There was a time when people wrote letters to The Times, and people read them. One letter went as follows:

Sir, I have been to church for the past 30 years. During this time I estimate that I have heard over 1,500 sermons. I can honestly say that I cannot now remember one single sermon.

Yours faithfully, etc.

As you will imagine, this created some considerable correspondence. The editor of The Times brought the correspondence to a close with this letter:

Sir, I have been married for 30 years. During this time, I estimate that my wife has cooked 21,840 meals which I have eaten. I can honestly say that I cannot now remember one single meal.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Since coming to Bere Regis, I have written 93 "Thoughts from the Vicarage". In addition, I estimate that I have preached over 1,000 times. It is the end of August as I write this, and I am off on my annual holiday in two days’ time. I have ceased to think any "thoughts" in time for the October magazine.

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October
1st Harvest Festival - Affpuddle 11.00 a.m.
11th Autumn Leaves, talk on Dorset buttons 8.00 p.m.
13th Breakfast at Tiffany's, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
26th The Mousehole Cat Puppet show, Drax Hall 11.00 a.m.
27th ROGS – Moors Valley Golf Club 28th Kenya 2000 presentation evening

November
4th Bangers and Mash Party, and Auction of Promises - Drax Hall
7th Gardening Club – Egypt 8.00 p.m.
8th Autumn Leaves, Washday Blues 12th Remembrance Sunday
11th Christmas Mini-market, Drax Hall 24th Artsreach – Common Source, Briantspuddle Village Hall
25th Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.

December
2nd Children’s Activity Event in the church 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
2nd Briantspuddle WI Christmas Fair 5th Gardening club Christmas Party 8.00 p.m.
9nd Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court 16th PIP Show and Party
17th Affpuddle Carol and Gift Service 11.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Carol Service 24th CHRISTINGLE - Bere Regis 6.00 p.m.
24th MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Bere Regis 8.00 p.m.
25th CHRISTMAS DAY 11.30 p.m.

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1st October Harvest Festival
8th October Mrs P House Mrs P Roblin
15th October Mrs J Herring Mrs J Kinahan
22nd October Mrs B Griffin Mrs N Gibson
29th October Mrs S Hazlerigg Mrs P Roblin

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 1st October
9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss Fampton / Mr Woodward

Sunday 8th October
11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

Sunday 15th October 9.30 a.m.
Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m.

Sunday 22nd October
11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m.

Sunday 29th October9.30 a.m.
Benefice Service at Bere Regis

Readers

1st Miss Fampton
8th Mrs Jutting
15th Mrs Griffin

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

Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides
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Kingsbere Quilters
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall

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

Mobile Library
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,
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Toddler Group
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Tuesday Club
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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
Autumn Leaves (over 50s) 7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Babysitting Circle 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Beavers (6-8 yrs) 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Bere Heath Methodist 10.30 a.m. Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly
Chapel (3.00 p.m.)
Bingo 7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall
British Legion Club 7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
Legion Women’s Section 2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
British Legion Youth 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, HQ
Brownies 6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
B.R.S.C. Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
Briantspuddle Singers 7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
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Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Camera Club 7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
Coffee Stop 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct
Congregational Church 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
Cubs (8-10½ yrs) 6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
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D.S.S. Van 1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

CHURCH SERVICES In OCTOBER

Sunday 1st October Harvest Festival
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Service (Affpuddle) followed by
Lunch in Briantspuddle Hall
6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival Evensong (Bere Regis) followed by
Harvest Supper in the South Aisle

Sunday 8th October Trinity 16
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 15th October Trinity 17
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 22nd October Trinity 18
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communication (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis), sung by Cantamus, a chamber
choir from Bournemouth

Sunday 29th October Trinity 19
9.30 a.m. A Joint Benefice Eucharist (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

On Friday 22nd July a quarter peal of 1260 changes in three methods of reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung by members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

1st  Yvonne Hall  4th  Philip Tocock
2nd  David Cull  5th  Thomas Garrett
3rd  Andrea Boffy  6th  Adrian Standfield
       (Conductor)  (Local Ringer)

Adrian would like to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and the campanology experts from Dorchester and Weymouth who made this event possible.

Sergeant Philip Tocock rang a full peal of 5040 changes taking 3 hours 15 minutes in 1943 when stationed at Bovington Camp.

Practices have started again on Wednesday at 6.30pm. Our tower open weekend was enjoyed by many who have since commented on their experience, and we have gained two learners who were started in their interest by their visit up the stairs.

We are very pleased to let anyone who missed the weekend to climb the 100 stairs. Please ring John England and this can be arranged.

There will be ringing for a wedding on Saturday 7th October at 1.30 pm.

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Please can you spare an hour or two on SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER to give our Churchyard its annual extra spruce up? Your assistance will be much appreciated. Any time to suit yourself but especially from 10.00 to 12.30.
**BERE REGIS EVENING SERVICE ON 22ND OCTOBER**

Cantamus, a chamber choir conducted by the choir master of St. John's Church, Bournemouth, is coming to sing Evensong on Sunday, 22nd October.

**BERE REGIS P.C.C**

meets in the church on Wednesday, 11th October, at 7.30 p.m.

**BERE REGIS HARVEST TIME CONCERT**

7TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

A group of singers known as the St. John's Singers are going to give a concert of sacred music on 7th October. Two pieces will be performed, Schubert's "Deutche Messe" and Henry Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving."

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

HARVEST FESTIVAL this year will be held on 1st October. In Affpuddle this will be at 11 o'clock, followed by lunch in Briantspuddle Village Hall. (See separate notice) In Bere Regis a Harvest Supper will follow the service at 6.00 p.m.
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Our speaker at our September meeting was Mr Edred Bowman, who updated us with news of the charity, ‘Send a Cow’. Edred had visited Uganda to see some of the projects instigated by the charity and told us how the work was spread. Many more women have been provided with cows and this has resulted, not only in better health and wealth for the immediate families, but also for whole communities.

Edred had also attended the enthronement service of a friend who had become a bishop. The service lasted for 7½ hours and was attended by 40 other bishops, some archbishops and lots of musicians. As a Reader, Edred was invited to process with the bishops and clergy in his robes.

Eileen gave details of the visit of MU Worldwide President, Lady Eames, who will be in Poole on Wednesday 4th October. Tickets are available for those who would like to attend.

We had received an invitation to attend a WI meeting when a cookery demonstration would take place at the Drax Hall on 19th September.

Brenda reported on the Children’s Morning held in August. Members were pleased to hear that a group of prospective leaders in Children’s work were planning future events.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm at Turberville Court.

Brenda Pitfield, 471391

MIND THE WORLD GROUP

From time to time, people in the Mind the World Group like to let it be known that we would very much welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We have been in existence for about 15 years (possibly high time to change our ideas!) – and our main aim is to learn about conditions for people in developing countries, and do what little we can to help. Under this category comes selling Traidcraft items (see advert for our Traidcraft coffee morning!), which is a way of ensuring that ‘Third World’ producers have fair returns for their goods. This in turn enables them to find more money to spend on items such as medicines and school fees.
We also have a small bring and buy stall – (coffee also available!) in the Church, at 10.30 on the first Sunday of each month. This is for anyone who would like to come, not necessarily just for churchgoers. The idea is that we bring our surplus goods (a wonderful way of redistributing those marrows!); and turn them into coins for people who are constantly short of the basics in life.

On the first Sunday in October and November, we would like to make a special effort, as we would like to make a contribution to a Revolving Loan scheme for mothers of small children at risk from malnutrition, in Africa. — For some years we have had contact with the head of a Theological College in Uganda. He is a Sudanese refugee, and his wife, Lois, is a qualified nursery teacher. She has set up the revolving loan scheme so that mothers can borrow money to start off a small business. When there is enough profit put by to repay the loan, they pay the money back, so that someone else can use it to start up a business for themselves. The original borrowers are then in a position to continue earning money from their business which will pay for more nourishing food, school fees, or any of the other basic needs in life (which we are lucky enough to be able to take for granted).

People are always very generous, but can I please put in a special plea for you to do a bake for one or both of the two Sundays, or bring along anything sellable. And if you normally just bring a certain amount of money along to a Sunday service, can you make it a LARGE AMOUNT on those two occasions, so that we can raise as much money as possible for Lois’s work(!) – Many thanks, and we hope to see you there!

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BRIANTSPUDDLE WI
COFFEE MORNING
in
Briantspuddle Village Hall
Saturday 7 October
10am - Noon
Stalls and Raffle
Proceeds to CLIC
Cancer and Leukaemia in Children

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE P.C.C.

meets on 3rd October in Cruck Cottage at 7.30 p.m.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

This year. We are nearing the end of the second year ‘after sheep’, and the work carried out since then is bearing fruit. A number of people have said how much they appreciate the change and the new memorial seat is lovely to sit on and enjoy the Peace Garden. Next year, hopefully, we shall be able to see some new wild flowers which were sown near the river this Spring. Apart from the parish’s views on the state of the churchyard, it was very nice to be told that it has been awarded HIGHLY COMMENDED in this year’s Living Churchyard Awards. Paul Badcock and Jan Hopkins will represent us on 28th October at Dorset Wildlife Trust to receive this award.

Next year. We shall be thinking about the plans for next year before long. If anyone has ideas or suggestions they are welcome to raise them with any member of the PCC. However please remember that the maintenance of our churchyard is carried out entirely by volunteers so there is a limit to our ambitions. In the coming year, we shall probably have to tackle our large yews which continue to expand and need fairly drastic pruning.

Autumn clean-up and grave levelling. This is planned for the morning of Saturday 11th November (18th Nov. in case of rain) from 9.30 a.m. onwards. ALL are welcome to lend a hand, as the more the merrier (unfortunately no alcohol, but hot drinks are laid on!). There are the usual end-of-season chores, including leaf-clearing, hedge-cutting and a few graves to be levelled. The latter is carried out in accordance with Churchyard Regulations and is primarily to make it easier for us to keep the grass in reasonable trim. Incidentally, for those who are not aware of our Churchyard Regulations, these may be seen on the wall in the church porch opposite the notice boards. We plan to post another copy by the gate shortly. If anyone has a query about this please contact one of the undersigned.

Finally, a big Thank-you to all who have given up their time so generously this year to keep the churchyard looking really nice throughout the season.

Paul Badcock and John Solly.

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

A very good turn out of members came to our September meeting on Wednesday the 6th when we went over the events of the summer. In particular the Street Fair when the WI not only had a successful cake stall, but with others who worked at Cruck Cottage helping with teas from 11.30 am until 4.30 pm when the Fair finished.

The whole event was a huge success on a beautiful day and we were glad to have been part of it. The current Newsletter took up some of our time as there are many events taking place, notably the Autumn Council Meeting in October, back in Weymouth again, so a delegate volunteered and two other members will also attend. There was some discussion on the request for Resolutions for the AGM and one was agreed which will be put forward later when it is finally worded etc.

As our Speaker was not able to be with us Mrs Holman ‘stood in’ with a demonstration of a Continental flower arrangement which is quite different in line and colour from the usual English ones. It is, she says, easier which is quite a relief for those of us with two left hands when faced with flowers and a container. After this she decorated a twig wreath for Christmas, again quite different from the usual holly and greenery and most attractive when completed. Altogether a most stimulating evening. We hope Mrs Hopkins will be able to give her talk on Conservation in Dorset at our October Meeting on the 4th when we shall also have our Birthday Supper.

As usual, visitors are welcome.

Mary Bentley

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 2 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Please make a note of this popular village event now.

If anyone would like a stall the charge is £6.00

Please contact Audrey Grindrod 471214 or Kath Wharton 471493
AFFPUDDLE HOME GROUP

Our meetings have recommenced for the autumn. They take place every Monday, starting at 7.45 for 8.00 pm, at Starmoor, Throop, the home of Mike and Hilly Menzies. This term we are studying the book of the prophet Isaiah, helped by a booklet of study notes entitled “Trusting God in Troubled Times”. Anyone is welcome to join the group, whether for the series or on an occasional basis.

Jonathan Haigh

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SPECIAL CLEAN

Details about the decorating of the church for the Harvest Festival were given in last month’s magazine. If the magazine is delivered in time gifts of fruit, vegetables, tinned produce, jams and chutney, flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be delivered to the church by 10.00am. The church will be decorated between 10.00 and 12 noon. All produce will be given to Cheshire Homes in Dorchester to be used for the benefit of the residents. As mentioned in last month’s magazine Cheshire Homes do not have a use for the vast marrows that are sometimes used to decorate the church and these will not be taken to Dorchester.

The Autumn special clean of the church will take place from 10.00 to 12 noon on Saturday 7 October. Please come along and lend a hand. Please bring with you polishing cloths and dusters. Depending on the number present it is hoped to polish all the furniture and wooden floors, vacuum the hassocks and wash the stone floors.

Philippa Thorniley

ARTS REACH

Don’t forget our first Arts Reach performance for the 2000/2001 season.

On Friday 24 November - Ben Osborne slide show and talk ‘Common Source’ which is a celebration of 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.

Philipps Thorniley

LIFEBOATS

Those of you who were kind and generous enough to subscribe to the Lifeboats house to house collection in August will be interested to know that £97.56 was collected from the Parish. The total collected in the Wareham area house to house collection was £1,614.69

At the beginning of September I was lucky enough to go on a fund raising boat trip from Wareham Quay to the RNLI Headquarters at Poole. We were all given a tour of the Headquarters. We saw a newly commissioned lifeboat, had a tour of the stores (they stock everything needed to maintain the lifeboats throughout the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland) where there was everything from spare engines to nuts and bolts. New recruits are also given training at Poole and we visited the classroom and had a demonstration of the satellite navigation system. It was so interesting to see how the money donated is spent. Believe you me it is not wasted. We are so fortunate to have such an efficient lifeboat system operating around these islands.

Philippa Thorniley
During August I was unlucky enough to be a crime victim. My car was broken into and the radio was stolen. I received the following advice from the Police which may be of assistance to some of you and might prevent someone else going through the inconvenience and expenses I suffered.

- Make sure you lock your car and close the windows.
- On arrival at a car park or the house do not hide things in the boot or under seats - offenders may be watching and waiting.
- Think about where you park - consider your safety when you return - it may be dark by then.
- Open the glove compartment to show it is empty.
- Take the registration numbers of suspicious vehicles and report them to the police.
- Take the ignition key out - even if you are only out of the car for a short time.
- Immobilisers - provide as visible deterrent. In an older car fit an alarm.
- Never keep documents in the car - a thief could visit your home while you were away.

Bill Thorniley

On Friday 13 October, Briantspuddle Hall Committee is hosting Breakfast at Tiffany’s/Briantspuddle. The tickets costing £6.00 (£5.00 Senior Citizens and children) will include a glass of bubbling wine together with a sophisticated finger buffet during the interval. Breakfast at Tiffany’s was one of Audrey Hepburn’s best known films and is based upon the book by Truman Capote - so look out your white gloves, little black dress and long cigarette holder and start humming Moon River!

Tickets are available from me, Philippa Thorniley, Bere Regis 471497 or from the Festival Office, West Street, Wareham where you can also buy tickets for the other interesting films being shown during the festival.

Philippa Thorniley

The September meeting was very well attended by Parishioners from Southbrook and Rye Hill. They were expressing their concerns about the speed of the traffic and the apparent lack of indication of the restriction. The Council has for a very long time attempted to get improved signs on this road but the County Council, which is the responsible Authority, has invariably not agreed to our requests due to the lack of funds, or they just do not agree that a proposal - as in the case road markings - are as good as we would advocate. There is no doubt that the present indications are not working as the traffic speed testifies and ‘something’ needs to be done to reduce the speed and make this length of road safer. The Council is seeking an ‘on the site’ meeting with a Traffic Engineer from County Hall when all of the points raised will be put to him.

Another Parishioner requested whether there had been any further meetings with the Grainger Trust, the new owners of the Debenham lands in the Parish. They were advised that when the Trust visited the Doctors in August, a meeting was held with the Parish Council at which it was agreed that they would present their thoughts to the Council at a meeting on 21st September. The Council had invited representation from the BRRAD group to that meeting. The Trust intend to undertake a presentation to the Village in November.

The Inquiry into the Local Plan is to start as scheduled on 24th October at Kemps Hotel, East Stoke. Bere Regis items are to be heard in January. At that time there will be the objections to the plan heard from the Developers who are interested in the lands south of Bere Stream and Rye Hill plus the land at White Lovington. These are scheduled to be heard on 23rd January which looks like being a busy day for the Inspector.

The Council has received information concerning the Holton Heath Environmental Statement. This statement was required to support the development at Holton Heath and Sandford as in lieu of a bypass there is a need to indicate an alternative route for traffic currently using the A351. Without a satisfactory alternative route it is not considered suitable to build all of the 1350 dwellings in that neighbourhood. If that number is not built in that location then there will be a need to redistribute numbers elsewhere in the District. Thus this will be a very important part of the Inquiry and one that we should pay heed to. In another aspect there is the risk of increased traffic on Rye Hill resulting from the diversion from the A351, particularly with Weymouth bound traffic. This is another matter being raised with the County when they visit us.
To date nobody has come forward to volunteer to set up the Christmas Trees in the Village. The Council are therefore offering to those residents who can display a tree on their house eg there is a suitable socket for the trunk, a free tree on the understanding that they then become responsible for decorating the tree themselves. Trees will be delivered to residents willing to do this at the beginning of December. The Clerk requires to know of the number of trees to be obtained so please contact him to let him know - Jim Ruddock Tel No 556263.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Whilst it has never been the intention of the Parish Magazine to establish a section for ‘correspondence to the Editor’, the following letter has been received, which it is felt will be of interest to all parishioners

Dear Editor

BERE REGIS DEVELOPMENT PLANS

On the 21st September, members of the Parish Council, the New Hall Committee, and BRRAD were invited to listen to a presentation on the ‘thoughts’ of the Grainger Trust concerning their proposed housing development south of the Bere Stream. The Grainger Trust have recently bought from the Debenham Estate much of the land south of Bere Regis and Shitterton running up to Black Hill.

During a very persuasive presentation, the Grainger Trust team set out their proposals to utilise the opportunity they have to seek planning permission for a first phase estate of 60 to 75 houses on a 5 acre area immediately to the west of Egdon Close.

The main road and foot access would be via a bridge to be built across the Bere Stream from the junction of Manor Farm Road and Elder Road.

Included in this first phase would be a new Medical Centre and Village Hall. However it is important to understand that neither of these would be a gift from the developers. Rather the Medical Centre would probably be provided on a lease-back arrangement to our doctors, (assuming, of course, that our doctors would want this).

Summer Pool and Darts League

Congratulations to the winners:-
Pool - Hugh Wightman
Darts - Doug Chant

Vic Gale Memorial Darts

This was held on 26 August. The winner was Gary Pitfield and runner-up Dennis Gale. Trophies were donated by Dennis Gale and raffle prizes donated by family and friends.

£150 was raised for the Bere Regis Surgery. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Myeloma Foundation

Grace Lord and Sarah Horsey, two young inhabitants of our village have raised £55 for the charity from their stalls outside the Village Hall. This was a wonderful effort and our thanks to them. The club supports a different charity each year, normally connected with someone in the Parish.

Forthcoming Events

October 7 Saturday - Village Skittles
November 4 Saturday - Musical Quiz. This is to be organised by Nigel Lord. The date is to be confirmed.

THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY STALL – BRIANTSPUDDLE STREET FAIR

Thank you to the people who supported the National Autistic Society by donating to or buying from the stall at the Street Fair. The total raised amounted to £220.15. The unsold items were then taken to Dorchester Market for a second airing and another £67.60 was raised.
Since we had no meeting in August and our September meeting takes place after the deadline for the Parish Magazine entries, there is not too much I can tell you.

Opportunity to View the Sketch Plans for the Village Hall Improvements
Luckily there has been a Parish Council Meeting where it was agreed that an open meeting can be called in October where everyone from the Parish will be given the opportunity to view the sketch plans and discuss the prospects for the improvements to the Village Hall.

The date, format etc. have yet to be discussed by the Social Club and Village Hall Committees. When this has been done ‘flyers’ will be delivered to each house in the Parish. The flyers will provide more information than I am able to give here.

Hall Chairs
The new chairs are scheduled to be delivered on Friday 15 September. I’m keeping every digit crossed that this is the end of a long and tedious episode that should never have occurred.

Dorset Best Kept Village Competition
I am very happy to report that Briantspuddle has won a ‘Highly Commended in the ‘Dorset Best Kept Village’ competition. We were successful in the ‘Best Community’ section which is very gratifying for all concerned. Fortunately as I reported earlier, we managed to send along representatives from all our village organisations who gave very good accounts of themselves ....... to good effect as it turned out.

Barn Dance Tickets
At the time of going to press there are only 3 Barn Dance tickets left, so well done all of you who were enthusiastic enough to apply early. (I’m glad some people believe me when I tell them what good fun we have down in the Village Hall).

Thanks for your support - wait for those flyers and then come and have a look at the proposed plan for the Village Hall improvements.

Jenny Lightfoot

The Village Hall, likewise would not be a gift. The Grainger Trust would perhaps provide just the infrastructure for the hall; that is the road access and drains, which would presumably have to be provided anyway for the houses they would be building. The cost of building the hall, and possibly even buying the land, would have to be found by the village.

Their second phase development, within ten years or so, would extend the estate further westwards right up to the lane which runs from Black Hill northwards into the middle of Shitterton. The illustration of this phase included a site for a re-located First School, but naturally there were no commitments on the method or likelihood of funding for a school.

They further claimed that because of covenants on the land still further west, and south of Shitterton, that they had no intentions to build on the field which runs towards Dark Lane.

The Grainger Trust team went to great lengths to present their environmental concern and their wish to work with the community. Their ‘thoughts’ included many words of concern to preserve our footpaths, the natural environment of the Bere Stream, and to produce plans in keeping with the rest of the village.

There are many questions left unanswered, however, and I believe that those of us who live in and love Bere Regis should, perhaps be asking ourselves some of the following:

• Are the drains and road access to a new Village Hall sufficient recompense for a 5 acre first phase development of 60 to 75 houses?
• Will the first phase site provide a precedent for the rest of the land to the south of the village to disappear eventually under housing?
• The proposals for the developments to the north of the village already have some 120 houses in them. Could this southern proposal add another 60 or 75 houses?
• Would Bere Regis still be a village?

I believe we all should have a voice in determining the future of our community, and in shaping what should be acceptable, sustainable and sensible development for our village. Please take the opportunity to tell our Parish and District Councillors, and members of BRRAD, what you think, so that your views and concerns can be known and acted upon, and so that members of those organisations can truly claim to represent the village.

Yours sincerely
Ian Ventham
During October the Hall will be hosting a couple of entertainments both of which have proved to be popular in the past. On Thursday 19th at 7.30pm as part of the Purbeck Film Festival there will be a showing of Dorset on Film presented by Trilith the organisation that has preserved many old films and then puts them together into a programme. We had them last year and sold all seats. This year they are putting together some new ‘old’ films for the programme.

Then on the following Thursday morning at 11.00am we have a performance of ‘The Mousehole Cat’ by Puppetcraft who came earlier this year with ‘The Pied Piper’. Obviously geared for the children but there is no age limit when it comes to puppets. They appeal to all so do not be afraid – children bring all the family that you can! Tickets for both of these shows on 471342. Please do book ahead if possible. Cost for film night £4.00 (£3.00 concession), Puppets £3.00 (£2.00 real children).

Looking ahead in the Hall programme we are holding an early Christmas Mini Market as so much is going on just before Christmas and we are trying to avoid clashes. Make a date for Saturday morning 11th November to purchase those early presents! There will be competitions and refreshments.

Looking further ahead we are promised our own Village pantomime as the BRATS have booked the Hall for the weekend around Friday 26th January 2001.

The recently erected signs warning traffic of pedestrians in the road should be moved to a more conspicuous position and it was suggested that traffic calming bumps would prevent speeding.

Bypass
It would appear that as a result of strong public representations about the high levels of noise on the new bypass and others around the country, the Government was planning to resurface the roads with a sound absorbing material over the next ten years.

Shop/Post Office
Mr. Ball would be running the shop and Post Office and he would appoint an assistant. The shop would be open between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00p.m., Monday to Friday, and would supply a large range of groceries and fresh meat as well as full Post Office facilities. The council would seek estimates to install washing facilities and a heater.

Bird Scarers
Following a question raised at the last meeting about the use of bird scarers on the pig farm at Throop, it was discovered that they were required to prevent crows carrying off the new born piglets.

Tree in river
It was reported that a tree had fallen from the bank downstream of the bridge at Throop and was blocking the river, which had been reduced to three feet wide. There was concern that this might cause flooding in the winter onto an already flood prone part of the road. The owner of the land was to be approached over the matter.

Vacancies on the Council
It was announced that Capt. Paul Badcock and Mr. David Hall would to be co-opted onto the council to fill the two vacancies.
Back from the summer vacation, the council met on 13th September.

Lottery Application
Mr Grime of P.D.C. had studied the sketch plans of the village hall development and said they could be supported in principle with “some reservations, which could be resolved”. The Parish Council had viewed the plans and thought that the proposed development would make an enormous improvement to the appearance of the Village Hall and Social Club. There had been two letters of objection, which were read out. One letter concerned the deregulation to the Licensing Laws next year. It was thought that there could be all day drinking outside the Social Club and in the proposed patio area which would cause a disturbance to the local residents. Mr Rolls said that there were no plans to extend or alter the Club’s opening times.

The next move was to consult the village. This would take the form of a general meeting in October, chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council and would give everyone the opportunity to view the plans and voice an opinion. The views of the village would then be put to a vote. Although it would be a public meeting, voting would be restricted to members of the parish only.

Finger Posts
In response to complaints that signposts in the Parish were being damaged, the council were told that the signs would be replaced. New signs would be made out of aluminium in the same style as the wooden ones and would be much more durable.

Roads
The neighbouring parishes of Warmwell and Crossways would be written to asking for their views on the downgrading of the B3390. In the meantime, discussions were continuing on improving the safety of the road, particularly on the dangerous bends in Affpuddle.

Gill, Nan, Len and Robert wish to thank everyone for the cards, letters and kindness shown on the sad loss of Stephen.

Special thanks to Glo, Richard, Eileen, Elsie and Cyril for their help in our time of need.

A big thank you to the Venerable Graham Roblin for his support and kindness.

IRIS AND BERT BUSH would like to say “Thank you very much” to all the following who so kindly sent good wishes, Get Well cards and flowers, who went to visit Bert whilst in hospital during his recent illness or who gave Iris lifts to and from hospital:-

All our friends at Bere Regis Church
Royal British Legion friends and neighbours
Doctors and Staff at Bere Regis Surgery who acted so promptly on our return from holiday.

Our meeting began again on 12th September with ‘The Show Must Go On’, Mary Keily from Warminster as our demonstrator. 10th October – ‘Anything Goes’ with Marilyn Nourse from Wimborne.

Pat House
The summer holidays may be considered a time when the school is empty and quiet. This summer there has been a hive of activity. The classrooms have been re-organised and even a coat of paint has been applied.

Outside, all the old dangerous sheds, rubbish and the pool have been dealt with including the removal of asbestos roofs. Thanks to all the parents who helped and gave their time. Special thanks to Steve Govier, Michael of AE Electrical, Scott of Wareham Skip Hire, Mitchell Plant Hire, Ken of Turner & Sons Ltd and Sylva Springs Watercress who provided time or equipment free.

The new garden area is being designed and co-ordinated by Mrs Jill Cooper with help from the children, John England, Rita Burns and Pat Mills. I think it will be an interesting project and once again shows the community spirit working together in Bere Regis.

We also have a new teacher; Miss Rachel Buckett who I am sure will be an excellent asset to the school.

Finally, if anybody would like to come along, the school Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October, in the school hall.
A belated thank you to all those who supported our stall at the Briantspuddle Street Fair in August. We raised the princely sum of £99.67, which was a wonderful effort, and made all the hard work worthwhile. Our grateful thanks also to those of you who donated items for the stall and our special thanks to the committee who worked so hard to ensure the success of the day, particularly for organising the sunshine. The atmosphere was great and all those we came into contact with said how much they enjoyed it. We look forward to next year!

Many thanks

Jenny Silavs.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

7 (Sat)  Carpet Bowls 7.30 start
14 (Sat) 50/50 Auction at Scout Hut
21 (Sat)  Function
28 (Sat)  Superleague Darts

NOVEMBER

4 (Sat)  Pot Luck Pairs – darts 7.45 start
8 (Wed)  Womens Section Coffee Evening
18 (Sat)  Quiz – teams of 3  8.15 start
25 (Sat)  Superleague darts

Gardening Club first Tuesday of every month and Whist alternate Thursdays (28th September & 12th October etc)
As there is no formal meeting held in August, the members elected to meet at the Sports Club for a game of Boule. This proved to be a very successful evening; 14 members attended. The weather was kind to us and everyone had a chance to play and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Afterwards tea and light refreshments were served in the Club and this gave us the opportunity to thank Roger Angel and Judy Newton for turning out at short notice to referee.

The next meeting will be held at The Drax Hall on Tuesday, 17th October at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the evening will be giving a talk on Kenya 2000.

Margaret Dann – 472734

Batting hero Scott left the fray after stumbling on the boundary inflicting a nasty ankle injury, so Tristan Gale stepped in as twelfers. Ibberton showed no ambition at all in achieving their goal and with wickets in hand they only stepped up their challenge in the 41st over. So Bere ran out easy winners and retired to The Crown at Ibberton luxuriating in the state of the art surroundings and gorging themselves on 'sausage and chips'.

Club notices this month are:-Bere Regis Cricket Annual General Meeting on 10 October 2000 starting at 8.00pm, also the Bere Regis Sports Club Annual General Meeting will be on 19 October 2000, also at 8.00pm. Both important events are at the Bere Regis Sports Clubhouse and all members are urged and most welcome to attend.

Gordon

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END OF ANOTHER VERY BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL SEASON

During the year we have played 8 games of which we have won six, lost one and drew one. We took 12 youth members to Taunton to see Somerset v Lancashire – all thoroughly enjoyed. A very big thank you to Russell Phillips who stepped in and drove us at almost a minute’s notice.

We held a Youth versus Managers game to raise money, hopefully to purchase a roll out carpet wicket as a result of this match and a Bat Draw, kindly donated by Sue Stone, we made £100. We hope to hold other events during the autumn and winter to add to this total.

We hope all enjoyed our Annual Families Match on Bank Holiday Monday. It was good fun and thanks to Mums etc we all had a super tea. Some of our older youth members have made the step forward and have played Saturday and Sunday games. Gordon has been very proud of their efforts and wish them continued success.

To finish, thanks to Bryan, Russell, Peggy and Andy for their help and a big thank you to Mr White of Milborne St Andrew for his donation of a bat which will be in use next season.

Gordon
The skipper was keen to do a spot of jug avoiding himself, but on the cricketing front he was keen to end his season on a relative high.

Meanwhile David Scott was fumbling around at the other end not resembling a batsman at all, however he was unaware that he stood at the threshold of greatness. Sargeant Wilson departed for four after a wild stroke, and Bere were 98 for 6 with 13 overs left for play. Steve Cheeseman joined Scott with a responsible job to do ensuring Bere batted out the 45 overs with a respectable total.

From that point onwards the game transformed as Bere’s fortunes took a lift. Dave Scott had decided enough was enough, and set about the Ibberton attack with venom. With Cheeseman more than happy to give him the strike, Scott gave the auditorium a dazzling display of strokes. If any bowler was to stray even slightly off line, they were dealt with. He stormed into the thirties with back to back sixes, one which made a bee-line for his car bouncing off the rear ‘go-faster’ spoiler.

He was happy to go to his fifty with a six over deep fine leg where the ball itself in the privet. Boundary after boundary followed as Scott homed in on a maiden century. The fight been knocked out of the home side, with their body language showing a dejected tone.

With their main objectives reached Cheeseman and Scott could afford to party a little with a few sneaky edges here and there. Cheeseman succumbed to a high catch at square leg and departed with 205 on the board after a club record 107 for the 7th wicket, and only from 10 overs. Soon afterwards Scott mistimed a drive and was caught at mid-off for a titanic 89. The Bere contingent rose to their feet in appreciation. Bere set a target of 219 to win. The skipper was able to let the part time bowlers have a fling on the final day festivities.

He invoked the usage of the ‘Butt Lane Butt Kickers’ for Bere’s opening attack, and it was from here that the farmers struggled. Both Reg and Paul churned out 24 overs between them that did the captain proud. Fripp Junior was first to register as the Slick popped up at mid-wicket arousing from a mid-evening slumber. He claimed an easy catch and Bere were on their way.

It was a busy day in the field for the Wool Stopping Service and veteran Doug Curtis, prompting chants of ‘Jonty, Jonty’ for the latter. After the game they both celebrated by swapping shirts in a bizarre ritual. Shane Hewitt replaced Paul Fripp at the Hedge End and bowled seven overs of tidy medium pace also claiming the wicket of the home captain.
In reply Shaftesbury were made to work for their runs as Reg and Alan conceded only 25 runs from the first 24 overs but with only one wicket falling during that time Shaftesbury were never under any pressure and cruised to an 8 wicket win which ensured that they would end the season as worthy winners of the division.

For their final outing of the season, Bere’s Sunday heroes tripped the light fantastic down Bulbarrow Way to meet local farmers Ibberton. At 12.20pm everyone jumped aboard Alan Green’s Magical Mystery Caravan with the love blanket travelling on in front. Bere skipper Eldine Green in typical Sgt. Wilson fashion mustered his troops for one final push for mid-table mediocrity. The Bere Sunday executive targeted a total of 87 points from the final seven games. So with 69 gathered from six, a win was a must.

Ibberton’s pitch nestles deep in a valley of the Blackmore Vale, however their facilities fail to match the breathtaking scenery, as the public toilets of Lahore lend more to hygiene than the shed in the corner. Pictures of Bere’s gunslinger adorned the pavilion walls depicting the gathering of the harvest in 1975. A sterile encounter could have been expected as the home side appeared to have been relegated and destined for Div. 7 next term.

Reg Fripp prepared for his last innings this year by donning the battle scarred helmet one more time, after the captain lost the toss. The pitch looked lively, and appeared to have more gremlins in it than a Hollywood blockbuster. Bere expected a blockbusting innings from the leviathan Fripp, and he delivered in front of his adoring masses on the love blanket.

Green had the opportunity to experiment with survival already assured. He sent Poomy Price in to open with Reg, and he capped a fine stoic performance with 1 out of a 34-opening stand. With Fripp in top gear accelerating down the slope for a quick single, poor old Poomy slipped at a crucial time and was run out by the width of the Thames.

The Bere ship rocked after veteran Curtis was bowled for zero, then followed by the club Chairman, grass doctor and pitch guru after he seemed most comfortable, and was starting to dominate the bowling. He chopped wide one onto leg stump, and left the square in reflective mode and to ponder on his photography.

By now Bere were reduced to 58 for 3, and familiar alarm bells were ringing to the tune of tumbling wickets. Fashion doyen and big hitting Nick ‘Slick’ Cheeseman batted at 5, given the job of maintaining momentum yet steadying the ship. He started off in customary fashion with two boundaries of sheer power. However his tendency to leave the ‘Golden Gate’ open was his downfall.

He was bowled and Bere teetered on the edge. The Egdon Express steamed into bat joining the defiant Fripp who was ready for the onslaught. Reg’s season with the bat came to an end when he drove ‘on the up’ and holed out at wide mid-off for a jug avoiding 44, a fine effort in the context of Bere’s innings.
Dean Rogerson has been batting imperiously of late and he picked up the baton soon farming the strike from his slightly larger partner at the crease who was content to play second fiddle for a while, although not at the tea table. However Inzamam did treat the bulging August crowd to glorious sixes over mid-wicket keeping Bere ahead of the chase. At the 30 over checkpoint the home side were sitting pretty on 112 for 2, as Merritt raced to his fifty from 90 balls. He somehow lost the plot and forgot to continue scoring, and crumbled for 53 batting for a colossal two hours leaving the arena with a decidedly goosed appearance. He now has stag & wedding plans to concentrate on.

Rogerson’s bat was free flowing by now and he too surpassed his fifty. Bere needed 38 from 9 overs, and with six wickets in hand. Wily veteran and Cherries fanatic Mark Bennett allayed fears as seventeen runs were plundered from the 39th over which ended the contest. Bere cantered to a six wicket win with 14 balls to spare. Rogerson’s 66 being the match winning innings, as Bere headed for stormy waters ahead.

The Sunday team travelled to Chapel Gate and had early cause for celebration as the skipper won the toss and had no hesitation in batting on one of the best wickets in the league. Bere took full advantage with an opening stand of 51 setting them on their way. Reg Fripp departed for 44 having taken the score to 88 for 3.

Nick Cheeseman joined the skipper and proceeded to score his second 50 of the season against Bmth. lost early wickets with Reg, Pete Macklin and Martin Price all bowling well and preventing Bmth from making a serious attempt to get back into the game. With Nick White also dismissing the main Bmth threat with his first delivery and Bere's outfielding earning them 3 run outs maximum points were obtained as Bmth were dismissed for 161.

The Bank Holiday weekend saw the Sunday team welcome league leaders Shaftesbury. On a pleasant afternoon, which was to see the skipper get older but certainly not wiser, he again lost the toss but was pleasantly surprised to be asked to bat.

The teams’ happiness was to be short lived as Shaftesbury took early wickets from which Bere never recovered. From 16 for 3 there was a sign of recovery until Dean Rogerson was well caught by the wicketkeeper down the leg side with the score at 33. Wickets then fell all too quickly with Martin Price, who later discovered on the club tour what being a run machine meant, top scoring with 18, helping Bere limp to a disappointing 62 all out.

What Kenya 2000 Achieved
The Street Kid Camp
This was a 10 day tented camp for around 200 Kenyan street kids at the Kenyan Scout Association Rowallan campsite. It is situated south of Nairobi and within half a mile of Kibera, perhaps the most notorious of the ‘slum city’ shantytowns in Kenya. The Kenyan Scout Association Extension Scouting Scheme targets street kids from the slum cities and volunteer leaders provide activities and centres for the orphaned and rejected children existing in unbelievable squalor and deprivation. They also, through sponsorship, attempt to get the youngsters into education. There is no free education in Kenya and it is the key to break the circle of deprivation, drug and glue abuse, prostitution and crime. The group took it in turns to go into the shantytown of Kibera with the street kids to buy supplies and food. They were shown the street kids homes, if they had one, a single mud or corrugated iron room perhaps 10’ x 10’ where an extended family of 8 to 10 people existed in intolerable conditions – no water, no electricity and open sewers running down the 3’ wide mud street.

“We can walk away, go back to camp, go back to the UK. But to live with it? Does this way of existence really belong to this century? It is like walking through a prepared time-warp” from the daily journal.

But incredibly the comments that came through from everyone were about the happiness and sense of fun of the street kids, their love of song and dance, their sheer spontaneity and enthusiasm despite appalling living conditions.

“I am enlightened by the affection and attention of some of our younger members give the Kids” for the daily journal.
Building Projects
These consisted of two projects: a Medical Centre and a Meeting Place. The footings for the Medical Centre were already in place and the task was to erect and treat the prefabricated wooden walls, plus fitting out the interior. This was completed on time, despite blunt saws and the continual disappearance of pieces of wood! The roof unfortunately had to be corrugated and not thatched due to a shortage of reed. The completed building was opened with due ceremony by the Kenyan Minister of State and stocked and equipped with £5,000 worth of medical supplies, drugs and equipment bought with Kenya 2000 sponsorship – thank you to all who contributed in any way however small.

The Medical Project
The small medical team of four, one doctor and three student nurses were on call 24 hours a day throughout the stay at the camp. They probably saw in excess of 200 cases ranging from normal camp accidents to cases of severe AIDS and STD infections, some in children as young as 8 years old, as well as cholera, typhoid and malaria. With the African leaders acting as interpreters AIDS awareness training was given to every African child and their leaders in the camp.

The Climb up Mount Kenya
This was the second phase of the expedition – to climb Mount Kenya, at 16,000 feet the second highest peak in Africa. After frantic packing and repacking the group each carried 5-days worth of dehydrated rations, 4 litres of water per day, mountain tents, plus personal clothing – 16 – 17kg in all at high altitude. It was a four-day trek to acclimatise gradually. Although most felt the effects of altitude sickness with shortage of breath, headaches and colds. But on day 4 as dawn was breaking, the summit was reached. Most of the group could not believe that they had actually achieved it after some 18 months of preparation – but it was worth the effort.

“Boy, what a climb in the dark! Everyone panted and cursed on the way up. Is there no end to it? But the joy and euphoria on reaching the summit were unbounded. Personal pride at having overcome adversity but also a strengthened team spirit at having done it together. We must be all the stronger for having down this.” From the daily journal.

BERE REGIS CRICKET CLUB TOUR 2000-TORPOINT, CORNWALL

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A ghost had to be laid bare, for Bere to continue their progress towards a promotion and division two cricket next season. The visit of Hamworthy Recreation 2nds was feared by many, as Bere had failed to beat them at home on the two previous occasions. The vast majority of the upper tier of the Bere cricketing hierarchy were outfoxed by the earlier starting time.

Bere’s umpire and talisman Rick Davis mediating in his fifth game was one of the late arrivals. Mr Peek’s groundstaff pulled back the covers prior to the game, and a green tinge showed on track number 5. Heavy overnight rain gave for a lot of dampness in the track, and possibly more difficult for the side batting first.

This theory was borne out, as Bere’s opening bowlers tightened the screw claiming five wickets in the first 22 overs. A swift Graeme Price catching a relatively easy chance in the covers removed Hamworthy’s dangerous overseas import and number three. Bere on cloud nine, ten and eleven when spinner Dean Rogers on disposed of both openers, and with a suicidal run out, the visitors were in dire straits on 58 for 6.

Bere’s tendency to let sides off the hook resurfaced with a vengeance unknown. Stands of 56, 24 and 37 for the Hamworthy 7th, 8th and 9th wickets respectively almost broke Bere’s resolve in the dying embers the 2000 season. A flurry of sixes onto the A35 saw the visitors cruise past 170 for the loss of nine wickets. Bere needed a robust reply in the early part of their innings. The Monstaah and The Stove delivered the goods was the wicket dried out, assisting Bere’s batters. Stalwart opener Russell ‘Monstaah’ Hewitt surpassed another milestone in a Bere career spanning 17 seasons. A single clipped through square leg seemed business as usual, but he notched 7000 runs leaving him still head and shoulders above all-comers in the Bere 1st XI batting records. He fell for 19 looking to up the chase for runs as Colonel Merritt dug in at the other end for a long campaign ahead.
**BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB**

**CRICKET RESULTS**

19 Aug  
HAMWORTHY RECREATION II  175 for 9  
BERE REGIS  178 for4  
(D Merritt 53, D Rogerson 66no)

20 Aug  
BERE REGIS  197 for 7  
(R Fripp 41 H Swann 21, A Green 31, N Cheeseman 57no)  
BOURNEMOUTH III  161 allout  
(A Green 3-17)

26 Aug  
MELPLASH  212 for 5  
BERE REGIS  170 for 9  
(A Green 60no)

27 Aug  
BERE REGIS  62 allout  
SHAFTESBURY  64 for 2

2 Sep  
BERE REGIS  195 for 5  
(D Rogerson 41, C Oram 42, R Hewitt 36, A Kent 29no, A Green 23no)  
BLANDFORD II  178 allout  
(D Rogerson 4-20)

3 Sep  
BERE REGIS  218 for 8  
(R Fripp 44, D Scott 89, S Cheeseman 26)  
IBBERTON  167 for 6  
(P Fripp 3-40)

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**Overland Drive to the Coast and Safari**

This was a 600 mile drive overland through Tsavo East National Park to Malindi. There were few game to be seen as the severe drought had driven them elsewhere in search of water. But crocodiles were in evidence at Buffalo Camp during an overnight camp. At Malindi the group camped on the beach and the next three days were spent relaxing, sunbathing, swimming and bartering for presents. What an end to ‘A life in a month’. This had been no holiday tour package, but an experience never to be forgotten – a test of physical endurance, emotional strengths, team spirit and calling on everyone’s hidden reserves.

**What of the future?**

Without exception the group want to continue the links with Kenya. Discussions were held with various Kenya Scout Association officials to get some ideas as to how best to use our remaining funds. At a group meeting on 12th September the following recommendations were put forward:-

To fund and supply with drugs, a part-time local nurse to keep the clinic running at Rowallan

Any remaining funds to go to the Kenya Scouting Association possibly to help run the Extension Scouting Programme or other projects within Kenya

Personal sponsorship of individual street kids through education at a cost between £20 and £50 per annum. This would be arranged through the Scout programme to ensure that all the money donated does to the recipient.

Further information on sponsoring and a full report can be obtained on www.kenya2000.co.uk or contact Phil Ventham on 01929 471215

**Presentation Evening – Saturday 28th October – venue still to be finalised.**

Photographs, Diaries, Video, Presentations – all welcome.
BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

Harry Dawes gave another fascinating talk at the September meeting, this time on ‘Shells’. It may not sound an exciting subject but Harry certainly made it very interesting.

On Tuesday 3rd October we will be having our Harvest Supper and tickets can be booked with Adrian or Elaine on 471774.

On Tuesday 7th November Dr Godfrey will give us a slide show and talk on Egypt.

Dates for your diary.

October 3rd    Gardening Club Harvest Supper    8.00 pm
November 7th   Gardening Club – Egypt        8.00 pm
December 5th   Gardening Club – Christmas Party 8.00 pm

Andy Morrison 472343
Time marches on! Here we are at the end of summer, autumn is beginning and then we shall be heading for winter. At the end of this month we will have put our clocks and watches back one hour, then the dark nights will be ahead of us, which few people relish.

Time is a strange commodity, isn’t it? We buy it and spend it, find it and lose it, gain it and waste it, give it and take it. Sometimes it races away, and at other times drags on endlessly. One minute it’s right, then the next it is wrong! Time waits for no one - how true. The one thing we cannot do is to stop time. It ticks away continually, one second at a time.

I think one of the most horrific sights seen many times on TV recently, by millions of people, was the dreadful fire and then the crash of the Air France Concorde on 28 July. The pictures seemed so unreal, almost as if it was a Hollywood movie stunt. But it was real, and nothing could be done to save the plane or any of those on board. Hope was lost in ninety seconds! Even more shocking was the voice of the captain of the Concorde, as recorded on the flight voice box. He called out “It’s too late”, and it was! What tragic words.

Since then the crash, investigators have found that warning signs had been given on a number of occasions regarding tyre failures. Alas, not too much notice was taken. Now all the British and French Concorde are grounded, perhaps for ever. If so, then it is a very sad end indeed to these wonderful super-sonic air liners.

For each one of us, God has given us a certain length of time to live here on earth, then comes the end - no one escapes. In that time we have opportunity to hear about Christ Jesus and to reject Him, or receive Him as our Lord and Saviour and so live with Him for ever. “For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

To ignore the warning signs of God the Father, or to leave Christ Jesus out of our lives until a later date could be fatal. While we live there is always time to give our hearts and lives to Jesus, but if we leave it too late, it will be! There is no second chance after the crash.

Now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:1-2) Do you have that sure hope through faith in Jesus? If not, then you can have it now, today.

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EXERCISE!' THEY SAID

I last took part in organised exercise in a gymnasium in 1939 at the behest of the Royal Navy. That I should start again 60 years later is something I would never have believed could happen again. It came about like this:- In February of last year while working at home (and alone – I am a widower) I had sudden severe pains in my chest and left arm. I ‘phoned the surgery and the doctor came immediately. He called the ambulance and I was taken to Poole Hospital with a heart attack. Fortunately I recovered.

After discharge from the Hospital and a period of rest, I was invited back to Poole Hospital to three helpful lectures and then invited to spend an hour per week in the gymnasium in the Hospital. A GYM IN A HOSPITAL!!! – yes really there is. The people who exercised with me were all younger than me, some much younger. Many had had the most extraordinary things done to their hearts to keep them going.

After eight weeks we could no longer use the Hospital Gym, because of the need for more recent patients to use it, and we were advised to join the Poole Heart Support Group and to exercise with them. This I have done but the snag is they use gymnasiums which, being in Poole are 20 miles from Swanage which is where I live. I have from time to time done a little belly-aching – ‘Don’t people in Purbeck ever have heart attacks?’ etc etc. I have not been alone in these comments.

At long last an attempt is being made by the Poole Heart Support Group to start a weekly class at Purbeck Sports Centre, Wareham beginning on Thursday 14th September at 10 am. These will follow the same exercise regime as that followed in Poole Hospital. If you have been a heart patient, come and join us! Bring your partner! If you have a cardiac related illness (blood pressure etc) but have not had a heart attack, you are still welcome – maybe you can avoid having one!

It costs £6 per annum to become a member of Poole Heart Support Group (this price also covers couples) and £1.50 per person for each exercise session.

You will need to see your Doctor before you can join these sessions, please telephone ROBIN PRINGLE on 01202 884250 for further information and advice on how to join the Group. All the best and keep exercising - John Revans (Swanage).
As the summer moves on towards its close, so too does the Bere Regis Royal British Legion Youth Section. Seventeen years of providing a meeting place and a programme of activities, for the young people of the village, will come to an end on 30th September 2000. Over the years the section has attracted an average annual membership of around 40 young people, both male and female. There have been many high points, including the winning of the Legion’s Windsor Spink National Youth Trophy on three occasions, as the best youth section in the land. Also watching the section’s Youth Standard on the television, being carried at both the Royal Albert Hall and Sherborne Abbey. Also most recently, at the National RBL Youth Standard Competition, in Nottingham last year.

As Youth Leader I must record my sincere thanks, to those young people who carried that standard with such pride. Namely, Dean Merritt, Helen Stockley and Terri Owers who worked so hard to bring credit to the Legion and our village. I must also thank the members of the Bere Regis RBL Branch Committee, the RBL Women’s Section and the Legion Club for their loyal support of the section over the years. Also to the many individuals who have also supported the section, too many to name, but, Thank You one and all!

Now it is time to look forward to a new beginning for younger generations of the village. As from the 1st October a new youth group will be formed. This new group will be known as ‘Bere Regis Youth – Lenny’s’. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday and the following Tuesday of each month, 7.15 until 10.00 pm, at the Legion Club. Membership is open to Juniors ages 8 – 11 years and Seniors 12 – 17 years both male and female. Cost of Annual Membership is £2.50 for Juniors and £4.00 for Seniors.

BERE REGIS YOUTH – LENNY’S

Coming up in the activities programme for the new group will be:

October:
4th
Swimming at Blandford
10th
Lenny’s Party Night
17th
Official launch of the group
24th
Karaoke Night

Its Halloween!
November:
1st       Swimming at Blandford
7th       Plaster Moulding
14th      Talent Show
21st      Carpet Bowls Challenge
28th      Fimo Model Making

Any young person interested in joining the Bere Regis Youth – ‘Lenny’s’, should either call in at the Legion on any youth night or contact me on 471693 for details. I look forward to meeting you.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader
**AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB**

In September we held our annual luncheon when 60 people sat down. Mrs Cis Lewis gave a report on the activities in the past year and recited a poem.

Kath then thanked the committee, John England, Charlie and Fred Lewis for their part in making it another very successful year, and said we had 69 members. The speaker was Bob Fox whose talk was entitled ‘Reminiscences of Comedians he had met’.

The next meeting will be on the 11th October when Mrs June King will talk about Dorset Buttons. A competition is for ‘An Unusual Article in the House’.

The Christmas Fayre will be on 25th November at 2.00 pm in the Drax Hall. If you have anything for this, please get it to Kath Jeeves.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH
thanks to Pat House

TAGLIATELLE WITH PUMPKIN

1 lb Pumpkin
2 tbs Olive Oil
Onion finely chopped
Garlic cloves – crushed
4-6 tps Chopped parsley
8 oz Chicken stock
4 oz Parma Ham – cut into strips
9 oz Tagliatelle
¼ pt Double cream
Salt and pepper

To serve – freshly grated Parmesan

Peel the pumpkin, scoop out seeds, cut into ½” dice. Heat the oil in a pan and gently fry the onion and garlic until soft. Add half the parsley and fry for a minute or so.

Add the pumpkin and cook for 3 – 4 minutes. Season well and add nutmeg. Add half the stock and bring to the boil and cover and simmer for about 10 minutes until the pumpkin is tender, add Parma Ham and cook for a minute or two. Stirring frequently – adding more stock if needed.

Meanwhile, cook tagliatelle in a large saucepan of boiling salted water, when tender, drain and keep in a warm dish.

Add cream to the ham mixture and heat gently until really hot. Adjust seasoning and spoon over pasta, sprinkle with remaining parsley and serve grated Parmesan cheese separately.
**JESSICA MULLINS APPEAL FUND**

Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the two very successful events held recently in respect of the above Fund, to raise money for the Special Care Baby Unit at the Royal Hampshire Hospital, Winchester. The Coffee Morning on 19th August raised £302 and the Organ Concert on 4th September, £785. This will bring us very nearly to our target of £3,500 with still six months to go. Our sincere thanks.

Ivor, Sylvia, Richard and Sally Mullins.

**FIRE REPORT**

My apologies to anyone who has had to wait for either their wrought iron delivered, chairs re-upholstered, roof re-tiled or extension plastered and decorated! Our working days have been continually interrupted this month, having received 27 call-outs between the 10th August and 10th September, eight of which were attended by our ‘day crew’. These have included one barn fire, three car fires, a rail crash, three road traffic accidents, two property fires at Westbourne and Poole, one malicious call, one false alarm and a fuel leak from a parked car, also 14 stand-by’s at other stations including Wimborne, Hamworthy, Poole and Dorchester.

I will describe just a couple of them, beginning with the call at one minute past midnight on 12th August, to assist with a large barn fire at Bulbarrow. Although the straw was destroyed and the barn badly damaged, the main cause for concern was the fire spreading to the surrounding fields and the large sawmills next door.

On 25th August at 3.14 pm we were called to a reported rail incident at Morton station. On arrival the crew found a cyclist had been hit by a moving train. They then assisted the paramedics in removing the casualty from under the train and into the awaiting air ambulance. We attended a further four incidents on that day, which according to Dorset Fire Rescue control room operators was ‘the busiest single day since records have been kept’.

Finally my thanks to all the firefighters and their partners, many of whom have had to change their plans (sometimes at short notice) through this busy period.

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**DISCO**

Disco tickets are now available for our sponsored disco, which is being held on Saturday 14th October from 7 pm – 10 pm at the Drax Hall.

This is our last fundraiser for the Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal, so come on and get your sponsor forms and help raise some money whilst having a good time. Telephone 472023 for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Have you ever thought of being a volunteer? At the Pop In Place we value our volunteers and are always ready to welcome new ones! So if you have been intending to help others in the community now is the time to come forward (actions speak louder than words).

A vacancy now exists in the library and also with more and more people attending we need people to act as ‘welcomers’. To put people at their ease and to listen to what they may have to say. I’m sure there are people reading this who would be ideal at this, so why not give it a try? Your community needs you.

**THE VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2000**

The Pop In Place celebrated its 4th successful year last month and we recognised three out of our team of volunteers who have greatly contributed to the project during the past year.

Volunteer of the Year went to Denise Smith.

For commitment to events and community projects including the summer activity programme the Community Projects Award went to Liz Gale. The last award that was given out was the award for Outstanding Commitment to the Pop In Place and that went to Edna Collis.

We would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of our volunteers for all that they do.

**TRANSPORT**

If you would like us to arrange some transport for you to attend on a Monday or Friday morning session please phone Alison on 472023. We are very keen to help people to go out, who usually find it difficult to do so without support. Please don’t be afraid to give us a ring to talk it through.

**AUDITIONS**

The auditions for our Christmas Show will take place on Monday 23rd October at 9.30 am sharp in the upper room of the Drax Hall.

We will start by auditioning individual items that people would like to perform in the first half of the Christmas production, then we will select the cast for ‘the greatest gift of all’ our Community Nativity Play.

We need people of all ages to join in with this so please don’t be shy, come along its always loads of fun!!!

If you have a piece you would like to perform but cannot make the auditions we will accept a demo tape, but this must be submitted to either Alison or Julie by Friday 19th October.

**YOUTH AWARDS**

During the afternoon of our Christmas show we will be presenting some very special Youth Awards. These will be going to young people who have made specific contributions to the Scanner Appeal either by fundraising efforts or by performing to live audiences in order to raise funds for the appeal. We have been very fortunate to have had the help and support of the young in this community. We feel that the commitment, talent and enthusiasm they have shown to our various fundraising events has been quite wonderful.

Thank you.

Julie Lye on behalf of the Pop In Place Community Team.

**Look out for Fun-Days!**

It is our goal to have a different activity or event once a month on a Friday morning session between the hours of 10 am and 11.30 am.

Our fun-day co-ordinator has arranged these dates so far:

- **Friday 6th October**
  - Poetry reading

- **Friday 3rd November**
  - Prize Bingo

- **Friday 17th November**
  - ‘Country Café’ for the BBC Children In Need appeal

- **Friday 1st December**
  - Board Games