widow Twanky displayed talents not on show at Parish Council meetings. (Thank goodness) Laura Jones showed us how she keeps order at the Royal Oak with a performance as the Empress which would put Emelda Marcus in the shade. John Brown’s bodice ripping (no Bra Stripping) Abanazer was suitably evil and had the audience hissing and booing in the aisles. Though how the genie had powers to make him nice and yet is unable to help the Bere Football Team climb the League is a mystery to me.

The backstage team did well with the limitations of the stage, with slick scene changes, lighting, pyrotechnics and sound effects. The outrageous colourful costumes and makeup along with excellent timing and slapstick movements showed how much work all members of the cast and director had put in.

I had no idea we had so much talent in the village and look forward to the next show.
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

BANANA MAPLE AND LIME CRÊPES

1 jug of pancake batter
4 bananas, sliced
3 tbsp maple syrup
2 tbsp freshly squeezed lime juice
Strips of lime rind to decorate

Make the pancakes in the usual way and keep hot while making the filling.
Place the bananas, syrup and lime juice in a saucepan and simmer gently for 1 minute.
Spoon on to the pancakes and fold into quarters. Sprinkle with lime rind and serve with yoghurt.

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 young children the opportunity to get to know one another better. The next gathering will be at Mandy's home - 7 Rye Hill Close on 7 March. Newcomers are always welcome - contact S u
HABARI KENYA? SIJAMBE, ASANTE

For those of us who don't understand Swahili, loosely interpret this as "Kenya News? - very good thanks" If you find yourself greeted by a member of Kenya 2000 with "Jambo" (Oamboo) it means "Hello" and the correct response should be "Sijambo asante" (seejambo asanteh )" Very well thanks". So far no one has been arrested!

The latest news from Gavin Bate and The Millennium Expedition 2000 - they successfully climbed Aconcagua in Argentina mid January. The next peak is Everest without oxygen, acclimatising and climbing from March to May. Gavin will be in this country in late February and hopes to join the group training session on Sunday February 20th. The venue for these sessions has been changed from Culpepper’s Dish to the Scout Hut, due to a particularly unpleasant spate of car theft. All the guard dogs were unfortunately racing their owners over the hill!

On Friday 11th February the group held a Quiz Night at Purbeck School. Fourteen teams of four took part and enjoyed a lively evening. The winning team came from The Drax Arms with Banned Parents and Management in 2nd and 3rd places; around £160 was raised for Kenya 2000. Thanks to Tina and Sam Milburn and Marianne and Richard Holman for organising this event.

Forthcoming events

Have a Spring Clean, support Kenya 2000, have a fun evening, make some money.
50/50 Sale Scout Hut, Bere Regis. Goods to be brought to the hut on Saturday 4th March. Viewing Sunday 5th March. Auction Sunday 5th March. No large items of furniture or clothes please. Watch your village notice boards for further details. Enquiries/collection etc. Julie Cosker 01929/471688 or Bob Knight 01929147183.

Saturday 11th March Jumble Sale Corn Exchange, Blandford Goods to be brought to the Scout Hut after 6.30 p.m, Friday 10th March. Enquiries/collection etc Tina Milburn 01929 471161 or Marianne Holman 01929 471593

Finally - we need your T Shirts! Cast-off respectable (!) T shirts wanted - any size, fashion or sports logos particularly welcome. Enquiries/collection etc Terry Wood 01929 550255 (day) or 01929 550102 (evenings) or Sally Knight 01929 471838.

We are aiming to take as many as possible out to the Street Kids.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

What are we up to?

With the approach of Spring all four sections are beginning to think about the outdoor activities that are more suitable for the lighter evenings. Over the Winter months a variety of activities have been going on.

BEAVER SCOUT SECTION (6 to 8 years)

The Beavers have been following the Millennium Challenge, a National Scout challenge which involves a "virtual" tour around the UK, doing activities each week appropriate to the region they are "visiting". The recent visit to Ireland involved potato crisps, potato animals and printing with carved potatoes.

CUB SCOUT SECTION (8 to 10.5 years)

The Cubs have been involved in a similar challenge. Their visit to Greenwich was based on a time theme with one entire evening being conducted backwards. The Welsh visit involved man sized dragons whilst the Yorkshire visit involved an overground underground potholing expedition under canvas groundsheets - if you see what I mean?

They are now preparing for the District Handicraft competition which we normally do well in and for the First Aid Competition. They are looking forward to the National Millennium camp over the Spring Bank Holiday where the aim is to get every member of the Scout Association in the UK, some 750,000 of them, all camping under canvas somewhere in the UK over that weekend.

SCOUT SECTION (10.5 to 15 years)

The major event this year was the implementation of the decision to welcome girls into the Scout section in September, something we have been looking forward to for a long time. 8 girls have now joined us and have integrated fully into the Troop training programme, one has already been appointed as a Patrol Leader. Do we detect a slight smartening up of the boys' attitudes and behaviour as a result of this move?

The Scouts have continued with their usual programme of activities and have taken part in most of the District events, including coming second recently in the District Orienteering competition. Dinghy sailing at Sutton Bingham lake is planned for later this year and we hope to do some more canoeing at Bovington and at the new Scout Activity Centre at Buddens near Wareham. We shall also be climbing Mount Kenya, which at 16,000 feet, is the second highest mountain in Africa.
We have begun an intensive programme of fitness training both in the local area and also on Dartmoor and the Brecon Beacons. You may have seen parties of panting individuals trying to run up the North Face of Black Hill recently! We are also doing technical and medical training to prepare us for the project and even trying to learn Swahili! Jambo! Hali Gani?

Some of the older boys are taking advantage of the opportunity to go on off-shore, sail training cruises with the London Sailing Project this year, following in the footsteps of former Bere Regis Scouts who are now Watch Leaders with the Project.

Any girls, or boys, interested in joining the Scouts should contact Martin Cosker on 01929 471688.

VENTURE SCOUT SECTION (15 TO 20 YEARS)

The past few months have seen the Ventures undertaking activities as diverse as extremely hazardous night time, off-road, mountain biking to a "surprise" evening of Morris Dancing, which left many of us totally confused. Much of our training has been involved with preparations for the Kenya Expedition, including a weekend in quite appalling conditions on the Brecons carrying around 45 lbs of kit and camping out on the hills. Some members attended the Mountain Leader Assessment weekend on Dartmoor recently, polishing the skills necessary to help lead the group up Mount Kenya later this year. First Aid training is planned for the near future. In between we have learnt how to make proper pasta (and how to scrape it off the floor ) and we have had social activities such as a skittles evening and visits to the local leisure centre.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Just before Christmas, a dozen senior citizens from the local community together with an equal number of youngsters sat down to a full Christmas lunch in the Scout Headquarters. The invitations had been designed, produced and delivered by the Cubs; the meal was prepared, cooked and served by the Scouts and Venture Scouts and entertainment after the meal was provided by members of all 4 sections. This was the fifth successive Christmas lunch that we have provided and is becoming an established part of the Christmas scene in Bere Regis. It is a wonderful way to bring young and old together. What's this about a generation gap?

KENYA 2000

This is the most ambitious overseas aid project that we have undertaken so far. A party of 34 young people and adults, Scouts and others, from the Bere Regis area is travelling to Kenya in July and August to assist in an established Street Kid Project run by the Kenyan Scout Association. We shall be helping run a Summer Camp for several hundred Street Kids near the "slum city" of Kariba, Nairobi.
Whilst we are there, we have been asked to help build a medical clinic and women's refuge. A medical team, led by Dr Tim Harley and assisted by student nurses from the local area, will be running a clinic throughout our stay. Our team will be fully involved helping with immunisation, AIDS awareness and family planning programmes for the Kenyan youngsters.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING US?**

We welcome new members to all our sections:

- **Beavers** meet Wednesdays 6.30 to 7.45  Contact Kim Benjafield 01929 471170
- **Cubs** meet Thursdays 6.30 to 8.00  Contact Julie Cosker 01929 471688
- **Scouts** meet Mondays 7.30 to 9.00  Contact Martin Cosker 01929 471688
- **Ventures** meet Wednesdays 8.00 to 10.00  Contact Phil Ventham 01929 471215

or just come along to a meeting.

**INTERESTED IN HELPING US?**

We currently have around 80 members in the Group, boys and girls ranging from 6 to 18 years. To look after them we have a Leader team of 10 adults but we desperately need more help. Would you be prepared to help provide training and guidance to the young people of the Parish, in either a uniformed or non-uniformed capacity? We are not looking for Supermen or Superwomen, we just want ordinary people who are prepared to give up a little time to share their skills and experience with the younger generation. Why don't you give it a try? You would not regret it.

In particular, we are looking for a replacement for Phil Ventham who is planning to retire from local scouting after 18 years. We are looking for someone to help with the Venture Unit, ages 15 to 20 years and for someone to take on the Group Scout Leader (uniformed) or Group Manager (non-uniformed) role. Anyone interested?

Are you retired, looking for something to do and are good at fixing things? We have a desperate need for someone to keep an eye on our equipment, tents, stoves, cooking equipment, canoes, boats etc, doing the occasional repair and generally making sure the kit is ready for use by the youngsters. It would probably involve no more than a morning a week and would take a lot of pressure off the Leaders. We are also looking for a handyman to do the odd job at our headquarters building in Elder Road.

If you are at all interested in any of these jobs, please contact Phil Ventham 01929 471215, Elizabeth McEleny 01929 471815 or any of the Leaders.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our March meeting will be very nice with Mrs Jane Conway from New Milton demonstrating “Dedicated Follower of Fashion”

In May we have a Coffee Morning and a walk around the garden of John and Pat House. Date to be arranged.

Pat House

THANK YOU

To Steve and Collette Hills and the patrons of the Drax Arms from the Kenya 2000 Fundraising Team for their kindness and support over the past six months. A collecting jar has been on the bar and on Wednesday 20th January the contents amounted to a total of £60.45.

John Nash wins a bottle of whisky for the most accurate guess of £61.00 in our ‘guess the amount’ raffle, which raised a further £36.50. Steve and Collette have agreed to keep the jar in situ until the summer for another collection, so there will be more time available to get rid of all that annoying loose change.

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Do you need transport to come and join us at our morning sessions? If you do phone Colin on 07967 405227. He’ll Pop along and collect you and take you home later!

Pop in Place AGM. Friday 14th April, 10.00 am, all are welcome

On Friday 21st April we will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle and serving coffee and Hot Cross Buns. If you would like to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle it would be most welcome as all proceeds from this event will be going to The Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal. There are collection boxes for the Body Scanner Appeal all around the village. Many thanks to all the kind people who have agreed to support this Appeal. The boxes can be found at The Pop in Place, Richard Hoare – Country Pine, The Royal Oak, The British Legion, A.C Moorse & Son and Bere Regis Sports Club. If you are at any of these venues and have some spare change please try to help fill the boxes.

On Sunday 23rd July we are organising an open gardens event entitled “Gardens For Tina” in aid of the Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal. If anyone would like more information or to offer their garden for viewing please let me know by the end of this month. We have arranged Public Liability Insurance to cover the public viewing of your private gardens. Your garden doesn’t have to be Compton Acres, we welcome gardens of all sizes.

We will be selling Grand Draw Tickets prior to this event, with prizes covering the garden theme. The ‘Star Prize’ will be Patio Furniture, but we would welcome any other donations from the community. You might make window boxes or hanging baskets and feel you could donate one to the Draw, you may like to help sell Draw books, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Programmes for the “Gardens For Tina” event will be on sale in the near future. On that day, Sunday 23rd July, we will be serving tea and cakes in the Drax Hall between 10am and 4pm. There will be a Tombola there as well. If anyone wishes to help in anyway whatsoever please contact me.
The “Gardens For Tina” day will end with a special church service in Bere Regis Church at 6.00 p.m. Calling all Youngsters! If you would like to take part in the service by playing an instrument or singing with the Pop in Place Youth Choir please contact me as soon as possible so we can arrange music and rehearsals. I would like your names by the end of the month in order to arrange to meet you all and rehearse in the Easter and May school holidays.

The Pop in Place Community Team hope that this day of viewing Gardens and the Church Service will draw the community together in remembering a special person who is no longer with us and make a positive contribution to the early detection of cancer by raising much needed funds for the Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal.

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How did you spend February 29th, that extra day in the calendar?

Jubilee 2000 supporters around the country used the day to its fullest advantage, organising events to publicise the ongoing campaign. In Blandford, if all has gone to plan, we shall have drawn shoppers' attention by building up a pile of shoes to symbolise some of the 19,000 children who die each day from debt. We shall have then held a vigil in the Parish Church.

The same day will have seen the start of a relay taking a message through from Cornwall to London. It is due in Dorset from 13th - 17th March. It will take a northerly route through the county (Sherborne through to Shaftesbury and Salisbury) before going on via Winchester.

DOES ANYONE LIKE CYCLING – fancy going to cheer on the participants? (more information from Philippa Ward.)

The news on poor country debt cancellation is not good. You may remember that the Cologne initiative set up at the June 1999 G7 Summit promised $100 billion debt cancellation. Creditors reached agreement at the World Bank and IMF annual meetings in September 1999 on how to finance the initiative, and Gordon Brown stated that the first countries should receive the relief within weeks (i.e. October).

Since that time, there has been, continual stalling on the part of some of the G7 creditors. The USA, the richest country in the world, has so far (2nd Feb) failed to produce the money promised in Cologne (only strong lobbying by other creditors prevented this from wrecking the Cologne deal altogether). In addition, the US Treasury has strongly opposed early debt relief even for countries with effective poverty reduction plans. Despite strong opposition to delay from Britain, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, it seems likely that the US Treasury has won the day, and that a final loan write-off for Uganda has been delayed for several months.

Uganda has always been seen as a model economy, and the first to qualify for debt cancellation scheffies. It has used previous debt relief to help raise primary school enrolment from 54% to 90% and has managed to bring down its HIV infection rate mainly through community education programmes.
Gordon Brown, who has been pushing hard for the implementation of the debt relief programme, had hoped to get 11 countries through the process by Easter. 14 others were to have followed by the end of the year. Even this is much less than Jubilee 2000 calculates is needed. Now it looks likely that a pitiful number of countries will benefit this year. The UN target of halving world poverty by the year 2015 is beginning to look mythical.

It is not, however, time to give up! Rather, it is vitally important to rally support, especially before the G8 Summit in July. You can do your bit, by using data researched by Jubilee 2000 to write letters to decision makers, asking why they are not keeping their promises. If enough people shout, Governments have to listen. But it is extremely urgent – do something.

Jubilee 2000 will be supplying me with facts about the first five countries which are due to benefit from the Cologne package and I am trying to draw up a list of people who are willing to write letters once a month to specific world leaders, saying 'You promised to do this..... Why have you not done it?' (Or even, 'Thank you for doing..... We are watching to see what happens."

If you are willing to join in this activity, please contact me either by phone or in person. And whether or not you offer to help, please pray about the people standing in the way of improvements for the world's poorest people. In the era of electronic communication and a shrinking world, there is no acceptable excuse for it to continue. This is especially apparent when seen in the context of broken promises by some of the wealthiest countries. The debts to Japan amount to no more than the cost of a cup of coffee in Tokyo for all its people. What have we all got to lose?

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BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The RBL Women’s section held the first meeting of the year on January 19th. There were 21 members present. We had no speaker for this meeting as it was a ‘do it yourself’ afternoon when events for the coming year were discussed.

The Poppy Appeal to date has raised £266.16 .

The Chairman, Mrs Maidment told us that 100 stockings had been filled with pencils, rubbers, crayons etc. by some members. These were to go to children in Turkey who were victims of the recent earthquake.

Teas were then served by Mrs Maidment, a Bring and Buy was run by Mrs Burns and a Raffle by Mrs Reed.

Cenotaph. March – Mrs J Hartley

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Mrs Barbara Griffin has retired from being the Chairman of the local branch. The Committee would like to thank her for her many years of hard work on behalf of the fund.

The evenings are still dark! Do a puzzle and help Cancer Research. Varied selection from 200 pieces “Fighting Ships” to 1,200 pieces “Cornish Coast”. Delivered to your door! Rental is £1 for a month, all proceeds to ICRF. Please contact Sybil Frampton on 471643.

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MILLENNIUM FIXTURES

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A.G.M. - Thursday 24th February 2000
7.30 p.m. Royal Oak Skittle Alley

The speaker at our February meeting was Mr John England who gave an amusing talk with slides on Madeira. We saw flowers, crafts and beautiful views of the countryside.

The competition was for a peculiar shaped vegetable for which there were a number of entries. Two new members were welcomed by Kath.

Next month Mr Tony Bates will be showing us some of his beautiful slides. The competition is for the ‘NAN MOONEY’ cup and will be for a vase of spring flowers. The vase must be no higher than nine inches
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In aid of new chairs for the Village Hall

Dear Editor

May we, through our magazine, express our joy at seeing the church lit up to perfection which ever way you come into the village.

Who ever thought up this wonderful idea deserves a medal and to put the idea into practice must give that person, or persons, a great thrill every night. What a lovely sight it is.

Yours sincerely

Rossmore Lodge
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12 February 2000
A door can be a means of entry or a barrier to entry. A door is the way in or the way out, a door of security and peace or a way of release and escape.

Did you hear the true story reported on BBC Radio on Friday 11 February, about a group of people who had gone to church for a midweek meeting and were trapped inside the church because the outside door had become firmly jammed and they could not get out.

To attract attention to their plight they rang S.O.S. on the church bells, but no-one took any notice! Finally someone had to climb the many steps to the top of the bell tower and shout for help from people passing by. I wonder if they prayed or cried to the Lord – “S.O.S. - Save Oh Saviour”? Did not Jesus say “I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep, for I am the Good Shepherd”. John 10:1-11.

For a number of years we have been in need of new main doors for the Chapel in Butt Lane. Now we have them! Come along and see them for yourself and then come in - you will be most welcome to see what has happened inside the Chapel as well as outside.

Jesus invites us into His Father’s Kingdom, Jesus being the only legal and right way in. No-one can break in by trying to climb over the wall (our good works) or by trying to gain entry through the back door (special favouritism). There is only one way in - Jesus said “I am the way....” John 14:6. “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men...” 1 Timothy 2:5-6

On Sunday evening 12th March at 6.00 p.m. we will be having an hour of “Songs of Praise” to which everyone is invited. There will be an opportunity for anyone to request their favourite hymn - perhaps one you’ve not sung for some time. Come and see the new doors and join in praise to Jesus who is The Door!
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Second David Bellamy Award for **Rowlands Wait Touring Park**

In Holiday Parks 'Green Olympics'

We are delighted to tell you that **Rowlands Wait Touring Park** has been selected by Professor David Bellamy to receive an important and prestigious new conservation accolade! Granted only to parks which have demonstrated a sound commitment to the natural world, the "David Bellamy Conservation Awards” are described by Professor Bellamy as the 'Green Olympics' for Britain's holiday parks.

Our gold award marks the achievements of **Rowlands Wait Touring Park** who are also members of the Countryside Discovery group of Holiday Parks in helping to protect the natural environment here in Bere Regis.

"We are particularly pleased that the decision to, make this award was partly based on the opinions of our holidaymakers. It was their comments about what they experienced here which helped to convince Professor Bellamy that Rowlands Wait Touring Park was deserving of this conservation honour.

*In the past few years, our initiatives have included the planting of many indigenous trees and plants, laying of hedges on the boundaries and the restoration of our pond, all creating a haven for wildlife”.*

As Professor Bellamy commented:  “*parks are wonderful places to go and experience wrap-around nature, and it's time they were given well deserved recognition for the environmental commitment they are making*”.

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BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

The talk on genetically modified crops by Mr Dawe at our February meeting was extremely interesting. It certainly stimulated the old grey matter and Mr Dawe very ably answered the many questions that were raised.

For the March meeting on Tuesday 7th, our old friend Harry Dawes will talk to us about his camellias. We intend to follow this up with a visit to see his camellias in bloom on Sunday 12th March – full details will be announced at the March meeting.

On Tuesday 4th April there will be a slide show of Australia.

Andy Morrison – 472343
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

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With almost a full strength squad to choose from, the manager’s main concern was who to leave out against a Pimperne side that had improved no end since their 7-0 thrashing early in the season. Bere started at a gallop and quickly took the lead, thanks to a graceful leap and deft header by Wayne Cope from an inch perfect corner by Chris Oram.

This should have been a platform to build on, but Bere lost their way somewhat. Every now and again, Bere turned on the style and should have scored again when Kev Cox had time to pick his spot from 10 yards out, but the only spot he found was in the middle of the crossbar.

Johnny Cleall tried to make it 1-1 at half time as he committed the cardinal sin of passing across the face of the goal, straight to a Pimperne forward. Luckily, the referee spotted the use of a hand to control the ball and Bere could breathe again 1-0 up at half time, and playing well within themselves.

The second half was a much more one-sided affair as, with the wind at their backs, Bere kept Pimperne penned in for virtually the whole half. Still they could not kill Pimperne off as a combination of good keeping and bad finishing kept Pimperne in the game. With Chris Oram setting up attack after attack from in front of the back three it was surely just a matter of time before Bere made the game safe.

Andy Curtis rattled one against the crossbar, which appeared to bounce back down over the line, but the referee was too far away to award a goal. Even Rob White and Wayne Cope showed they were human, missing what for players of their ability would only be described as simple chances.
Pimperne almost stole a point near the end as they slipped the offside trap and had a clear run on goal. Bere custodian, Paddles frightened the poor forward out of his wits and he tried an ambitious shot from far out that just crept wide. The game was made safe right at the death with a bizarre goal that was almost an offside and certainly an own goal. Bere can certainly do much better than this.

This has left Bere joint top of the table, level with West Quay, but having played 3 games more. The next stop is Bere’s old friends and rivals, Sturminster Marshall.

Conditions were once again almost perfect for a feast of football, in the middle of the housing estate at Stur Marshall. This has been a happy hunting ground in the past two seasons, as Bere have triumphed in the last two away visits. With Rob White starting on the bench, Nick started with CAC (Curtis and Cope) up front and gave Johnny Cleall a run at left midfield, a decision which had a profound influence on the game.

Bere started the game in a hurry to win it, putting Stur on the back foot straight away despite playing against the wind. Before long, Bere found themselves 2-0 up. Once again, Oram found space on the right hand side and floated in a delicious cross that Cleall powered in from all of one yard out. He then got his marching orders for retaliation, the referee’s judgement saw both sides reduced to ten.

This setback did not disturb Bere’s rhythm and they soon went 3-0 up as a long throw from the tireless Earle Dacre found Wayne Cope at the near post. Exquisite close control and a precision finish were all that was needed and Wayne was happy to oblige.

With the game effectively over as a contest, the second half was more like a training session than a football match. Bere never really got out of second gear, but still managed to create chances against a disappointing Stur team. On the few occasions Bere’s keeper was called into action, his new Teflon non-stick gloves ensured a bit of action for his defenders. It was left to the manager to breathe a bit of life into the game, as a double substitution allowed Rob White the chance to score his customary goal and Steve McEleney the chance to realise a lifetime ambition, by playing in competitive game at the ripe age of 40, a milestone in a long winding career.

A comfortable 4-0 win in the end, which has left Bere three points clear at the top of the table, but lurking ominously behind are West Quay, with four games in hand. Four games left to play and all against class opposition, can Bere keep up their winning streak in 2000? A home match against Bovington Challengers next week will be the first test.
Another crunch match for this high-flying Bere team, as they took on the might of the British army on home territory. A victory away from home earlier in the year by Bere was no indication of how this game would be. It was good to see Bere’s newest international, Khalil Ghabae, making his home debut on the bench after his transfer from the remote Pimperne.

Nick started the game with the same 11 who had finished the previous match. Playing against a fairly strong headwind, the first half was always going to be difficult for Bere. They coped with the Challengers long ball game admirably, though, and the few times they did get through Paddles ‘Dusty Bin’ Vater was there to tidy things up.

Meanwhile, Bere were playing some tidy football on the ground and creating some useful chances themselves. In a fairly tight first half, it was Bere who broke the deadlock fairly late on. Andy Curtis found himself one-on-one with the keeper and managed to toe poke the ball past him before being bundled over unceremoniously for a clear penalty. Bere got their just reward courtesy of ‘Iceman’ Gale and another coolly taken penalty. Bere kept their lead until half-time, with the only scare being a bullet header from Dean Rogerson of all people, that clipped the top of Bere’s crossbar, although Paddles was more frightened at the sight of an airborne Rogerson flying towards him.

The second half gave Bere the chance to shine and with the wind at their backs they kept Bovington penned in their own half for the first 30 minutes and played some delightful football to please the swelling crowd. Chances came and went and it was left to ‘Bungy’ Brown to put Bere further ahead, as an inch perfect corner from Rob White found Bungy unmarked.

When Wayne Cope capitalised on a defensive mistake to make it 3-0 it seemed the game was well and truly over. A tactical substitution to take Mark Gale off, at the same time as an all out assault from the army boys almost proved disastrous for Bere. Twice the offside trap was sprung and, despite some unbelievable keeping from Paddles, Bovington found themselves back in the game at 3-2.

Thanks to shock results in the other games, this allowed Bere to open up a 6 point gap at the top. Hamworthy Royals at home will be a treat for the fans next Sunday as Bere hope to beat the Royals, having twice tasted bitter defeat. This will not be one for the faint hearted.

Eternal bogey side, Hamworthy Royals visited Bere with hoping to conquer Bere for a third time this term. However with four wins from five games, and one or two results going Bere’s way they were in no mood for rolling over this time, and produced a powerhouse performance in the lashing rain. The early stages were fairly even, after Andy Curtis’ early strike was cancelled out following some hesitancy in Bere’s defensive ranks. Bere then sank to 2-1 down, this proving a spur as they pressed for an equaliser.
Gilt edged chances fell the way of Rob White and Wayne Cope, but went begging. Bere hit the woodwork on two occasions, even veteran stopper Darren Spivey found himself in space for a right footed effort just wide. Andy Curtis struck from close range after a fluent three man, three pass move to level affairs. Kev Cox then stole the limelight just before the break after his well-placed low effort, seemed to turn Royal’s keeper into a frenzy writhing on the deck, seeing the ball creep in at the far post.

Cox’s tireless shuttling up and down Bere’s right flank, more than often proved too much for the beleaguered Royals outfit, and he put Bere ahead sending the damp crowd into raptures. There was to be no turning back, and Bere were never in any danger, as Rob White effectively sealed matters with a diving header some ten minutes after the break, with a celebration giving cause for concern for the groundstaff.

Earle Dacre completed a rout with a deflected strike with Bere in the ascendancy. It was their day, after flexing some considerable muscle to their league neighbours and burying the season long jinx.

This result has kept Bere top of the league, but West Quay are still hot on their heels with four games in hand and Combination players coming out of their ears. A well earned rest this week will be followed by a top of the table clash against the favourites for the title, West Quay. We know where the MOTD cameras will be that week!

Forthcoming club events include cricket nets on 2, 9 and 23 April, any players interested please contact 01929 471131 or meet at the clubhouse at 1.30pm for 2.00pm start at Blandford Leisure Centre. On 18 March the club will be holding a ‘Dice Horse Racing Night’ with an Irish theme, starting at 8.00pm. Finally on 24 March there is a Carnival Quiz starting at 8.00pm, teams of four are welcome, both events to be held at the BRSC Clubhouse.

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.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There was no committee meeting in December and in January several items were finalised.

John Stark & Partners have been selected as architects for the Village Hall improvements scheme after a long (seemingly endless) and rigorous selection process. We await contract signing in order to proceed. The firm has made us a generous offer of terms for which we are very grateful.

The complaint about the quality and durability of the Village Hall chairs is being contested by the company responsible for supplying them and their statement in defence of the poor quality of the frames is eagerly awaited.

At the time of going to press the Art Reach event (Tom McConville and Pauline Cato) has not taken place. There will be a report on this in the April magazine.

As we mentioned previously we plan a ‘Village Exhibition’ which will take place on 15 April. There will be a full days exhibition of village history in all its aspects including the Debenham Estate, WI, RAGE, Bladen Social Club History, in fact anything we can lay our hands on. Please help us by contacting Jenny Lightfoot (471498) Linda Holmes (471091) Philippa Thorniley (471497) with anything that might be of interest such as artefacts, photographs, books, letters etc. etc.

In the evening, following the exhibition, there will be a supper and a talk on Briantspuddle and its history by Anne King, a member of the 20th Century Society. Tickets for the talk and the supper costing £5.00 will be available from the middle of March until 10 April. To help with the catering please buy your tickets as soon as possible from Philippa Thomley. The supper will consist of a two course meal - chicken in mayonnaise and assorted salads, various party puddings and coffee and mints or chocolates. A vegetarian option will be available provided that Philippa is notified at the time of booking.

Volunteers to open their gardens on the 25 June are also being sought. We had such a smashing day last year and such complementary comments it really makes it worthwhile participating. If you feel you have something worth visiting please let us know on the above phone numbers or speak to any committee member.
In August we are co-ordinating with Bladen Social Club’s Horticultural Show to stage a Village Street Fair with cream teas at Cruck Cottage, which should make a great day out.

On 30 September there will be another chance to strut your stuff at the Village Barn Dance if you can move after the popular ‘gourmet’ farmhouse supper.

Don’t forget the Village Hall is here for you.

It is possible to have a good night out without leaving the village.

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**BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB**

**Membership Fees due 1 March.**

**Tuesday Club** - meets 14 & 28 March and 11 & 25 April.

**Bingo**. Sorry February’s Bingos were cancelled.

Dates for your diaries are 9 & 23 March and 6 & 20 April.

Easter Bingo on Saturday 1 April in the Village Hall - everyone welcome.

**Club Party** - Saturday 4 March for past and present members, or if you’ve never been to the club this would be a good time to come along.

**Waste Paper Collections** - please keep your old newspapers coming in. The money raised goes to our chosen charity for the year. Last year February to January we raised £600 for the Opportunity Group in Dorchester. This year our fund-raising is for the International Myeloma Foundation. Myeloma is a cancer which one of our members and resident of the village is suffering from. As you know our fund raising is always for a charity with which someone in the village is involved. So we are very glad to be able to help and with your support we hope to raise £1000 over the next year.

**Village Quiz** - Wednesday 22 March 8.00 pm.

Teams of 4 - family, friends etc. Phone Jean on (01929) 471766 or turn up on the night.

**Dorset & District Skittle League** - our teams are always looking for new players. If interested please contact Eric or Geoff at the club.

Sue Jeanes for BSC
Advert for Briantspuddle Hall Committee to go in here please
Mrs Eady gave a most illuminating talk on life in the Land Army during World War II. She brought items of the issued uniform but not the high leather boots which no one ever wore as they were totally unsuitable. There was a month’s training at Horne Park, Beaminster, in a group and then they were considered accredited Dairy Maids and sent to various farms in Dorset.

Later 20 or so lived in a hostel which was much more enjoyable although the work on various farms was hard and they worked long hours particularly in the summer. They were all very well aware of the worth of the work they were doing but at the end of the war there was no recognition of their contribution to the war effort.

It took some time to persuade the Government to issue medals marking their service but they finally did and the ex Women’s Land Army (WLA) girls had to buy them. At a cost of £25 each, the General Service Medal and the National Service Medal were available on application! The WLA were not represented in the Victory Parade nor have they been at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on 11 November. However in October 1999 both the Times and the Telegraph reported that the WLA would be invited to that ceremony in the year 2000. So 55 years after the end of the war the women who helped release men for the Forces and provided food and timber for us all, will be represented. There was great interest in Mrs Eady’s talk which afterwards provoked many questions from us all.

There was a good deal of business to discuss from the County Letter and we finally have a representative from our WI to attend the TGM as our delegate in June. There is also the Spring Council Meeting on 30 March in the Wessex Hall at Poole and some members will attend.

Our Jumble Sale on 19 February at 2.00 pm was discussed and posters and ‘flyers’ will be distributed in the village next week. Two people will attend the Food and Farming Day at Blandford when Neil Parish MEP, Mr Simpson, a local farmer representing the NFU and a (brave?) representative from a local supermarket chain are included amongst the speakers. Altogether a busy time for us all.

Our March event is a Skittles and Buffet supper open to members, friends and visitors. Committee members are asked to arrive half an hour early (please note) to discuss final arrangements for the Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy in aid of the Wessex Children’s Hospice.

Mary Bentley
BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Following much passing about of the relevant forms, Briantspuddle has once again been entered in Dorset’s ‘Best Kept Village’ competition, this time by the Village Hall Committee.

Now I know that after much hard work we won a prize a couple of years ago which is slowly being translated into a public bench, but that’s another story!

Briantspuddle is as we all know a delightful and unspoilt little village and the Best Kept Village competition does not mean that it has to be a picture postcard place having lawns and hedges trimmed to perfection with nail scissors.

The judges are looking for general tidiness and absence of litter in public places, in other words a ‘cared for village’. Things to be judged include car parks, telephone kiosks, public seats and grassed areas, entrances to farms and developments etc. In other words village services such as notice boards and village features such as war memorials, verges and village greens.

There is also alongside the Best Kept Village competition, a Dorset ‘Best Community Village’ competition which aims to encourage community activities of all types, for all people and to foster community involvement in conservation and enhancement of the village environment.

Can I take this opportunity to make a plea to all residents of Briantspuddle to keep your plot tidy, watch out for litter dropping and care for your fellow resident whether ‘animal, vegetable or mineral’!

The judging takes place in May so rather than a small group of well meaning volunteers rushing about sweating and tidying at the last minute, how about a long term view on this and begin to do your bit now!!

NEW ROAD SIGNS

After much harassing by the Parish Council, the Highways Agency have at last erected new road signs for Briantspuddle on the A35 bypass and slip road, (from the Bere Regis direction).

Eric Rolls Transport Liaison Officer, Parish Council
VILLAGESCRAPBOOK

Thanks to the initiative of Diana Holman in re-printing much of my request for information on the above subject in her Dorset Evening Echo column, I received a telephone call from a Miss Winzar in Dorchester, who had family connections in this area many years ago. She gave me The Order of Service for the Dedication of the War Memorial in Affpuddle Church which took place in 1947. I was delighted naturally to receive such a gift and it will be a most welcome addition to the scrapbook. She also allowed me to make copies of various newspaper cuttings of funerals of family members that have taken place at Affpuddle over the years and I have promised to try and trace one or two of the graves of the VINCENT family with whom her family were connected.

HOME WATCH

It was reported to me by the police that a garage had been broken into in Briantspuddle in early February. Despite the garage being locked the thieves used an appliance to lever the door post away from the main construction.

A lot of valuable gardening equipment was stolen including mowers, strimmers and a generator.

Everyone is requested to be vigilant and keep a lookout for any suspicious people or vehicles they see in the village.

Bill Thorniley

WATCH OUT

At the last Parish Council meeting attention of the Parish Councillors was drawn to the following police notice.

“If you received a phone call from an individual who identifies himself/herself as being an AT&T service technician who is conducting a test on your telephone line or anyone else who asks you to do the following DON’T. They will state that to complete the test the recipient should touch nine, zero, hash and then hang up.

To do this gives full access to your phone line, which allows them to place long distance, international or chat line calls billed to your account. The information which the police have, suggests that many of these calls are emanating from local jails and prisons.”
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes
At the meeting held on 9th February, it was decided that, in future, the minutes of the Parish Council meetings would be posted on all the Parish notice boards and not just Briantspuddle’s.

Recycling Bins
Agreement had at last been reached with Purbeck District Council to site the bins near the A35. A concrete surface would be laid for the bins and to allow people to drive in. Residents living nearby had been consulted and there had been one objection. The Parish Council would write to this person and explain the background leading to the decision.

Bypass Noise
After some enquiries, it seems that residents living within 300m of the bypass who have suffered from the increased noise could write to the Highways Agency in Birmingham. Compensation could then be considered.

Hall Development
An architect had been appointed and a contract would be issued.

Signposts/Rights of Way
Dorset County Council had set up a Millennium Rights of Way project and two volunteers had been appointed to note all signposts and make good damaged ones.

Mulberry Tree Seat
It was decided to seek expert advice before repairing the seat around the mulberry tree in The Ring as it was feared that the roots would soon damage the seat again.
Throop Clump to Throop Hollow

It was noted that the road at Throop Clump had become extremely muddy and could be hazardous. Also further down the hill, part of the side of the Throop Hollow road had been washed away leaving a deep gully, which was dangerous.

Bladen Valley Residents

The newly formed Bladen Valley Residents’ Association was concerned about the water that collected around the memorial and the Parish Council was asked to investigate what could be done to improve the drainage in that area. It appeared that drains under the road quickly became blocked by silt washed down hill. Although the Parish Council had no authority over the Bladen Valley road, it agreed to approach the Highways Agency for advice on drainage.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

ALESJA

Funds were sent to Latvia in early February to cover the costs of Alesja’s new prosthesis and we are waiting only for confirmation that the necessary remedial surgery has taken place and the new prosthesis fitted to mark this project as “completed”, much to the relief of the Executive Committee.

Subject to the arrival of two new members of the Link, namely additions to the families of both our Treasurer and Subscription Secretary respectively (due to arrive in late March/early April) we plan to hold our AGM as soon as practicable after the event(s). Details will be published in April’s edition of the Magazine.

In the meantime anyone wishing to become a member of the Link may obtain a subscription form from me (tel 01929-471577) for a minimum annual subscription of £2.50.

JENNY SILAVIS, Hon Sec
W.I. COFFEE MORNING

AT

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

ON

SATURDAY 11 MARCH AT 10.30 AM

Proceeds in aid of the Wessex Children’s Hospice, Naomi House.

Cake Stall

Bring & Buy

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Contact Audrey Grindrod  (01929) 471214

Naomi House is the Children’s Hospice for the whole of Dorset and central southern England. (Before Naomi House opened, children would have to travel to Yorkshire for respite care, since the nearer Helen House at Oxford was over-subscribed.)

Naomi House, which is near Winchester, has been open since June 1997, and provides respite care for children with a life threatening illness and their families. It receives no ongoing government support at present, and the one million pound running costs each year are raised from voluntary contributions.

At this moment there are six Dorset families attending on a regular basis.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

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
8th (Saturday) Quiz results
21st (Friday) Pete Howell
22nd (Saturday) Easter Egg Draw and Quiz
29th (Saturday) Super League Darts

Whist still goes on every other Thursday and Gardening Club the first Tuesday of the month

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Guides  Unit suspended
Kingsbere Quilters  3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Mini Market  10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library  Every Friday 2.00 p.m. - 3.35 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 - 472424 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
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July
- **7th**: Vicarage BAR-B-Q
- **15th**: Carnival
- **23rd**: Gardens for Tina event  
  10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

### August
- **6th**: Affpuddle Patronal Festival
- **26th**: "Tower Week-end"
- **27th**: Tower open, Flower Festival, Cream Teas

### September
- **1st**: PIP 4th Birthday Party and Raffle  
  10.00 a.m.–12.00 noon
- **22nd**: Visit of Twinning members from Cérences
- **24th**: Bere Regis R.B.L. Harvest Festival

### October
- **1st**: Harvest Festival - Affpuddle  
  11.00 a.m.
- Harvest Festival - Bere Regis  
  6.00 p.m.

### November
- **4th**: Bangers and Mash Party, and Auction of Promises - Drax Hall
- **12th**: Remembrance Sunday
- **25th**: Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar

### December
- **2nd**: Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court
- **16th**: PIP Show and Party
- **17th**: Affpuddle Carol and Gift Service  
  Bere Regis Carol Service  
  6.00 p.m.
- **24th**: CHRISTINGLE - Bere Regis  
  MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Bere Regis  
  11.30 p.m.
- **25th**: CHRISTMAS DAY
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