"Atrophy"

The world of medicine is a closed world to me, and, unlike some people, I have never tried to open it. But inevitably, there are some words or conditions that come into our experience, and we have a vague understanding of them.

"Atrophy" is one such word. I had a subconscious knowledge of the word, and half understood it. But imagine my surprise to find the word in a theological book. I had to look it up. I found that "atrophy" is a medical term implying a wasting away, through either disuse, or pressure, or interference with the nervous supply, and that generally it is a gradual or slow process. When I looked the word up in the dictionary, it also told me that it could apply to mental or spiritual starvation. So that is why the word was in the theological book!

Experience has taught me that both definitions of the word are true. Take the simple case of muscles. When I get that certain look from my wife and know that marriage guidance will be needed if I don't do some autumn cutting down in the garden, I respond with alacrity. And later, I know that I've done it, because the back leg muscles complain. The disuse over the months doesn't cause my legs to atrophy, but the example is clear.

I had a bit of a worry not long ago. Having been very musical for many years of my early life, I suddenly realised that I no longer cared for music. It meant very little to me. I could go for days or weeks without listening to any music. I didn't dislike it; it was simply not part of my life as it had been. My musical awareness had to some extent been atrophied.

It set me thinking. Does atrophy set in spiritually? Can "disuse" of the spiritual capacity in a man or woman create first a numbness and then a deadness of the spiritual muscles. If you never go to any form of worship; if you never enjoy, for example, Songs of Praise; if you never think of religion, God, Jesus, the Church, has atrophy set in?
"Disuse" is one of the causes of atrophy. "Pressure" is another. Leaving aside the physical use of the word pressure, there is a mental and spiritual understanding of this word. "She's been under great pressure" is a mental and spiritual expression.

People sometimes say, "This is a secular age." We can interpret this as, "We are secular." I don't believe this. I think that secular pressures are causing spiritual atrophy within each one of us, and I am aware of this within myself. The secular advances in science and engineering have made our world different from fifty years ago. Pressure of work from Monday to Saturday demands a release on Sunday, to visit parents and friends, to concentrate on the children, to "do things" in the home and garden, and to enjoy recreation. The pressure to neglect the spiritual is intense. Undoubtedly it has caused atrophy to set in.

Pressure and Disuse have always been around physically and spiritually. Today we are becoming more conscious of the problems of such pressure and disuse. "Take more exercise," is the cry of the medical world. My thought is that this applies to the spiritual too.

Ch. Wood
### Dates for Your Diary

#### November

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7th</td>
<td>Gardening Club – Egypt</td>
<td>8.00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8th</td>
<td>Autumn Leaves, Washday Blues</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8th</td>
<td>Village Appraisal meeting, Drax Hall</td>
<td>4.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Village Appraisal meeting, Drax Hall</td>
<td>9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Church Christmas Coffee Morning</td>
<td>10.30 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11th</td>
<td>Christmas Mini-market/Table top sale, Drax Hall</td>
<td>7.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11th</td>
<td>Kenya 200 Presentation, Purbeck School Wareham</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12th</td>
<td>Remembrance Sunday</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24th</td>
<td>Artsreach – Common Source, Briantspuddle Village Hall</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25th</td>
<td>Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar, Drax Hall</td>
<td>2.00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Please note change of date for this event**

#### December

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Children’s Activity Event in the church</td>
<td>10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Briantspuddle WI Christmas Fair</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th</td>
<td>Gardening club Christmas Party</td>
<td>8.00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9nd</td>
<td>Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th</td>
<td>PIP Show and Party</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17th</td>
<td>Affpuddle Carol and Gift Service</td>
<td>11.00 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24th</td>
<td>CHRISTINGLE - Bere Regis</td>
<td>6.00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25th</td>
<td>MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Bere Regis</td>
<td>11.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**January**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Gardening Club AGM</td>
<td>7.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**February**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3rd</td>
<td>Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall</td>
<td>10.00 a.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Church Officials - Bere Regis

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

### PCC Members

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

### Church Officials - Affpuddle

- Lay Reader: Mr J Haigh - 471768
- Church Wardens: Captain P Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle - 471297
- Mr J Solly, Symmonds Barn, Affpuddle - 472400
- Secretary of PCC: Mr S Sanderson, River Cottage, Affpuddle - 01305 848812
- Treasurer of PCC: Mr R Elkerton, Greatfield House Affpuddle - 01305 848331
- Organist: Mr I Mullins, Grasmere, 12 Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne. Tel: 01202 889227

### PCC Members

- Bill Thorniley, Mike Menzies, Steve Sanderson, David Payne, John Royal,
- Allan Smith, Jenny Silavs, Erica Moriarty, Dorothy Reed, Audrey Grindrod.
Sanctuary Flower Guild
5th Mrs M Lewis  Mrs G Whittle
12th Remembrance Sunday
19th Mrs J Gibbs  Mrs C Burden
26th Mrs E Bangay  Mrs N Scott

Readers
5th Mrs C Lewis
12th Mrs Jutting
19th Mr Ventham

Bere Regis Sidesmen
Sunday 5th November 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr Woodward

Sunday 12th November 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

Sunday 19th November 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m. Mr Ventham

Sunday 26th November 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m.

Dorset/Lativa Link
Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577

Floral Group
2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall

Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides
Unit suspended

Kingsbere Quilters
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mobile Library
Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park

Mothers’ Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Playgroup Bere Regis
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM

Pop in Place
9.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

Rainbows
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

RBL Gardening Club
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

Swimming Club
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

Toddler Group
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

Tuesday Club
A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome

Twinning Association
Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

W.I. Bere Regis
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

W.I. Briantspuddle
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

Woodbury Hill Singers
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Autumn Leaves (over 50s) 2:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Babysitting Circle 1:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Su Roberts – 471322
Beavers (6-8 yrs) 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Bere Heath Methodist Chapel 10.30 a.m. Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly
Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s” RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays
Bingo 7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall
British Legion Club 7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
Legion Women’s Section 2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
Brownies 6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
B.R.S.C. Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
Brownies 7.45 p.m. Tuesdays, Village Hall
Briantspuddle Singers 7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.
Choir Practice 7.00 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
C.A.B. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
Camera Club 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
Coffee Stop 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct
Congregational Church 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
Cubs (8-10½ yrs) 6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
Dancing classes 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
D.S.S. Van 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
2.00 p.m. & Holy Baptisms (Bere Regis)
3.00 p.m.
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th November 4th Sunday before Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
2.00 p.m. & Holy Baptisms (Bere Regis)
3.00 p.m.
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.00 a.m. Act of Remembrance (Bladen Valley War Memorial)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Remembrance Day Service (Bere Regis)
(Royal British Legion on Parade)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 26th November Christ the King
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. Regis Praise (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue in November on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30.

Visiting Ringers include a team from Wimbledon on Saturday 28th October (they may have been and gone by the time you read this) and a local Dorset team on Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30pm.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (12TH NOVEMBER)

1. The Affpuddle/Briantspuddle "Act of Remembrance" on Remembrance Sunday will take place as usual at 9 o’clock, around the Eric Gill War Memorial at the entrance to Bladen Valley. It is a fairly short but moving occasion, when the names of the villagers who made the supreme sacrifice are remembered by name. This is followed by a normal parish communion in Affpuddle Church, but the theme will be that of Remembrance.

2. The Bere Regis "Act of Remembrance" on Remembrance Sunday will start at 10:55 a.m. around the War Memorial in the church yard. The members of the Royal British Legion will be "on parade" for this, together with a band, and we will then process into the church for a Remembrance Day Service. Those from the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the two world wars will be remembered by name.

"MIND THE WORLD" COFFEE MORNING (8TH NOVEMBER)

Those who work on behalf of the Bere Regis parish in highlighting the needs of those parts of our world where there is extreme poverty, famine, drought or flood, are holding a Coffee Morning in Cyril Wood Court on Wednesday 8th November at 10.30 a.m. The stalls at these events are always exciting, and full of interesting and different items. If “Christmas gifts” brings a little anxiety into your soul, worry no longer, you could find relief here.

The full Traidcraft stall will be there.
**Hardy Tree Surgeons**

All aspects of tree work professionally undertaken.

- Stump removal, woodland maintenance.
- For free estimates and advice telephone 01300 341471, mobile 0734 477435
- Wishing Well Cottage, Frys Lane, Godmanstone.

**Logs for Sale**

Dave Penman’s log orders have been taken over by Gale and Hall Forestry. Same logs, different delivery man. All sizes catered for.

Tel: 01929 551216

**Winter Logs**

At summer prices. Free delivery. For details ring

01929 471286

**Chris’s Window Cleaning Service**

Telephone

01929 471075

**Andy Hawkins - Motor Engineer**

Servicing, repairs, MOT preparation and tests arranged. All makes of car and LCV. Competitive prices.

5 Southmead. Tel: 01929 471140

**Brianspuddle Village Hall**

Listed building. Ideal for parties, wedding receptions, dances. For rates and further details contact:

Mrs Thorniley 01929 471497

**BIT & PIECES**

**For Life Assurance, Pensions or Income Replacement advice, why not consult Bob Holman, your Canda Life Assurance Company consultant on Puddletown 848262**

Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority

**Typing - Word Processing**

All aspects of typing undertaken quickly and professionally. Letters, cv’s, reports, thesis, novels, mailing/address lists, posters, brochures, leaflets etc

Debbie Robinson

Tel: 01929 471225

Fax: 01929 472584

**Carpet Fitter – P J Bushby**

All aspects of carpet and vinyl fitting undertaken. Domestic or commercial.

Your own materials fitted or home selection if preferred. Helpful advice always available. The complete carpet and flooring service.

Lythettt Minster - 01202 624684

or freephone 0800 0688982

**COMMON WORSHIP**

Most of us should be aware by now that the Church of England is embarking on a slightly new form of words for the services in church, starting on Advent Sunday (3rd December). There are many varieties available to us, and the Parochial Church Councils of Affpuddle and Bere Regis are tasked with the debating and decision making on behalf of the parishes as to what we are to do. In order to help the Councils in their important task, the Parish Communions at the two churches in November will follow one of the several options on offer (Modern, Traditional, Prayer Book).

Five hundred years ago, such decisions caused such passions that many died for their belief. Today, such drastic results are not envisioned, but people do have passionate ideas and feelings. Your PCCs are alive to receive your considered thoughts, and to reflect them at our special council meetings. I have emphasised that although I am appointed to lead, and am prepared to do so, ultimately it is the congregations who must decide for the immediate future.
Albert Marsh
Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons

Established 1835

An independent and family owned Funeral Directors with over 160 years of experience supporting and comforting families through their bereavement.

Albert Marsh offer a dignified, professional and personal service, day and night, 365 days of the year.

Wareham 552107
St Michaels Road, Wareham

Dorchester 251051

- Pre-payment Funeral Plans
- Private Chapels of Rest
- Memorials

www.funeraldirector.co.uk

Painter and Decorator - Interior and Exterior Work
Gordon Tucker,
10 Elder Road,
Bere Regis
01929 471882

Carpenter and Joiner
I J Cox
24 New Road,
Wool
01929 405562

General House Maintenance
Painting, carpentry, filing and general building repairs. No job too small.
Martin Lys, Woodburyside,
The Cliff, Bryanston.
01258 452285

Carpenter and Joiner
Anthony House
01929 471949

Winterbourne Decorators
All aspects of Painting and Decorating, Interior and Exterior
20 years experience
Free Estimates
Gary Biltcliffe
01305 889945

Dorset Aerial Services
TV/Radio aerials supplied, fitted and repairs. Extra outlets. Picture improvements etc., Telephone
B Cheeseman - 01929 472380

M V Azzaro
Fully Qualified Carpenter
All aspects of carpentry work undertaken
Private and Contract work
Free Estimates
01929 471705

Leadwork specialist and roof repairs
General building maintenance.
N Hodder - 01305 773556

Gerry’s Plants
Shrubs and perennials, bedding and trailing. Plants for all seasons. Also hanging baskets, dwarf conifers and heathers
01258 837386
Bed and Breakfast also available

Wanted
All Old and Antique Furniture
Also House and Garage Clearances
01929 553901

Gerry’s Plants
Shrubs and perennials, bedding and trailing. Plants for all seasons. Also hanging baskets, dwarf conifers and heathers
01258 837386
Bed and Breakfast also available

December 2000

November 2000
HOLIDAYS ABROAD

It is a fact of life that many more of us are able to "go abroad" for a holiday. We return with many things, a tan, duty free, the odd Christmas present (which is discarded when the time for wrapping it arrives and we think, "Why on earth did I buy that stupid donkey?!") but inevitably, we bring back foreign coins. The Post Office or bank will not receive them back, so we put the coins in an envelope for "next time". By the time "next time" comes, these coins could be worthless or out of date.

THERE IS A SOLUTION! Miss Sybil Frampton has agreed to receive them, and have the coins converted into sterling. She did this last year and Barclays Bank gave her £72.76, which she gave to a charity called "The Ockenden Venture". This charity works to promote self reliance for refugees. This is an example of yet another local response to a modern problem. Please respond to this if you can find that envelope of foreign coins. Your coins can be left at the Vicarage or at any church service, or given directly to Miss Frampton.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday, December 9th, in Cyril Wood Court. Donations of Christmas Fayre and unwanted gifts would be very welcome, and may be handed in to the Vicarage at any time.

JUMBLE SALE

The Bumper Jumble Sale will again be held at Wareham Town Hall, on February 3rd. Do save any unwanted items of clothing or household utensils which can be sold. We trust our usual band of helpers will be able and willing to attend and lend a hand.
A new concept in selling your home

The main advantages are:
- No Estate Agents Fees
- No Advertising Boards
- No Casual Callers
- Complete privacy
- Pre-arranged viewing by phone appointment
- The cost is only £2 per day (£60 for 6 weeks)

Complete a form obtained from Bere Regis Post Office and return it with a photograph of the property you wish to sell.
We will do the rest!

Visit Bere Regis Post Office
See what is available.

The established independent family business you can trust

- Personal service assured
- Expert fitting
- FREE Tyre check
- Wheel Balancing
- Alignment - Alloy Wheels

For all your tyre and battery requirements at competitive prices

CRIBB TYRE & BATTERY CO

petitive prices

01202 631122

Wareham Road, Holton Heath, Poole
Our October meeting took place at Turberville Court when the speaker was The Revd Bob Naylor from Lulworth. He explained that he had been a social worker in Liverpool before being ordained. After working as a parish priest in Liverpool, he moved to Gloucester diocese where he was in charge of social work. He later became director of The Stable Family Home Trust which works with people suffering from autism, Down’s Syndrome etc.

He continued his ministry within the church, working as a non-stipendiary priest until a vacancy occurred in the benefice where he was living. He now works full-time as a parish priest.

Next month’s meeting will take place in Church when Graham will be the celebrant at a service of Holy Communion. This will be followed by a time of refreshment and business, which will include a Bring & Buy stall.

Brenda Pitfield, 471391
## AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

### FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTAS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Flowers</th>
<th>Cleaning</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>05 Nov</td>
<td>Mrs Solly</td>
<td>Mrs Thorniley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Nov</td>
<td>Mrs Taylor</td>
<td>Mrs Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Nov</td>
<td>Mrs Armitage</td>
<td>Mrs Armitage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Nov</td>
<td>Mrs Kayll</td>
<td>Mrs Kayll</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SIDESMEN, READERS AND READINGS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Sidesman</th>
<th>Reader</th>
<th>Reading</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 Nov</td>
<td>8.00</td>
<td>P Badcock</td>
<td>Server</td>
<td>BCP as set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11.00</td>
<td>J Royal</td>
<td>F Solly</td>
<td>Daniel 6, verses 1-23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>R Elkerton</td>
<td>Luke 12, verses 22-34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Nov</td>
<td>9.30</td>
<td>D Payne</td>
<td>M Cropper</td>
<td>Jonah 3 verses 1-5 &amp; 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>P Haigh</td>
<td>Mark 1, verses 14-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Nov</td>
<td>8.00</td>
<td>R Killer</td>
<td>Server</td>
<td>BCP as set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>(Affpraise)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Nov</td>
<td>9.30</td>
<td>P Roblin</td>
<td>P Badcock</td>
<td>Daniel 7, verses 9-10 &amp; 13-14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A Grindrod</td>
<td>John 18, verses 33-37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Dec</td>
<td>8.00</td>
<td>D Read</td>
<td>Server</td>
<td>BCP as set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>W Thorniley</td>
<td>Jeremiah 33, verses 14-16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**MAKING PROGRESS HOMECARE**
Caring with Kindness

We are a local Company who aim to provide quality community care

-Personal Care - Meal Preparation - Domestic Help

All staff trained and covered by insurance

For more details or application form, if you would like to become one of our Caring Team, and help us to maintain a high standard of care:-

Please contact Mike Porter or Muriel Turner - Nursing Manager on 01929 462101

---

**BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE SHOP**

The Village Shop has been a great success. So far a daily stream of people are making the most of the facility. The Post Office is serving a very useful purpose with daily papers, fresh bread and produce going down well. Daily meat orders are being established and the friendly atmosphere all add to this being a very useful asset to the village.

The demand has been extremely encouraging, so much so, that the shop is now open on Saturdays with the possibility of Sunday opening too.

For anyone not sure of the opening times they are:

Monday - Saturday 9am to 1pm

Don’t forget - **USE IT OR LOSE IT**

Eric Rolls
Our Birthday Meeting was a most enjoyable event.

After a short business meeting, during which we finalised plans for our Coffee Morning to be held on 7 October (in aid of CLIC) and went through the Newsletter etc. we had a Sausage and Mash supper, an innovation for us and very welcome.

Afterwards Mrs Hopkins gave a very personal talk on Conservation in Dorset, as the particular part of Dorset was her own garden! During three years a wildflower meadow has been established and a very well stocked pond. Banks, log piles and sheets of corrugated iron under which slow worms, grass snakes and bank voles can often seen provide additional habitats for the wildlife. The talk was accompanied by a wonderful series of slides taken throughout the year, the wild flowers she encouraged were all there, culminating with a rare wasp spider which has recently established itself and is indeed beautiful to see. She was warmly thanked by us all.

The Coffee Morning having taken place at the time of going to press was a huge success. We planned it at the end of the week when the new Village Shop opened, to celebrate an event which will be an asset to the Village and in fact the shop opened on the Saturday morning as a concession.

‘CLIC’ is Cancer & Leukaemia in Children and is based in Weymouth with a Charity Shop, a Hospitality House for parents visiting sick children and a full time nurse for the area. We were very pleased to be able to hand over £150.00 to CLIC and are grateful to all the people who supported the effort. On 1 November our speaker will be Mrs Birt talking on ‘Working in Papua’ and the AGM will follow.

As usual, all welcome.

Mary Bentley

Reminder: Saturday 11th November (18th if wet on 11th) is the date for our autumn clean-up, so do please come and help. Anytime from 9.30 onwards and we hope to be finished by 12 noon. Bring rakes, spades and yourselves. All welcome!

Church Cleaning
Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce for the decoration of the church for the Harvest Festival. Thank you too, to all those people who gave up time on Saturday morning to decorate the church.

The produce, fruit and vegetables were taken to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation in Dorchester to be used for the benefit of the residents in the Dorchester Homes.

The following letter has been received:-

‘Please accept our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Affpuddle PCC for the kind donation of Harvest Produce. We look forward to receiving it and it makes a valuable contribution to the lives of our young people. Would you please convey our gratitude to all concerned for considering us once again.

Many thanks for your continuing support, this is very much appreciated.’

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce for the decoration of the church for the Harvest Festival. Thank you too, to all those people who gave up time on Saturday morning to decorate the church.

The produce, fruit and vegetables were taken to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation in Dorchester to be used for the benefit of the residents in the Dorchester Homes.

The following letter has been received:-

‘Please accept our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Affpuddle PCC for the kind donation of Harvest Produce. We look forward to receiving it and it makes a valuable contribution to the lives of our young people. Would you please convey our gratitude to all concerned for considering us once again.

Many thanks for your continuing support, this is very much appreciated.’
NEW HASSOCKS

Calling all hassock embroiderers! Please let Andrea Smith have your completed canvas as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of November in order that the new kneelers can be made up in time to be blessed and put on to the pews in the North Aisle before the end of 2000.

Philippa Thorniley

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Thank you to those who helped in any way with this year’s cycle ride. A total of £188.00 was raised with half of the money going to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the other half going to Affpuddle Church.

It was a great day for cycling and I managed to visit 35 churches, being accompanied most of the way with my daughter Katie.

About 25 cyclists visited Affpuddle Church during the day.

David Payne

Forthcoming Events

Friday Night Quiz

Dates for your diary are:
- Friday 27 October 8.45pm
- Friday 10 November 8.45pm
- Friday 8 December 8.45pm
- Friday 22 December 8.45pm

The quiz on 22 December will be a Christmas Quiz. Come along and give the grey matter a bit of exercise. Teams of 4 - not too serious, just good fun.

We are hoping to organise a Music Quiz but this will not be until the New Year and the date will be announced in due course.

Bingo

Christmas Bingo will be held on Saturday 2 December

Christmas Club Party

The Club Party will be held on Saturday 23 December. There will be a buffet with music and games and should not be missed.

Free entry to members and £3.00 for non-members

Club Membership

The Club is always looking for new members. Why not come along and enjoy the various events the Club organises or just a quiet drink and a chat.

Membership is very reasonable:
- Adults - £1.50 registration plus £3.50 per year
- 14-17yrs - £1.50 registration plus £2.00 per year
- Senior Citizens - £1.50 registration plus £2.00 per year

Graham Hopkins
**ARTS REACH**

On Friday 24 November there will be a performance of the Ben Osborne slide show and talk ‘Common Source’ which is a celebration of the two British rivers, the Severn and the Wye. It is a journey in Poetry, Music and Photographs (all especially commissioned for the show). With powerful, thought provoking poetry, atmospheric music and dramatic, beautiful images, the evening takes you through some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain. Tickets costing £4.00 will be available from Philippa Thorniley from the beginning of November. There will be interval refreshments. This promises to be a really interesting evening and it would be wise to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets for Tim Laycock and the Scorpion Bank - Christmas Goose to be held at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Friday 15 December at 7.30pm will be available from the middle of November and will cost £4.00. Once again early booking is advised in order to avoid disappointment.

**HOME WATCH**

I have received a report that a number of unoccupied bungalows have been burgled recently in the Bridport area. The homes were entered when the owners were away on holiday or were used as second homes.

It is strongly recommended that if a house is left empty, arrangements are made for a neighbour to keep an eye on the property, to collect mail and any parcels left on the doorstep and to draw the curtains at night and for a radio and light to be left on to give the appearance of occupation. Milk and newspaper deliveries should be cancelled during the holiday period. The activities of suspicious strangers and the registration numbers of suspicious vehicles should be reported to the police.

Bill Thorniley

**BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB**

**Village Skittles Knockout Competition**

Eleven teams entered the competition on 7 October. The games were keenly contested with the eventual winners, the Bladen Social Club team of Geoff, Tony and David Gale and Marion Miller just scraping through on the last hand against a very plucky Parochial Church Council team. A very enjoyable evening which raised £57.00 for Multiple Myeloma

**BERE REGIS NEWS**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

The October meeting discussed the traffic on Rye Hill in preparation of a site meeting with the DCC road engineers later this month. The matter had been raised at the previous meeting when a number of residents - outnumbering the Council! - presented their thoughts on the problems. It is to be hoped that this busy road can be made safer by the enforcement of the 30mph speed limit. We can but hope that improved sign posting will help.

The problem of cars dumped by the wayside is a nationwide problem and in an endeavour to reduce the problem in Purbeck, the District council is offering to dispose of unwanted cars for the sum of £20.00. If you wish to take advantage of this scheme you should telephone 01202 675564 and quote reference PDC/WSR. Arrangements will then be made to collect your unwanted vehicle direct from your home. Proof of ownership of the vehicle and personal identity such as a driving licence will need to be produced together with the fee at the time of collection. By doing this you ensure that your old vehicle is recycled and you are doing your bit for the environment.

The Play Park maintenance was discussed as it is necessary to lay more bark chips. It was agreed to spend just under £500 for current maintenance. If, as is quite likely, the rules concerning the Play Park and the equipment are changed to raise the standards, it is likely that over £3,000 will be needed to bring it into line with the new rules.

The Parish Council together with representatives of the New Hall Committee and BRRAD attended a presentation by The Grainger Trust, the new owners of the former Debenham land in the village, on their thoughts on the future of this land. The vast majority of the land, it was stated, would be retained for agricultural use. However during the purchase the Trust had found that the Debenham Estate had more than thought about the possibility of building some houses at the western end of Egdon Close and connecting these with a new road to Southbrook. As the Local Plan has proposed that no building be permitted to the south of the stream, the Estate had lodged an Objection to be heard at the Public Inquiry that is currently being heard.
The Trust have taken up this Objection and their thoughts on this part of their land was the subject of their presentation. As in the Debenhams intentions they see about five acres of land being used for housing at the end of Egdon Close and connected to Elder Road by a roadway over a new bridge on the stream. Knowing of the needs for a new Village Hall and Medical Centre, they have earmarked space for these in their thoughts. For the future, but not in the lifetime of the present Planning Period, they thought that there could be further housing to the West but certainly not beyond the western end of Souls Moor. Some of the land to the south of Sitterton has views protected by covenants so there are legal defences in place there.

It was pointed out that the Village’s need for a new Hall is a reality for 2004 but that the Trust may not be able to convince the Inspector of the argument in favour of their scheme. In this case the Trust stated that they would not be against an application to erect a new Hall on the site that we have always seen as the best site for the Hall in the Village. In answer to a question concerning provision of a new Hall, the Trust stated that they could not undertake that but might be able to assist in the provision of services. In conclusion the majority of people attending thought that the Presentation was helpful and that the Trust had expressed an interest in the preservation of the countryside in the vicinity of their thoughts. The Trust will be displaying their thoughts in an exhibition at The Drax Hall on Tuesday 7th November, during the afternoon and evening.

CM

On Saturday 11th November there is to be a ‘Christmas Table Top Sale’ organised by the Committee. This is a fund raising event in aid of the Hall and, yet again, new chairs in particular. We have seventy new chairs in the Hall resulting from the sterling efforts of our supporters, but we need to top this number up to around one hundred and twenty. Each one costs around £18.00 so one can see that a considerable effort has to be made to reach our target. The new style of chairs that have been obtained are proving to be popular with all users and they are standing up well to the general usage.

So please come along and support the stalls which we hope will be attending from the various Village Groups. Your custom will support them and their attendance will help the Hall.

CM

After this consultation we will know where we stand and whether we have the support of our community to take these plans forward which is vital if we are to give you facilities fit for the 21st century.

SO COME ALONG, JOIN US AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Barn Dance
Another fun packed sell out evening at the Village Hall.

The music was great, the dancing atrocious (well mine was anyway) and the food sublime. The audience daintily partook of plates piled with pate, ham, quiches, salads, terrine, beef, pastries of every sort and the list goes on. Followed by cheesecakes, trifle, chocolate puds, pavlovas etc. etc. How anyone managed to dance after that lot beats me, but they did and even looked to be enjoying it!!!

Thanks to all who helped make the evening a great success, the Social Club for providing the bar, Eric for expertly doing the raffle, Philippa for gamely washing up the mucky pots and the ladies who slaved over hot stoves and decorated the hall. Well done all of you.

Future Events
We (the committee) felt that the Open Gardens and the Street Fair were such a success this year that we would like to repeat them in 2001. However, we don’t want to get ‘stale’. If anyone has any ideas for events that would go down well in Briantspuddle please share them with us and we’ll see what we can do. It has already been suggested that the Village Hall Committee might like to do a Valentines Supper - what do you think?

Any comments gratefully received.

Jenny Lightfoot

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

Once again a village event has been a sell out. Breakfast at Tiffany’s/Briantspuddle, the film shown on Friday 13 October, starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard was a great success. The waft of perfume and delicious canapés added to the ambience of the evening and the delightful film was enjoyed by all. A provisional sum of £100.00 was raised for the Village Hall Funds.
Village Hall News

Since our last Parish Magazine entry we have had our September meeting and Barn Dance.

Hall Improvements
At the September meeting the main item for discussion was how we were going to present the Village Hall Improvements Sketch Plan to you for your consideration.

We have decided on the following:

1. On Display
The Sketch Plan will first be displayed so that everyone has a chance to look and inwardly digest it, rather than just a glimpse and a hurried discussion at a meeting.

On Monday 23 October 2000 the plan will be on display at the following locations:-
- Parish Notice Boards
- The Village Shop
- Bladen Social Club
- The Village Hall
- On a flier that will be circulated to each house in the Parish.

2. Information Day
On Sunday 5 November 2000 the Village Hall will be open from 11.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm for anyone to come along and have a cup of coffee and talk about the plan with members of the Hall Committee. We will have (as far as we are able) marked out the floor plan on the Hall Yard. The purpose is to give you an opportunity to discuss the reasoning behind the proposal and to answer any queries etc. you may have.

3. Open Forum
On Wednesday 8 November 2000 at 8pm (after the Parish Council Meeting) we will hold an open discussion evening. This will be chaired by Mr C Barter, the Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr R Jones our architect will be present to answer questions, listen to suggestions and take on board the views of residents.

Bere Regis and District Twinning Association

A very successful weekend was had when our friends from Cérences visited Bere Regis during the weekend of 23rd and 24th September. The Association is very grateful to all those in the village who provided accommodation and hospitality to our visitors.

The event hit the news in two French papers and these have been translated for us by one of our committee members – Caroline Hestau.

The first article was published in the French regional newspaper « Ouest France » on Wednesday 27 September 2000 (Annie Dechen)

Twinning : a very warm welcome in Bere Regis (England)
Last week-end, 76 people from Cérences and the neighbouring villages took part in the trip organised by the Cérences-Bere Regis Twinning Committee. This was the second visit of the French group to Dorset. The welcome was extremely warm and all the new families who had never visited the village of Bere Regis came back delighted by this first experience.

Bernard Hammick, chairman of the Bere Regis Committee, and Marylise Elhaïk, his French counterpart, exchanged common wishes : “we think that there are no foreigners, only friends who have never met” . The two days spent with English families showed that this was true : visits, walks or shopping, all activities were decided between guests and host families so that everyone could do what they pleased. The coach chartered for this trip was put at the disposal of those who wanted to see the local sights.

The Saturday evening event, with English and French families meeting for a hog roast and musical entertainment, was enjoyed by everyone. The Dorset Swing Band played first, and was followed by a rock band whose music accompanied those who wished to dance.

On Sunday morning there was the prize giving ceremony for the Art Exhibition organised jointly by Cérences and Bere Regis. Then after an afternoon spent with the English host families, the group met for a ‘ploughman’s supper’ before boarding the coach at 8 pm in order to catch the ferry in Portsmouth.

“We are really sorry to leave our friends after two days spent together” said one French visitor. “This reinforces the bond that exists between us, as we have known each other for 3 years now” adds another. “We don’t speak English very well but we managed to understand each other and this week-end has been really great ; what a warm welcome ! ” adds another.
A numbered mug celebrating the Millenium was presented to each French family by a representative of the Bere Regis Parish Council. The visitors from Cérences went home with lots of photographs, souvenirs and many fond memories. English and French friends will meet again in 2001 when it is the turn of the people of Bere Regis to come to Cérences.

Translation of the second article published in the French regional newspaper « La Manche Libre » (Marylise Elhaïk)

A week-end in England
Seventy-seven people from Cérences and the neighbouring villages crossed the Channel on Friday 22 September in order to spend the week-end with their twinning friends of Bere Regis, Dorset. "A great week-end", "a fabulous week-end", "a brilliant week-end" were the well-deserved comments made by the French about this short but very well organised week-end. The French families arrived at 9 a.m. in Bere Regis where breakfast awaited them. After a day spent at leisure with the host families, doing some shopping, visiting the local sights, or simply having a rest, all the British and the French met up in the evening for a barbecue. Entertainment was provided by the Dorset Swing Band, followed by a rock group.

On the Sunday morning a church service, very appreciated by the French as it was both in English and in French, gathered everyone again, and two excellent choirs sang some beautiful hymns : Greek, Russian, Basque as well as two 18th century ones. Then it was off to Cyril Wood Court, which was hosting an art exhibition. One of the organisers, Mr. J. Antrobus, gave the prizes to the winners, as well as a small paint box to all those who had taken part. At this point, the Cérences twinning committee presented a signed statue by way of thanks for launching the excellent idea of this Millenium Art Exhibition. This also gave the opportunity to the Cérences twinning committee chairperson, Marylise Elhaïk, to quote a great man, well-known in Bere Regis : “There are no foreigners, only friends who have never met” and to wish “for more and more friends in our two villages and for less and less foreigners”.

Mr. Hubert Marie, commander of the Cérences firemen, took his men to the Bere Regis fire station. He mentioned that he had already been there once but on his own. Both the Cérences and the Bere Regis fire stations are similar in size and equipment, but the French firemen were intrigued by a ‘very sophisticated’ (according to Mr. Marie) board showing which men are in and which are out. “All they have to do is knock on a small panel to show which team has been called out” he added.

Late on Sunday afternoon, a ‘ploughman’s supper’ was served to the French guests who filled up on a beautiful assortment of cheeses before crossing the Channel again.

Shop and Post Office
The opening ceremony was conducted in September by the President of the Dorset C.P.R.E, Capt. Michael Fulford-Dobson. Capt. Badcock reported that the use of the shop and post office had increased enormously and it was planned to extend the opening times to include Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Mrs Thorniley, on behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish, thanked Capt. Badcock for his excellent leadership of the “Friends of the Shop Committee”, which had resulted in such a successful conclusion.

On the same subject, it was reported that rainwater on the steps to the shop was making them dangerous. New guttering, downpipe and soakaway were to be funded by the Parish Council.

Abandoned Vehicles
In a move to tackle the growing problem of abandoned vehicles littering our roads, Purbeck District Council in partnership with Weymouth Recycling is offering Purbeck residents the opportunity to dispose of vehicles that have come to the end of their useful life for just twenty pounds. Telephone 01202 675564 and quote reference PDC/WSR and the vehicle will then be collected from your home and taken for recycling.

Corrugated Buildings
The Dorset Building Group is a local society whose aims are to help record and conserve the heritage of Dorset. They have recently been awarded a grant to compile a record of corrugated iron buildings in Dorset. These buildings are part of our architectural heritage and the project aims to create a record before they have all vanished. Plain agricultural buildings, small sheds, etc. are outside the scope of the project but if anyone knows of any “notable” structures, please telephone 01929 423776.

Travelling Library
There have been requests for the mobile library to call at Affpuddle. For this to happen, there must be at least three formal requests submitted. The service is being reviewed in April so please contact the Parish Clerk now if you would like the benefit of this service in Affpuddle.
The chairman of the Bere Regis twinning committee, Bernard Hammick and his ‘right arm’, Ruth Draycott, presented each of the French visitors with a numbered mug, ‘in memory of the Millenium’ Bernard Hammick said. Sunday evening at 8 p.m. the French boarded the coach again to go back home. Everybody agreed that staying with host families had been a great success.

**‘OUR VILLAGERS’ ART EXHIBITION**

Report of the ‘Our Villagers’ Art Exhibition held in the Centre at Cyril Wood Court on the weekends of 15/17th and 23/24th September 2000.

As part of the Twinning Association’s celebrations in this, the Millennium year, the concept of an Art Exhibition, came into being – to help to create a cultural link between Bere Regis and Cerences. Artists in both Dorset and Normandy were invited to submit work which depicted the areas surrounding our respective villages and was classified into four categories – Landscape, Flora and Fauna, Portrait and Other.

Both villages had to choose 20 pictures from their own local exhibitions, with the French visitors bringing their selection over during the Twinning Weekend. Here Alistair Mickie of Wareham and Sally Phenay from Weymouth, both established artists, had the unenviable task of selecting works from a very high standard indeed. The final choices were made as soon as the French entries arrived and were hung alongside ours, with an overall winner for each side and prizes awarded for the best in each class. The British selection was as follows:

The overall winner was Mrs M D Jones for a pastel work entitled ‘Sunlit Cottages’, entered in the Landscape Class.

Flora and Fauna was won by Mr R Aplin with his ‘Sparrow Hawk and Magpie’ and the prize in the category of Other went to Mr P Balding for his ‘Old Amphora’.

Alongside this prestigious art exhibition I carried on with ‘Hidden Treasures’ which was an exhibition solely for Bere Regis people who, having been invited to loan their ‘Treasures’, came with diverse modern and ancient artefacts to fill the tables and cover the walls in the Barn Studio. So many treasured exhibits were on show, which amassed together gave great delight and fascination to the many British and French visitors over the weekend.

It would be inappropriate to conclude this report without mentioning the input of John Antrobus, Managing Trustee of Cyril Wood Court. His expertise and contacts brought the exhibition into being and its great success was largely brought about by his great enthusiasm for the project.

Mary Fegan
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WOMEN’S SECTION

The RBL Women’s Sections held their monthly meeting on 20th September, 17 members were present. After the exultation the business followed and the Treasurer announced that we could donate £900 to Women Section Schemes this, all members agreed, should go to the following: Benevolent £400, General £400, County £100.

On 16th August Mrs Bennett held a Coffee Morning in her garden and this raised £116.30p.

We had no speaker for the September meeting, so Mrs Maidment and Mrs Cockburn gave us some of their funny holiday experiences. Teas were served by Mrs Maidment and Mrs Cockburn, a raffle was run by Mrs Reed and a Bring & Buy by Mrs Burns.

Cenotaph

November – Mrs Presslee
December – Mrs Maidment

VILLAGE APPRAISAL – THE CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Following a meeting of the Village Halls Committee on 27th September 2000, those present were keen for the District Council to help organise an event in the village to help canvass public opinion as to how the quality of life for residents in the village could be improved.

In response to that request we have helped to organise an event which will take place in the Drax Hall on Wednesday 8th November between 4.30pm and 9.30 pm and Thursday 9th November 2000 between 9.00am and 2.00pm.

Our role initially will simply be as facilitators. We can help by organising the day, laying out maps of the village, collating the information that people chose to give. We can also help to bring together the relevant bodies for example, the County and Parish Councils, the health authority, the police, Dorset Community Action and the various officers within the District Council who may be able to assist in bringing about change. The issues raised as a result of the event could then be used to form part of a ‘Village Appraisal’.

In addition, we have a software package called ‘Village Appraisals for Windows’ that we can lend to the village which would enable you to carry out an in-depth survey of opinions should you so desire.
The overall purpose of going through the process of a village appraisal is to look at all the issues that concern ordinary people in the village. You can then set about preparing an action plan to help achieve those aims.

The sort of things we might be able to help with include, improving or creating new opportunities for recreation within the village, looking into transport issues such as speeding and public transport, tackling anti-social behaviour, improving provision of facilities for young people, looking into ways to improve the local economy.

The driving force behind the whole process must come from within the village. If there is no desire for change or improvements, then there will be no point in continuing our involvement.

I understand a Village Appraisal was carried out 14 years ago, but a lot will have changed since then and I believe this makes it a worthwhile exercise to go through a similar process again.

The days are intended for everyone in Bere Regis, regardless of age or circumstances so please try to come along. If you would like to offer suggestions for improvement to the quality of life in Bere Regis but cannot attend on either of the days please feel free to contact me or Pat Bailey, the Council’s Rural Sports Community Development Officer.

If you would like to become more involved we would also like to hear from you. The village will need volunteers to help carry the process forward.

Tim Stokes, Sustainability Co-ordinator 01929 557311, Pat Bailey 01929 557338

**THE NEW HALL**

Since I last reported there has been a meeting of the New Hall Committee. The assembly was addressed by Pat Bailey the Rural Sports and Recreation Development Officer, and Tim Stokes the Sustainability Officer both from the Purbeck District Council. They both explained their tasks and how they may be in a position to assist us. Many of the suggestions on improving life in the Village seem to be happening already so in the end it was decided to produce a Village Appraisal. To this end both speakers offered their help and whereas when undertaken in the late eighties by the Parish Council alone, this time it is intended to hold open meetings for Parishioners to ‘air their views’. The District Officers will make maps of the Village available so that people can mark their wishes with ‘fliers’. On completion there should be information which will form the basis of the Appraisal. Further information on the meetings is contained in the previous article from Tim Stokes.
Craftsman builder
Martin Debenham
Carpenter and joiner

for free advice and estimates
phone
fax: 01929 472580

Kitchen and bathroom fitting specialist

- let me turn your ideas into reality

Coffees 7th November
10.30 a.m.
1 Southmede, Bere Regis
Trust goods on sale Raffle
Please come and bring a friend!
WANTED
Land to purchase or rent
Turnout/Grazing for 2 horses and 2 ponies
Preferably within walking distance of Briantspuddle
Phone Deirdre Norton on 01929

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE
Meetings are moving to the evening of the first Tuesday each month (except during school holiday time when daytime gatherings will enable children and parents to meet together). The next meeting will therefore be on Tuesday 7th November at 8 pm at Gillian’s – 99 North Street. New members are always welcome. Phone Su Roberts for further details (471322).

Cocker Cross Springer Spaniel Pups
Black/White All female
Ready 20th November
£75
01929 471255

Babysitting
‘A’ level student
Mature and responsible
Has First Aid training
Karen Macintosh
01929 471068

If you have information about any crime, phone
CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
• Your call is free
• You do not have to give your name
• You may receive a reward

Uniting against crime
CRIMESTOPPERS TRUST is a registered charity, number 297500
Unfortunately for Galer he was about to become the villain. A hopeful through ball looked to be no trouble until Mark decided to slot an inch perfect through ball past Paddles and into the path of an onrushing forward. Things got worse in defence as an inch perfect through ball found a Lion in acres of space and he finished in style to put Bere 2-1 down at half-time, but not disgraced.

The second half started badly for Bere and got worse as it went along. From the kick-off Bere’s sloppy passing allowed Creekmoor a run on goal, but Paddles did enough to force a miss, right into the midriff of our keenest, and scruffiest, supporter. This wake-up call was not heeded and Creekmoor were soon 3-1 up, a perfect cross and a clinical header past Paddles.

Bere never say die though, and when Wayne was allowed a clean run on goal there was only going to be one winner. Bere 3-2 down and playing for pride. Things were not helped when, in a game that had already seen sweat and tears, Spivey provided the blood in a clash of heads that gave Dr Macca the chance to practise his medicine. One big sticking plaster later, Spivey was no longer able to continue and whilst reorganising Bere went further behind never to recover. The Cup would have to wait another year.

Club notices include: 9 December 2000, themed disco night from 8.00pm onwards. 17 December 2000, members’ children’s’ Christmas party. 26 December 2000, Boxing Day football charity match at 10.30am with ‘Sporting Bullseye’ competition in clubhouse at 1.00pm. Finally 31 December 2000, New Year’s Eve families’ night.

14th November – Christmas with Graham King from Godalming
12th December Workshop – Christmas Ideas with Ann Syrad from Broadstone.
After such an awesome display in the last 15 minutes of the previous game, Summers Electrical held no fears for the Regis. This was helped even more when Summers turned up with the bare eleven and had to beg for a linesman. Despite torrential rain, Bere tore Summers apart at half time and found themselves 5-1 up, the pick of the goals being a perfectly timed run and inch perfect finish from the one and only Kev Cox. The second half saw more of the same and despite the efforts of Summers’ cheating linesman (or was that Macca) Bere ran out easy winners and found themselves top of the table again. Unfortunately, the only way is down from there.

Marconi Communications were a different proposition. On a pitch that would give a snail claustrophobia Bere were always going to struggle. Add to this a team that likes to play the ball over the top for pacy forwards to run onto and it was the Weld Arms all over again. Marconi had obviously heard of Bere’s reputation and so had drafted a number of Portuguese players into their team, although Luis Figo was thankfully not amongst them. There was talk of trying to prevent them actually playing under the three foreigners rule, but it was soon pointed out that Bere would also be in trouble under the three farmers rule so the game had to go ahead.

Bere started brightly enough and for the first 20 minutes there was only one team in it. With the corner count at 10-0, if it had been a boxing match the ref would have stopped it. As it was, it was no surprise when Bere took the lead, a beautifully flighted cross from the left and Bungy Brown was on hand to head in to the top corner. From there it all went downhill. A sleeping defence allowed Marconi to equalise, a crumbling defence allowed them to take the lead and a non-existent midfield allowed Marconi a 3-1 cushion. Chances came and went for Bere, but it was left to Johnny ‘I can’t stop scoring’ Cleall to pull one back before half-time with a speculative cross that looped in. In the second half, Bere soon equalised as Rob White did what he does best, apart from making patios, by committing then beating the keeper. But this was not Bere’s day. Paddles was not on top form today and being sick at half-time did not help in the slightest. First an awesome toe-punt saw him clutching at thin air to put Marconi in the lead, then another in quick succession put the ball beyond Paddles’ grasping clutch and the game beyond the Regis. Slightly demoralised, it was no time to be drawn in the Cup against a Bournemouth team that had not lost for 2 years and were cup finalists last year. Creekmoor Lions certainly started the game growling, but this soon backfired as the ref gave a penalty against them for a two footed challenge that would have had Keane wincing. Mark Gale stepped up to become the hero once again and Bere were 1-0 ahead in the first five minutes.
There was an excellent turnout for our September meeting, which proved to be a great evening. Simon Marshall, wearing colourful chef’s trousers, with his helper Neil Ward, gave a demonstration of cookery using a wok and produced a chicken stir fry with noodles followed by a pina colada pineapple cream dish. Due to the Food Act all food had to be eaten the same evening, which was no hardship! Simon passed on several good tips and answered the many questions raised.

Following the demonstration a vote of thanks was given to Simon and Neil for such an enjoyable evening and to the members who had produced the cakes and biscuits for the refreshments served after the demonstration.

The next meeting will be held at The Drax Hall on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30 pm.

Margaret Dann, 472734

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES

BARTON’S WASHCARE

For Repairs to your Washing Machine or Dryer
AND CERTIFICATED PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING
Now in our 21st Year of Service!
Manufacturer-trained Engineer - Call any day before 10pm
Most makes & models - All parts carry 12 months Guarantee
Prompt & Courteous Service - Approximate Time of Arrival given
No Call-out Fee on any Call.
Tel: 01202 690 224 / Mobile: 07714 424 478
Email: bartons@washcare.freeserve.co.uk

The Cup run can only be described as a false start, ending before it had really begun at wild and windy Portland. It was a game of two halves, with Bere winning the second 1-0. Unfortunately, they had already lost the first 6-0 in a bad tempered match that made the Arsenal/Man U fixture look like a Sunday school match. Once again, Johnny Cleall was on the score sheet as, for the first time ever, he now has more goals than disciplinary points. Long may it continue!!

Another season, another promotion. Second in the league last year, Bere’s Sunday side have now hit the giddy heights of Division 2 where there are no easy matches, apart from Windgreen and Summers Electrical.

Nick Macklin, expecting the England call any moment, decided to take a break for the first 2 matches and left Mark Gale in charge. With new summer signing, Chris ‘Ginger’ Osmond, on show Bere started with a simple game against Windgreen. Playing at less than half pace, Bere controlled the game quite confidently until, at 2-0 up, Kev Cox decided to make things difficult. A hopeful cross looked to be no danger at all until Kev drilled the ball into the bottom corner past Paddles. Regis rocked for a while until Andy Curtis gave a two goal cushion once more and Bere ran out worthy winners.

The next game was more tricky against a side that had won 10-0 the previous week and were oozing with fitness and confidence. In a close, hard fought match Bere took the lead in the first half only to be pegged back when a hopeful through ball caught Bere napping and the Semaphore forward finished with aplomb. A titanic second half produced chances for both sides but no goals. There were comments that the flag-happy linesman was appropriate for the Semaphore Arms, but in the end the draw was a fair result.

Nick returned for the visit to Stur Marshall and a bit of local rivalry. Once again, Bere struggled to find form. In fact, new signing ‘Ginge’ struggled to find his own team mates as a disastrous pass to the Stur forward allowed Stur to take a 2-1 lead which they kept until the last 15 minutes. It was with a flourish that Nick unveiled his other new signing, Dan ‘The Man’ Vater (a chip off the old block if ever there was one), and he was well rewarded. Within minutes of coming on he had equalised. Soon after, he was there again to make it 3-2 to Bere and if that was not enough he rounded off with one more fine effort to give himself a quicksilver hat-trick and Bere the victory.

Whilst Dan took the plaudits, I am sure there was also a manager who would find his next week’s contemplations at work more enjoyable and a captain who would look forward to listening to them.
### FOOTBALL RESULTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent 1</th>
<th>Score 1</th>
<th>Opponent 2</th>
<th>Score 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9 Sep</td>
<td>SHAFTESBURY</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Sep</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td></td>
<td>SEMAPHORE</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Sep</td>
<td>STUR. MARSHALL</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ARMS</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Sep</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SHERBORNE</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 Sep</td>
<td>BERE REGIS ELECTRICAL</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SUMMERS</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Sep</td>
<td>STOURPAINE</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Oct</td>
<td>MARCONI COMMS.</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Oct</td>
<td>Dorset Junior Cup Round 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>HARLEQUINS &amp; WESTON SP.6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Oct</td>
<td>Dorset Intermediate Cup Round 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LIONS</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>CREEKMOOR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Oct</td>
<td>CRANBORNE</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>BERE REGIS</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Dorset Furnishing Care**

Specialist Hand Cleaning of Upholstery & Curtains

The Ultimate in DRY Cleaning of Carpets & Rugs

For more information & advice please phone:

Bere Regis 472177

---

**100 Watt Club**

1st prize - £10
Mr E Collis – no 184

2nd prize - £10
Mrs E Marsh – no 159

3rd prize - £10
Mr F Lewis – no 18

4th prize - £5
Mrs M Miller – no 2

5th prize - £5
Miss N Roblin – no 151

---

**Children**

**Come and join in a morning of fun activities**

on Saturday December 2nd at 10.30 to 12.00 noon in Bere Regis Parish Church

All children between the ages of 4 and 10 will be most welcome. There will be music, craft work and stories all with a Christmas theme. Do come and enjoy yourselves! (Refreshments will also be provided)
What causes more trouble than anything else in this world? Dare I say it - the tongue! What heart aches and heart breaks are caused by selfish, thoughtless and unloving words, especially when they are spoken in haste or anger.

Most wars in the world begin with aggressive words spoken by men of power, or men seeking power for themselves. ‘Neighbours at war’ usually starts with offensive words over the garden fence! Relationships between a husband and wife, or between close friends, in families or in the workplace can be destroyed by ‘having words’.

Someone has remarked “If you talk when you are angry you will make the best speech that you will always regret.” If only I had kept my mouth shut and my ears open at that moment! Which is more palatable - to eat one’s hat or to eat one’s words? The old proverb “Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me” is a total lie, for words can be very hurtful indeed.

In the Bible, the book of James chapter 3v.5-6 talks about the power of the tongue being like a fire. It may be a small part of the body but it can cause more destruction than Guy Fawkes ever planned, with his gun powder plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. James 1:19 also says; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Jesus Christ always spoke words of life, hope and grace. Jesus said, “Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.......and .... we will all have to give account of our careless words one day” Matthew 12:33-37

Sometimes we do not find it easy to control our tongues and we need God’s help to do so. One of the character traits, or fruits, He wants to grow in our lives is that of self control, but He can only do it if we allow Him to take charge of our lives. There are nine character fruits all together - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. (Galatians 5:22-23) What a different place this world would be if we all allowed God into our lives and asked Him to give us His power to produce such fruit. It would certainly change our words!

I have said enough, don’t you think - so I had better shut up and listen!

Revd Ray Healey, 12 South Mead, Bere Regis 01929 471443

AUTUMN LEAVES
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 25th November
2.00 p.m.
Drax Hall

No entry fee

Tea
Raffle
Presents from 50p

Proceeds to Autumn Leaves funds
A most amazing and interesting talk on ‘Walking Sticks’ was given by Mr Philip Gaussan in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Thursday 5th October. Seventy people attended and were able to see part of Mr Gaussan’s very large collection of decorative and functional stocks dating from the last century. A very definite ‘Must Have it’ was a lady’s ebony cane with a mirror and compact secreted in the silver top and a gentleman’s stick which became a rapier for self defence.

It is very satisfying to report that £300 was raised in total of which £94 was taken in the sale of raffle tickets for the beautiful handmade double quilt to be raffled next May 2001. Thanks are extended to all those who helped make the evening such a success.

Our branch of this important charity has gone from strength to strength this year but we always need new Committee Members and Friends with fresh ideas and energy to help at functions. Do YOU have time to spare and could YOU help. The committee meets 2 – 3 times a year in order to plan fundraising. The Friends provide a back-up of helpers at the functions.

This is a charity that touches us all. If you are interested please contact Mrs Penny Roblin (Chairman) 471262.

The first 150 years of Bere Heath Chapel was celebrated in style. The concert consisted of an impressive range of music performed by Dorchester United Church Brass Ensemble, conducted by David Osborne; a delightful variety of songs by the Woodbury Hill Singers, led by Kath Jeeves; poetry by William Barnes and Thomas Hardy, recited by Cis Lewis; a rendition on the organ by our youngest member, Dorothy Roberts (6); a selection of sing-along choruses played by Les Orchard; and a poem written by Jacqui Cowey after visiting the Chapel for the Flower Festival. A packed house of friends from near and far enjoyed a wonderful evening which culminated in the band leading the communal singing of Jane Archer’s ‘Celebration Song’, with the author and her husband joining in!

The Sunday Celebration Service was conducted by Rev Andy Bryer (previously a Local Preacher to our Chapel). During the service, which included Holy Communion, Les and Faye Orchard were welcomed into membership.
Thank you

We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has donated money to the surgery equipment fund over the last few years. In recent months we have bought:

- a defibrillator
- a nebuliser
- some minor surgery instruments
- 2 automatic blood pressure monitors
- spending approximately £4,000.

Flu Vaccinations

If you have not had a flu vaccination yet and you:-
- are aged 65 or over
- suffer from Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Respiratory Disease including Asthma
- Renal Disease

Please contact the surgery on 01929 471268 to make your appointment.

It is important that you have a flu vaccination.

Su Roberts, 471322
November 2000

Because Purbeck is very rural many older people find themselves very isolated and lonely, therefore the British Red Cross has started a new Befriending Scheme for them in the Purbeck area offering free emotional and practical assistance on a short-term basis. You may benefit from this if you have been discharged from hospital and are having difficulty in readjusting to living alone, or have had an illness or accident not requiring hospitalisation. Is your carer going away or are all themselves? Would short-term help be beneficial?

The befrienders can offer practical assistance with shopping, pension or prescription collection, as well as, emotional support such as someone to talk to and encourage confidence, therefore improving the client’s quality of life.

For the scheme to be a success we need volunteers so if you have a few hours a week to spare, live in Purbeck and would gain satisfaction from working in your local community. Enquiries welcome from all, whether volunteering or wanting to know more about the service.

Contact: Rebecca O’Neill/Jacqui Buchanan on 01929 551555

BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

Most folks had an enjoyable evening at the Harvest Supper – I’m really peeved as I missed another good feast! Dr Godfrey will talk on Egypt on Tuesday 7th November. I will have a chance to catch up on my feasting with the Christmas Party on Tuesday 5th December – you can buy your tickets at the November meeting.

As I write the Dobies catalogues for 2001 have arrived and will be available at the November meeting. If you need a long time to sort out your order give me a ring on 472343 and I will try to drop off a copy to you. I will be looking to take in orders at the December meeting (Christmas Party).

Andy Morrison, 472343

Date for your diary
2nd January 2001  Gardening Club AGM – 7.30pm

NEW PURBECK BEFRIENDING SCHEME

President – Mike Jones
Captain - Jim Corbin
Secretary - Mike Davies
Treasurer - Rob Hall

MILLENNIUM FIXTURES

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 membership forms and details.

TERRY MOONEY 01929 471421

Grass cutting, large or small hedge cutting, Fencing, Paths, Patios, Ponds and much more.

Also, you can now have your patio, paths or brickwork cleaned by Power Washer. Available for private hire.
Autumn Leaves
over 50s club

- Talks
- Entertainment
- Tours
- Sales Table
- Raffles
- Library
- Full Tea

No fee to join, just come along.
We meet every second Wednesday at
2.30 p.m. at the Drax Hall, North Street

35p at the door,
including full tea.

Ring
Kath - 471175 or
Mary - 471469

A general insurance broker specialising in
Countryside Risks and people – on your doorstep

- Very competitive thatch premiums
- Personal Accident
- Houses, Holiday Cottages, B&B
- All types of Commercial business
- Horses, Ponies and Horse Lorries

Underwriters Ltd
Throop House
Throop
DT2 7JD

Tel: 01929 472378
Fax: 01929 472398

e-mail: AlecArmitage@compuserve.com

Local
01929 - 462222

No call out charge. **PLUS!**
No charge if equipment
proves un-economic to repair.
BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

The transition, from a legion youth section to an independent youth group, took place very smoothly at the end of September.

A ‘Games Evening’ got the new group underway on the 4th October, followed by an afternoon Canoeing on Sunday the 8th. A member’s mother, kindly helped out with transport to the lake and accepted an offer to try her hand in a canoe. I am sure that she will long remember the pleasures of a paddle on the lake, especially how cold the water can be if you happen to capsize. However, with plenty of hot drinks, dry clothes, some friendly words of encouragement, all the young members, and mum, agreed that they had enjoyed themselves. They even said they were looking forward to the next time.

On the 10th October, the group was officially opened by Mrs Dee Wardell, County Co-ordinator, Dorset Youth Association. The short ceremony, held as part of ‘Lenny’s Party Night’, was followed by fun and games plus plenty of jelly, cakes etc. Twenty young people attended, on a very wet and windy evening, to take part in the proceedings. Games involved wrapping up your friend as an ‘Egyptian Mummy’, using a toilet roll and also trying to guess just ‘Who am I?’

Following on from the ‘Karaoke Night’, held at the end of October, the members will be staging a ‘Talent Show’ on the 14th November. It is hoped that the winner and runner-up will go forward to the County Finals at Dorchester on the 15th December. The competition is run annually by Dorset Youth Association at their headquarters in Lubbecke Way.

Group members are hoping to challenge the ladies, from the Women’s Section, to a game of Carpet Bowls on Tuesday 21st November. The young people have won all of the previous challenges, but always felt a bit guilty as the ladies have kindly provided an excellent spread of food after the game. The young members, to their credit, work hard to ensure that there is never very much left to clear away afterwards.

Looking forward to December, activities will include:

6th Eskimo Night
12th Christmas Cooks
19th Christmas Disco
26th No Meeting

With over 30 years motor vehicle experience, 10 years of which has been spent with Honda and Toyota main dealers, we are delighted to offer competitive, high quality servicing and maintenance.

Simon Dobinson (Toyota and Honda Service Manager 1986 - 1996) and Mike Hughes (Honda trained and experienced) are also delighted to inform both new and old clients of their newly increased workshop area.

Main dealer service with collection and delivery, loan cars, and valet service combined with cost effective, skilled workmanship.

Please call:
Simon Dobinson or
Mike Hughes
01305 261111
All our pigs are reared on straw beds in family groups and are fed a GM free diet. No growth promoters or antibiotics are used.

We cater for all occasions – from sausages and joints, to a whole pig. All joints are boned and rolled unless otherwise requested. Discounts available for caterers and larger orders.

For more details and price lists, please contact:
Kevin and Amanda Crocker, c/o 2 The Green, Tolpuddle, Dorchester, Dorset.
Tel: 01305 848107 Mobile: 0976 277185
Delivery free within 10 mile radius.

‘Lenny’s’ will reopen on Tuesday 9th January 2001.
Membership is open to Juniors 8-11 (£2.50) and Seniors 12-17 (£4.00) both male and female. There are no nightly subs but there may be charges for some activities.
Please call into the Legion Club on any youth night, if you would like to join ‘Lenny’s’ or telephone 471693 for further information.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader
NOTICE TO ALL ADVERTISERS

I will shortly start to contact our regular advertisers to arrange renewals for next year. This is a good time to think about changes you might wish to make, or adjustments to layout.

We will need amended artwork by 3rd December.

Also a reminder to Clubs and Societies. Please check your entry in the Church and Village Activities pages at the back of the magazine.

For further information contact the Editor, as soon as possible.

TRAIL & CO

Solicitors

Greyhound House
Market Place
Blandford Forum
Dorset DT11 7EB
Telephone: 01258 452555
Fax: 01258 459384

You can always telephone;
better still, pop in and see us

THE FAIRWAYS

RESTAURANT

OPEN
Seven days
a week

We cater for all those special occasions.
Non-members Welcome!

EAST DORSET GOLF CLUB
(Just off the Bere Regis/Wool Road)
Call in or telephone: 01929-472244

We are a friendly practice specialising in agriculture, residential (private and commercial), advising the elderly, family and general matters.

- Ground floor offices
- No problem is too small for us
- Anytime is a good time for making a Will
- Your affairs will be treated in a discrete and confidential manner
Open on Mondays and Fridays from 9.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon

At the Lower Room of the Drax Hall, we offer a friendly cafe type setting with an extensive lending library of books and videos. We loan out computer equipment and offer a photocopying service at 10p per copy. We also operate a highly successful clothing recycling scheme.

For further details telephone 472023 or 472069

We organise social events for all ages

We provide activities for children in the school holidays

---

P. O. BRADY
General Builder

Specialists in Extensions and Alterations

Telephone or Fax
01929 471466

2 Glebe Cottages
Snow Hill
Bere Regis
Wareham
Dorset

---

HEATING AND GAS SERVICE ENGINEER

Steve Ash

Boilers serviced and repaired
C.O. Gas Safety checks
Gas fires fitted and serviced
Tel: 01202 632337
Mobile: 0410 801685

---

Homoeopathy

Homoeopathy is an effective and scientific system of healing which assists the body to heal itself. Suitable for men, women and children with all types of health problems.

If you would like more information, an appointment (home visits possible) or a free quarterly newsletter on homoeopathy, please ring

Harriet Angell - R.S.Hom. on 01305 849162
TRINITY MOTORS
Unit 1, Townsend Industrial Park, Bere Regis
Tel: 01929 472205

Servicing      Repairs      M.O.T’s
Comfortable waiting room  Free 14 day retest
Free minor adjustments
MOT’s carried out while you wait
MOT’s for all cars, commercials up to 3000kg, motorised caravans and minibuses

Your local independent garage backed by UNIPART

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB

At our October meeting Mrs June King gave a talk on Dorset Buttons that kept us all entertained.

A letter was read to members from Clarence House. The Club had sent the Queen Mother a birthday card on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and the letter thanked members for their ‘kind thoughts’.

Two members were presented with flowers on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Many unusual articles that were found in members’ homes were on display.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th November when we will have a talk by Mrs Johns on ‘Washday Blues’. The competition is for a piece of linen.

Our Bazaar (Christmas) is on Saturday 25th November at the Drax Hall at 2.00 pm. Will members or anyone in the village who have anything for our sale please phone Kath (471175) or Mary (471469) or bring to Larkspur. This is in aid of our funds.

GARDENING SERVICES

All aspects of garden work undertaken, including lawn and hedge cutting, clearing, strimming, regular maintenance etc.

Please call to discuss your requirements.

Richard Chivers
58 Elder Road
Bere Regis
Dorset
BH20 7NB

Telephone 01929 471282 or mobile 07970 490985
**FUNDAY FRIDAY PROGRAMME (until the end of this year)**

We have planned the following extra activities for you to enjoy on Fridays.

- **Friday 3rd November**  
  Prize Bingo

- **Friday 17th November**  
  Country Café (Children in Need)

- **Friday 1st December**  
  Board Games

- **Friday 8th December**  
  Poetry (Some with a Christmas theme)

- **Friday 22nd December**  
  Carols and Mince Pies

**TRANSPORT**

If you would like to be picked up and taken to the Pop In Place please contact Alison Bennett on 472023.

**POP IN PLACE BBC CHILDREN IN NEED CAFE**

Friday the 17th November is the BBC Children In Need Appeal day and at the Pop In Place we will be running a country café. We need donations of home-made cakes and preserves and raffle prizes. Everyone is welcome to come along and you can even dress in country style if you wish, but that is of course optional.

We need your support to help to continue to raise our usual totals for this worthy cause.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**POP IN PLACE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION Saturday 16th December**

Christmas is just around the corner and preparations for the Christmas Show are going well, if you would like to perform in it you must contact Alison today.

Maybe performing isn’t your thing, but you could help us make some of the nativity costumes. Has anyone got any suitable fabric for Kings? Or any brightly coloured long dresses?

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

thanks to Pat House

**STUFFED PLAICE**

The finest plaice comes from Poole Harbour and this is the time of year when it is at its best.

- 2 medium carrots
- 1 medium courgette, grated
- 4 tbls fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs
- 1 tbls lemon juice
- 4 plaice fillets
- Salt & pepper

Mix together the grated carrots and courgette. Stir in the breadcrumbs and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper.

Lay the plaice fillets (skin side up) and divide the stuffing between them.

Rollup to enclose the stuffing and secure with a cocktail stick. Place in an ovenproof dish, cover and bake in a moderate over for about 30 minutes. Serve hot with new potatoes and a green veg.
During September we attended 12 incidents:

- 1 road traffic accident
- 1 car fire
- 4 stand-by duties
- 2 fuel spillages
- 2 false alarms
- 1 barn fire
- 1 property fire.

This month I will briefly describe the property fire. On Monday 11 September at 19.35pm we were called to Charlton Marshall to assist at a large garage workshop on fire. The semi-detached workshop was well alight when the first and second fire engines arrived from Blandford. The building contained many risks to the fire-fighters including several vehicles filled with petrol and diesel, another powered by LPG, oxyacetylene and propane gas cylinders were all cause for concern. The thick black smoke down to ground level hid trip hazards including an open inspection pit. However, with the bungalow and a Peugeot main dealer nearby a decision was made to attack the fire from the inside using breathing apparatus and main jets. Two personnel from our engine wore breathing apparatus inside the building while the remainder of the crew protected the buildings at the rear of the workshops.

The Hog Roast held this year at Rowlands Wait caravan park in conjunction with the Twinning Association was a complete success and personnel from the Fire Station have again been invited to the Feast of St Barbe (the patron saint of French fire-fighters) in December of this year.

My thanks to the managers of Vitacress, Bere Regis for their kind permission to approach their personnel with regards to joining the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, retained at Bere Regis.

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander